



DILS Newsletter

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

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

CHILDREN:

Class Attendance winner

Congratulations to 3Attenborough who had the highest attendance this week and achieved a fabulous 97%! Every child in 3Attenborough will receive 2 house points.

Class Teacher Awards

Nursery - Filip, **Lloyd Webber** - Sophie, **Zimmer** - Delilah, **Beckham** - Remi, **Bolt** - Laila, **Rosen** - Kyla, **Potter** - Charlie, **Anning** - Julian, **Attenborough** - Grace, **Banksy** - Alek, **O'Keeffe** - Charles.

TTRockstars

Well done to 3Anning and 4Banksy this week for your hard work, keep it up!

Student Achievements

Alessia from 4O'Keeffe competed at the weekend in the 7th East Midlands Open Karate Championships, and won the Silver Medal in the Kata individual competition. Well done Alessia!

November Value - Friendship

The winner for this month's value is Ronnie Atkins. Well done Ronnie!

December's value is **tolerance**:

Tolerance

Tolerance is accepting myself,
even when I make mistakes

Tolerance is accepting others,
even when they make mistakes

We are all unique
Tolerance appreciates differences

ABM Pumpkin Carving competition winner

This year's Pumpkin Competition Winner is Victoria in Reception. Well done Victoria for creating such a beautiful design! Your prize will be delivered this week.





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Y1 trip to Legoland

Please see the email sent 13/11 for further information.

Y3 Sharing Assembly

CHANGE OF DATE DUE TO XMAS FAIR- Friday 8th December - 3 Anning (Miss Jama) Class Assembly @ 09:10 for parents No family reading for 3 Anning that day only.

Parents/carers enter school via the main office entrance. *Children will need to come to school dressed in their Evacuee day clothes. They can bring their school uniform in their bags.*

3 Attenborough

Over 75's club - Attenborough had a very exciting day on Monday. Half of the class visited the over 75 lunchtime club to sing some songs and entertain them (they also learnt a little bit from the elderly people about the war!). The rest of the class were super helpers and supported reception and Year 1 with some of their learning. Keep your eyes peeled for who is next to visit the club. Well done everyone!



Y4 Activity week 2024

Please see email sent 10/11 with further details on Y4's activity week and how to pay via Arbor.

Choir members - Torchlight Procession

Well done to the students who took part in the Torchlight Procession last Friday. The children worked really hard to learn the songs and joined in with great enthusiasm. They enjoyed a front row seat for the light show which came after the lighting of the Christmas Tree and even had a special visit from Father Christmas!

Kidzzone Club - Holiday Club

Kidzzone Holiday and HAF club is available to book through their [website](#) for 21st and 22nd December. They are also available from 1.30pm on Wednesday 20th December for the usual after school club.

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day

On Wednesday 14th December there will be a special Christmas dinner menu, see poster below for what is available. Please let your child know what is available and they can then let their teacher know on the day what they would like.

On the same day we are also having a Christmas Jumper Day to help raise funds for Keech Hospice Care, we are asking for donations of £1. Your child can wear their Christmas jumper with their uniform.



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PARENTS:

Christmas concert to parents - Reception to year 4

We are delighted to inform you that we will be holding a school Christmas concert at 2pm on Monday 18th December, at St Mary's Church on West Street in Dunstable. ***Due to a limited number of seats at the venue, only 2 people can attend per child.*** Note that you don't need to book tickets for this event.

At the end of the event you are able to collect your child from the concert, ***please let the class teacher know when you collect them so they can tick them off the register.*** The students will then return to school for the normal pick up time of 3.15pm.

PARKING - ***Please note that parking at the church is available for disabled badge holders only.*** Other chargeable parking is available in other local car parks i.e. Wilkinsons.

Fundraising for Keech Hospice Care

We are still working towards our fundraising target for Keech Hospice Care, through this link <https://keech.enthuse.com/pf/dunstable-icknield-lower-school>. Please share with friends and family. There is also a Keech collection pot in our main reception area where we are collecting donations.



As mentioned above, we are also doing a Christmas Jumper Day on the 14th December for Keech where students can wear their Christmas jumper for a £1 donation.

To find out more about how the money raised will support local adults and children with a life limiting illness at Keech Hospice Care, visit their website [here](#).

FOILS-PTA

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Christmas Fair, we hope you all enjoyed yourselves. Also a BIG thank you to FOILS for organising and running the event to raise much needed funds for the students. We will let you know how much has been raised shortly.

Xmas card Designs

All students who ordered Christmas cards etc. would have now received these as they have been handed out to everyone.

Book bags

As the colder months are approaching, we are conscious that children have lots to hang on their pegs. We have noticed that some children are also bringing in large backpacks, meaning we are struggling to keep the school tidy. With this in mind, **please ensure your child brings in either the standard red 'book bag' style bag, or a bag no bigger than 37 x 30 x 6cm (unless it is their swimming day).** If you have any questions please speak to the class teacher.

SEND Resources

If you have concerns regarding SEND needs or sensory difficulties please raise these with your class teacher, they will then make recommendations or sign post you to Miss Linton (our new school SENCo). SEND resources such as ear defenders, sensory toys are given on a requirement basis and we ensure they are used appropriately.

Parking

This is a reminder to be mindful of our neighbours, and to adhere to parking regulations. This includes not parking on the yellow lines, or the pavement as seen in this picture.



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EYFS Prospective Parents afternoon (2) - Thursday 30 November

Thank you to those parents who came along to the parents afternoon. We hope you found it useful.

Term Dates for 23-24 see: [DILS](#)

Key Dates for Term 1	Subscribe to the calendar on the website to sync dates to your phone. Subscribe here
w/c 4th December	Week 3 menu, found here on our website
Friday 8th December	Change of date 3 Anning Class Assembly for parents 9.10am (see above)
Thursday 14th December	Whole school Christmas Jumper Day (see above) Special menu - Christmas (see poster below)
Monday 18th December	Reception to Y4 Christmas Concert to parents @ St Mary's Church (see above)
Wednesday 20 December	SCHOOL ENDS FOR CHILDREN @ 13:30 (Kidzzone Club available to book from 1.30pm)
Thursday 21st - Friday 22nd December	Kidzzone Club available to book
21st December - 2nd January	SCHOOL CLOSED - CHRISTMAS BREAK
Wednesday 3rd January	SCHOOL CLOSED - Staff Training Day - office open
Thursday 4th January	All children return to school @ 08:45am
Monday 15th January 2024	Deadline for applications to Reception and Year 5 Apply here: CBC Reception or Y5 school place application
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd February	SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM



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

Information Attached

a.Christmas Dinner Menu



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WISHING YOU A VERY **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2023

Main Meal

Traditional Roast Turkey Served with Pigs in Blankets, Sage & Onion Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Vegetarian Option

Roast Quorn Fillet with Sage & Onion Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Seasonal Vegetables

Carrots, Garden Peas and Brussels Sprouts

Dessert

Festive Iced Chocolate Sponge

