



# DILS Newsletter

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**VACANCIES:** Please see our latest vacancy on [My New Term](#). All applications are done directly through them.

**Subscribe to our website [calendar](#) to see events and important dates on your phone. You can also follow our Twitter page [@IcknieldL](#)**

## **CHILDREN:**

### **Class Attendance winner**

Congratulations to Reception - Lloyd Webber who had the highest attendance this week and achieved a fabulous 99.3%! Every child in Reception - Lloyd Webber will receive 2 house points.

### **Class Teacher Awards**

**Nursery** - Kevin, **Lloyd Webber** - Bella, **Zimmer** - Dante, **Beckham** - Charlotte, **Rosen** - Ria, **Anning** - Quinn, **Banksy** - Ola.

### **Hotshots Basketball Club has now started**

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 until 5.45pm 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.

### **Art Club - Y2-4 has now started**

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.

### **Summer Reading Challenge - Reward**

Well done to all the pupils who completed the Summer Reading Challenge this summer, they have each been awarded 5 house points for completing the challenge.

### **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.

### **Covid**

Covid is going around again. If your child is showing symptoms of Covid and you are able to take a test please do as this helps us to keep everyone safe.



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## **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. We encourage parents to scoot/cycle to school with their children on this day. The students can then scoot/cycle around the playground during Bike it Breakfast, and leave their scooter/bike in the school playground for them to use later during a designated time for each class.

## **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. Please wait outside the main office to be let into the main hall.

### **Miss Lynch - Family Support Worker**

On Friday, 29th September, we say goodbye to our Family Worker, Miss Lynch who is starting a new adventure at a new school. We wish her all the best with her new role.

For any families who are currently being supported by Miss Lynch, we will be in touch to confirm your new point of contact.

### **Starting School 2024**

Please see the email sent today, 22/9 to all nursery parents regarding applying for a place for your child in Reception, in September 2024. Note that **EVERY** child in our current Nursery needs to apply for a Reception place, a place is not guaranteed just because they have a place in our nursery. Applications for Reception to Year 4 are processed by CBC admissions team through this [link](#).

### **EYFS Prospective Parents afternoon**

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

### **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: [Knowledge Organisers](#)

### **MAT consultation meetings**

Consultation period is for 6 weeks until October half term. Thank you to those who came along on Monday. There will be more opportunities for the whole school community to consult on the following dates and times:  
Week 4 - Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Sept @ 7.00pm  
Week 5 – Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Oct @ 9.00am  
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. 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. More information can be found in the letter attached to this email.



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## 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!

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. <a href="#">Subscribe here</a>
w/c 25th Sept	Week 1 Menu <a href="#">here</a> on our website
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)
Tuesday 3rd October	Whole school Individual and sibling photos
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
Friday 17th November	Whole School Children in Need (further details to follow)
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. 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**

**Improves fine  
motor skills,  
creativity,  
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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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# SUPERHERO

## *SPECIAL MENU*

Thursday 5th October 2023

Breaded Chicken Nuggets

Or

Vegetable Nuggets

Served with Potato Wedges  
Sweetcorn & Coleslaw

Vanilla Ice cream

