



# DILS Newsletter

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

## **CHILDREN:**

### **Class Attendance winner**

Congratulations to 1Beckham who had the highest attendance this week and achieved a fabulous 98.7%! Every child in 1Beckham will receive 2 house points.

**Class Teacher Awards** will be confirmed next week.

### **TTRockstars Day**

The students and staff looked great in their rockstar outfits today as part of TTRockstars day. They had fun doing lots of fun maths activities in each class.

### **OPAL Lunchtimes**

Thank you for the donations of old sheets, we are now on the hunt for cushions, pillows and also need one large pallet that could be transformed into a stage area. If you could help us with any of the following please contact the school office.

### **Trips:**

**Y1 trip to Legoland:** Please see the email sent 13/11 for further information including how to ***make a contribution towards the cost of the trip and fill in the google form.***

**Y4 Activity week June 2024:** Please see email sent 10/11 with further details on Y4's activity week and ***how to pay via Arbor.***

### **Year 4 performances to parents**

Well done to **4O'Keeffe** who performed to the parents today. They performed brilliantly and spoke confidently about their learning. Thank you to all parents who attended and for joining in with the maths quiz and song!

### **Year 4 Leavers Hoodies available to order**

See email sent 2/2 regarding how to order your child's Year 4 Leavers hoodie. ***All hoodies need to be ordered by 11pm on Sunday 18th February.***

### **Kidzzone Holiday Club**

Kidzzone Holiday Club is available to book for the February half term holiday. Book via their usual site [here](#).

## **PARENTS:**

### **Nursery Key Worker Meet and Engage**

All nursery - Please read the email that was sent to all parents on 1 / 2 to confirm your child's Key Worker and the date of your Meet and Engage. These are taking place on the 15th and 16th February.



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## 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.

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](#).



## School Streets road closure

See email sent 2/2. There will also be some further information coming out shortly about the School Street road closure which will commence on the Wednesday 28th February.

## Maths Workshop for parents Y3-4

The MTC (Multiplication Tables Check) is a statutory test that all Year 4 children will sit in the summer term. We are holding a parent workshop on Friday 9th February at 9.10 AM (after reading morning) to provide more information about the test and answer any questions you may have. Year 3 and Year 4 parents are invited as we start to prepare children for the test whilst they are in Year 3. Please wait outside the main office area.

## Local Children's Centres

Pop onto the CBC site which shows you more information about your local Children's Centres [here](#). Also see the posters below.

## FOILS Beat the Blue Quiz for parents and staff:

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Quiz this tomorrow.

## EYFS doors opening

Children are expected to be in school by 9am. We open the doors at 8.45am to allow for a soft start. We do our best to make this happen every day, however sometimes there is a delay.

If you would like your child to be dropped off before 8.45am then you can contact KidzZone breakfast club and book your child on through their website [here](#).

## Uniform

Please ensure that if your child's school clothes are changed in school that the spare clothes are washed and returned to the school. We don't have lots of spare clothes available, and we are running very low on socks and pants/knickers.

Also please check your child's clothes for their name, to ensure that they have not taken home the wrong hat/gloves/jumper etc. Sometimes children's clothes are the same/similar and children have been taking the wrong ones home by accident. If you find an item which needs to be returned to the school please bring it to the school office.

## DfE Attendance

A reminder of how important good attendance is for your child's education, please visit this site [here](#).

**If your child's attendance does drop below 90% you will be required to provide medical evidence for illness absences as they would be considered a persistent absentee as mentioned in our Attendance policy on our website [here](#).**



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Information from CBC regarding 2 year old funding can be found [here](#) on their website.

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

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 5th February	Week 3 menu, found <a href="#">here</a> on our website
Friday 9th February	Year 3-4 parents Maths workshop 9.10am (see above)
Wednesday 14th February	Dental Survey YR&1 (specific pupils were emailed)
Thursday 15th February	Reception Road Safety visit to school for children
Thursday 15th & Friday 16th February	Nursery parents Key Worker Meet and Engage (see email sent 1/2)
Friday 16th February	Reception - Year 4 Mad Science Assembly LAST DAY OF HALF TERM
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd February	SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM
Wednesday 28th February	School Streets Road Closure commences (see above)
Friday 27th March	LAST DAY OF TERM
Thursday 28th March	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY
Friday 29th March	SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 2nd April - Friday 12th April	SCHOOL CLOSED - END OF TERM



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

Attachments below:

- CBC Measles
- ABM Pancake Decorating Competition
- Children's Centre Parents insight x 2 - online



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## Important information about measles

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Cases of measles are rising in England. Measles is **very** infectious and spreads easily between people who have not been vaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools.

Measles is a serious illness. Some children with measles need to be admitted to hospital. Measles can cause pneumonia and inflammation (swelling) of the brain. Sometimes it can cause long term health problems or death.

Measles is prevented by vaccination. Two MMR vaccinations provide excellent life-long protection from catching measles.

If your child has not been vaccinated and has close contact with someone with measles, they may be asked to stay at home and miss school or be kept away from childcare/nursery for 21 days. Vaccination can help keep your child in school or in childcare.

You can check your child's vaccinations by looking at their personal child health record (Red Book) or by asking your GP.

Your child needs two MMR vaccines to be fully protected. The first MMR vaccine is offered when children turn one. The second when they are about 3 years and 4 months old. If your child has missed one or both vaccines they can catch up at any time. Adults who have missed MMR vaccinations can still be vaccinated – it is never too late.

**To arrange a vaccine please contact your GP practice.**

You can find more information about measles here:

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/)



You can find out more about the MMR vaccine here:

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/)



Yours sincerely

**Vicky Head**

Director of Public Health, Central Bedfordshire Council



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## Instructions for the Pancake Competition!

The Pancake Competition is running until **Monday 19th February.**

One lucky winner will be chosen week commencing 19th February.

All you have to do is get creative and design a pancake! Cut them up, shape and decorate with some delicious treats - the more creative the better!

Please print a picture of your pancake design and hand it to the Catering Manager no later than Monday 19th February for inclusion in the competition.

This competition is run by your school catering provider – abm catering.







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## Parent Insight - Children Centres

Find out what is happening at your local Children's Centre and how they can support families with children up to the age of 12

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024- 12pm-1pm**

Free to attend via Microsoft Teams

Register for you place via the Microsoft Forms link below

<https://forms.office.com/e/ejUd5ejQUK>

For more information, please contact:

North Early Help [northearyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:northearyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

South Early Help [southearlyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:southearlyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

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## Professional Insight - Children Centres

Find out what is happening at your local Children's Centre and how they can support families with children up to the age of 12

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024- 4pm-5pm**

Free to attend via Microsoft Teams

Register for you place via the Microsoft Forms link below:

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