



# DILS Newsletter

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## CHILDREN:

### WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

It has been a brilliant first week back to school for the children just as the summer we missed arrived! Teachers have delivered quality teaching and learning for your children despite technical issues beyond our control. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused this week to our families by our technical issues. We have had engineers working on a solution for two weeks. We will inform you when our issues are resolved.

### Class Attendance winner

Congratulations to 4Banksy who had the highest attendance this week and achieved a fabulous 100%! Every member of 4Banksy will receive 2 house points.

### PE Days

Please see the PE timetable below which will confirm which days your child is doing PE, starting next week. Please ensure that they have their correct PE uniform on that day.

Zimmer	Monday and Tuesday
Lloyd Webber	Wednesday and Friday
Bolt	Monday and Wednesday
Beckham	Wednesday and Thursday
Potter & Rosen	Wednesday and Thursday
Anning	Monday and Tuesday
Attenborough	Tuesday and Thursday
Banksy	Tuesday and Wednesday
O'keeffe	Monday and Tuesday

### Hotshots Basketball Club

Students in **Years 2-4** had a fun taster session with Hotshots today. There will be a letter coming home with the students with details on how to book your child on to this club. Please note that the classes are a Monday lunch time and a Thursday at 5pm and **not a Friday lunchtime**.

### Street Dance lessons

To book your child into this club please see details on the letter below, here is the [link](#). This is available for students in **Reception to year 4** on a Tuesday lunchtime.

### Art Club - Y2-4

To book your child into this club please see details on the poster below, here is the [link](#). This is available for **years 2, 3 and 4** on a Tuesday from 3.15-4.15pm.

### Y4 Independent

Please see the Arbor App message sent today, regarding independent dismissal at the end of the school day for year 4 students.

### Y4 Bikeability



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Year 4 showed enthusiasm and perseverance this week during the bikeability sessions run by Becky from Cycle4Life. Becky also commented on how well behaved the children were, well done year 4. Some top tips have been added to the google classroom for parents who would like to support their children at home with this skill.

## 4Banksy swimming

From 13th September, 4Banksy class will be swimming every Wednesday until the 15th December. See email sent 30/08 for further details. **If you are able to help walk to and from swimming, please let the office know. We are short of volunteers.**

## Y4 activity week parents meeting 11/9

We are delighted to share with you that we have an exciting activity week planned for Year 4 in June 2024. This will be a great experience for the children to be part of altogether as they come towards the end of Year 4. We are holding a meeting for parents in school on Monday 11th September at 3.30pm in the main hall to learn more about what the week entails. Please come round to the main reception area to be let in to the meeting at 3.30pm.

## School dinners September 2023

Please see our website [here](#) for our menus for September and October.  
We are doing Meat Free Mondays to help make a difference to the planet.



## Lunch payments

For those students in Y3-4 who pay for lunch, ***please ensure your child's account is topped up.***

## Roald Dahl Day

Please see the poster below for the Roald Dahl Day special menu on Wednesday 13th September.

## Y3-4 Cost of lunch from September 2023

The cost of lunch for pupils in Y3 & Y4 is now £2.45 per meal.

## Bike it Breakfast

Bike it Breakfast will be on Friday 29th September 8:00 to 8:30am. There will be a cold breakfast served for a donation. More details to follow.

## Family Friday Reading

Family Friday reading mornings begin on Friday 22 September for Reception to Year 4. At 8.45am you will be brought into your child's classroom.

## Google Accounts for children

**Your child's class teacher will confirm their log on details shortly as these were amended over the summer break.**

## Modeshift STARS- Silver accreditation achieved!

We are very proud to announce that DILS have been awarded a Silver accreditation- the first school in Central Bedfordshire to reach this level!

Modeshifts is the national schools awards scheme that has been established to recognise schools that have demonstrated excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable travel.



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## **PARENTS:**

### **Meet the teacher morning for parents - Friday 15 September**

As per the email sent 7/9, here are the times for the meet the teacher morning -

9.15 - 9.45 = Y2, Y3 and Y4

10.00 - 10.30 = Reception and Y1

### **Prime bottles**

Children will not be allowed to bring into school Prime bottles. These drink bottles do not promote healthy living and do not make suitable water bottles. Thank you for your support with this matter.

### **MAT consultation meetings**

Consultation period is for 6 weeks until October half term. Thank you for those who came along to our first meeting on Friday 8 September. There will be more opportunities for the whole school community to consult on the following dates and times:

Week 2 – Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Sept @ 4pm

Week 3 – Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Sept @ 9.00 a.m

Week 4 - Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Sept @ 7.00pm

Week 5 – Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Oct @ 9.00

Week 6 – Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Oct @ 6.00pm

all members of our school community are welcome to attend any meeting above.

### **Parent Governor vacancy**

There is a vacancy for a Parent Governor on the Governing Board. The school will be sending out information on the procedures for the election in the next few weeks. It is a very important, interesting and varied role. If you think you might be interested in the role, it might be useful to visit the National Governance Association website.

### **LABELLING**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL ALL YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHES, BAGS, COATS AND BOTTLES WITH THEIR NAME. THIS MAKES IT EASIER FOR IT TO BE RETURNED TO YOUR CHILD.**

### **Jewellery in school**

This is a reminder that NO JEWELLERY is to be worn at all for PE and swimming lessons. On non PE days, the only jewellery allowed is small studs and a watch.

### **Living Streets- Road Closure starting date postponed**

As per the email sent out 30/08, this has now been postponed to after October half term as they are still completing the legalities. Further information will follow soon.

**Environment Agency - Winning certificates will mean vouchers!**



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We are working together with the Environment Agency (EA) on a new project which will bring our School Gates to life! And there are prizes up for grabs!

You may have seen interactive signs at the school. This innovative chat technology will help you and others to interact with, learn and feedback on topics such as flood risk and climate change in the area.

Please take two minutes to interact with this fun experience. Simply text the phone number or scan the QR code via the signs you may have seen at the school gates, and you're in.

You will be asked questions, can share thoughts, and will be given information and further resources.

The more our school interacts, the more prizes and recognition we will receive. Each term, the interactions will change and we can receive certificates based on our level of interactions. Winning certificates will mean vouchers for the school to enhance the outdoor school environment e.g. creating a wildlife refuge or rain garden.

## Missing Teddy

There is a School teddy (Hawking House) which is missing from the display in the reception. Please can this be returned to the office.

## Academic calendar 23/24

This is available to view [here](#) on our website.

Key Dates for Term 2	Subscribe to the calendar on the website to sync dates to your phone. <a href="#">Subscribe here</a>
Monday 11th September	Y4 parents meeting re: activities @ 3.30pm in the main hall (see above)
Wednesdays (from 13th September - 13th December)	4Banksy swimming (see letter sent 30/8)
Wednesday 13th September	Roald Dahl Special Menu (see attached poster) All parents invited to MAT Consultation Evening (see above) 4pm
Friday 15th September	Parents meet the teacher meetings 9.15 - 9.45 = Y2, Y3 and Y4 10.00 - 10.30 = Reception and Y1
Tuesday 19th September	All parents invited to MAT Consultation Evening (see above) 9.00 a.m
Friday 22nd September	YR-4 Family Friday reading begins 8.45-9am in your child's classroom
Monday 25th September	All parents invited to MAT Consultation Evening (see above) 7pm
Friday 29th September	Whole school Bike it Breakfast 8.00 to 8.30am (see above)
Wednesday 4th October	All parents invited to MAT Consultation Evening (see above) 9am
Thursday 12th September	All parents invited to MAT Consultation Evening (see above) 6pm

In App. messages/emails sent home this week  
**PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S ARBOR RECORD**

Information attached below -

- a. Art Club flyer
- b. Christina Marks School of Dancing
- c. Hotshots Basketball Club
- d. Roald Dahl Special Menu



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## **DUNSTABLE ICKNIELD LOWER SCHOOL ART CLUB!**

