



DILS Newsletter

Dunstable Icknield Lower School Newsletter Issue 2 - 15th September 2023

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CHILDREN:

Class Attendance winner

Congratulations to 3Attenborough who had the highest attendance this week and achieved a fabulous 99%! Every child in 3Attenborough will receive 2 house points.

PE Days

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

Zimmer	Tuesday and Friday
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

House Captains

Congratulations to the house captains from Year 4, as below:

Einstein

Alice and Harry

Nightingale

Mabel and Zach

Dalai

Lawrence and Olivia-Rose

Hawking

Belle and Percy M

Hotshots Basketball Club

All children were sent home with a letter from Hotshots with details on how to book your child onto the class. If you need a copy of this letter, these are available from the school office.

Please note that the classes are a Monday lunch time for Years 2+3 and a Thursday at 5pm for Years 3+4, and **not a Friday lunchtime**. Year 3 have the choice of Monday or Thursday, so please ensure you let Hotshots know which you would prefer for your child when booking them on.

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.



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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 8/9, regarding independent dismissal at the end of the school day for year 4 students.

4Banksy swimming

4Banksy parents - If you are able to help walk the students to and from swimming, please let Mrs Williams know. We are short of volunteers.

Y4 activity week parents meeting

Thank you to the parents who came along to this meeting. The slides from the presentation will be shared on Google classroom and further information will follow shortly.

Summer Reading Challenge - Reward

If you took part in the summer reading challenge, please bring your certificate and medal before Friday 22nd to receive your 5 house points as a reward for completing the challenge.

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.***

Special menu 5/10

See below for the special menu on Census day.

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 15th September for Years 1-4. At 8.45am you will be brought into your child's classroom. Reception will start this after half term, more details to follow.

Google Accounts for children

Reception - Year 4: Your child's Google account log in details can be found in their reading record.

PARENTS:

FOILS AGM

Our PTA needs your help! Please come along to our Annual General meeting that will be taking place on Monday 25th September at 9am to find out how you can get involved.

EYFS Prospective Parents afternoon



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See dates below for the EYFS (Nursery and Reception) open afternoons.

Meet the teacher morning for parents - Friday 15 September

Thank you to the parents who came along to meet their child's teacher. All details that were shared will be put on Google Classroom for further information.

Attendance

Please visit this [link](#) for further information on your child's attendance in school.

Staywise

Please visit this [link](#) for further information on staying safe.

Prime bottles

Reminder - children are not 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.

Knowledge Organisers

Pupils throughout the school use knowledge organisers to help with memory retrieval and teaching of vocabulary. If you would like to support your child at home with this, please do take a look at the knowledge organisers on the school website: <https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Class+Learning+Overview&pid=114>

MAT consultation meetings

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

Week 3 – Tues 19th Sept @ 9.00 a.m

Week 4 - Mon 25th Sept @ 7.00pm

Week 5 – Weds 4th Oct @ 9.00

Week 6 – Thurs 12th 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 (no smart watches).

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!

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!



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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.

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. Subscribe here
w/c 18th Sept	Week 3 Menu here on our website
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 5th October	Special Superhero menu (YR-4 see below)
Thursday 12th October	EYFS Prospective parent afternoon 3.45-4.45pm (come to the main office) All parents invited to MAT Consultation Evening (see above) 6pm
Thursday 19th October	Year 3- Evacuee dress up day
Friday 20th October	SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS - STAFF TRAINING DAY
Monday 23rd-Friday 27th October	SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM
Thursday 30th November	EYFS Prospective parent afternoon 3.45-4.45pm (come to the main office)

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. NHS Sleep workshop poster
- e. Special Menu
- f. Speech and language support



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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

12th September – 17th October 2023 (6 sessions)

Open to children in **Years 2 – 4**

£40.80 – including all materials

Bookings open **Friday 14th July at 5pm**. Please visit:

www.bookwhen.com/loveartandcraft

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

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motor skills,
creativity,
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solving**

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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

Tel- 07525850232



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Dear Parents & Child

GREAT NEWS! The Hotshots school basketball club will be re starting on **THURSDAY 14th & FRIDAY 15th 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 12th 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 15th 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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**SLEEP HYGIENE
WORKSHOP**

**WEDNESDAY 27TH
SEPTEMBER AT
13:30**

INFORMATION ON HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S
SLEEP PATTERNS, AND ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SLEEP

SIGN UP HERE:
[HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK/E/SLE
EP-HYGIENE-WORKSHOP-FOR-
PARENTS-TICKETS-71587233241?
AFF=ODDTCREATOR](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sleep-hygiene-workshop-for-parents-tickets-71587233241?aff=oddtcreator)



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SUPERHERO

SPECIAL MENU

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Breaded Chicken Nuggets

Or

Vegetable Nuggets

Served with Potato Wedges

Sweetcorn & Coleslaw

Vanilla Ice cream





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BEDFORD
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Bedfordshire

EARLY SPEECH AND LANGUAGE SUPPORT

EARLY ADVICE SESSIONS

IF YOU'RE NOT ALREADY KNOWN TO THE SERVICE AND YOU WOULD LIKE AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S SPEECH AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT, YOU CAN REQUEST A 15 MINUTE ADVICE SESSION VIA TELEPHONE CALL. PLEASE FOLLOW THE QR CODE FOR MORE DETAILS AND CRITERIA:



[HTTPS://BIT.LY/47U88LI](https://bit.ly/47U88LI)

HELP YOUR CHILDS UNCLEAR SPEECH

A WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR CHILD'S PRONUNCIATION OF SPEECH SOUNDS. DATES AND TIMES ARE AVAILBLE ON OUR WEBSITE. PLEASE FOLLOW THE QR CODE FOR MORE DETAILS AND CRITERIA:



[HTTPS://BIT.LY/3KWSWAP](https://bit.ly/3KWSWAP)

CHATTERTOTS

A SET OF WORKSHOPS TO SUPPORT PARENTS/CARERSTO HELP THEIR CHILD'S EARLY LANGUAGE SKILLS.SUITABLE FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN AGED 18MONTHS- 3 YEARS OF AGE. PLEASE FOLLOW THE QRCODE FOR MORE DETAILS AND CRITERIA:



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