**A friendly club where children make, build and create wonderful artwork to take home and treasure.**

Tuesdays 3:15 – 4:15pm

12<sup>th</sup> September – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (6 sessions)

Open to children in **Years 2 – 4**

£40.80 – including all materials

Bookings open **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm**. Please visit:

[www.bookwhen.com/loveartandcraft](http://www.bookwhen.com/loveartandcraft)

**A new project  
every half term,  
exploring lots of  
techniques and  
processes**

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motor skills,  
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Dear Parents/Guardian,

I, Christina Marks will be offering the students of Icknield Street dance classes every Tuesday [lunch time.](#)

Class times will run from 12.15pm-12.45pm for Reception and Year 1, and 12:45pm-1:15pm for Years 2, 3 and 4.

To register and secure please use the link [here.](#)

Yours Sincerely,

Christina Marks.

Email- [Christinamarksschoolofperformingarts@hotmail.com](mailto:Christinamarksschoolofperformingarts@hotmail.com)

Tel- 07525850232





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Dear Parents & Child

**GREAT NEWS!** The Hotshots school basketball club will be re starting on **THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> & FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> OF SEPTEMBER**, the club times will be (Every THURSDAY 5.00 – 5.45pm **YEARS 3&4**) & (Every FRIDAY Lunchtime **YEARS 2&3**) and will run **EVERY** week throughout the whole year. If you are in year 3 and you have a preferred day please indicate it on the form.

There are 28 places at the club for the children. The places will be on a **first come first served** basis. Should your child wish to attend the basketball club we ask that the parents fill in the form and email a **CLEAR PHOTO** of the form to:

**daniel\_smith1989@hotmail.com** or send a picture message to **07891 021151**

**No later than 5pm THIS "TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER"**. All children that get into the club will be notified by WEDNESDAY by 5pm.


*Please note if your child attended the basketball club last year will have a place reserved, **however** they must still have their slip filled in and returned by **Tuesday** at 5pm or their place **maybe lost**.*

The cost of the club is £4per session, and the subs are **£52 for the term** (13 sessions @ £4). Payments will be made directly to the coach or via BACS(**details to follows**). **Please ensure that this is given into the COACH at the first session or bacs by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of SEPTEMBER.** (Please note if your child is on **PUPIL PREMIUM** there place maybe **FREE**, please see the school office to see if their place can be funded).

All children who gain a place at the basketball club must get changed into their PE kit and meet in the school hall every week on their allocated day. Whilst at the club, the children will be taught a variety of skills and rules, as well as playing in matches & tournaments against other hotshots clubs. There will also be prizes such as basketballs, t-shirt, certificates and monthly awards for the children to win.

Yours Sincerely

Mark Spatcher  
Hotshots Basketball Club

Mark & Dan 

**PLEASE NOTE THIS FORM MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A PLACE**

I confirm that I would like my child to attend the Hotshots school basketball club. I give the Hotshots Basketball Coach, who is first aid trained my consent for them to administer basic first aid should it be needed. **PLEASE COMPLETE ALL OF THE FORM CLEARLY**

Please print in capitals.

Parents Signature.....Home Tel.....

Child's Name.....Age.....

Address in full.....

.....Postcode.....

Mobile No's.....Of..... Sch **ICKNIELD 23-24**

We must have at least 1 mobile number as we may confirm your child's place via text message

Medical notes (i.e. Asthma)..... Year.....Class (example 5SM).....

Email (Hotshots use only).....

Please tick if your child attended last year ☐ **YEAR 3 children preferred day (thurs) or (fri)**

Please tick one of the following: (Please note this section is only applicable to the after school clubs)

My child will be collected after basketball ☐ I give my child permission to walk home after basketball. ☐

**Learn, Believe, Achieve**



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## ROALD DAHL STORY DAY

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September



### **Main Meal**

The Big Friendly Giant Hotdog

### **Vegetarian Meal**

Harry Potter's Veggie Hot Dog

Served with Mr. Stink's Jacket Wedges  
Belle's Golden Sweetcorn  
Gangsta Granny's Green Beans

### **Dessert**

Willy Wonka's Chocolate Cake

