



DILS News



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New Parent Evening for Nursery and Reception: On Thursday evening Mrs Angus hosted a warm and welcoming information evening for parents of children who will join Nursery and Reception in September. The evening was very well attended and we look forward to welcoming our new children and families starting with 'stay and play' visits in June.

Is your child ready for school? - The step to 'big school', either Nursery or Reception, is a big one for children and parents. To make the transition from home to school as easy as possible for everyone, follow the link http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/Images/consider-16-ticks-leaflet_tcm3-17286.pdf and see how many of the 16 skills you can tick off for your child.

Is your child PE ready? - Today, children from Reception to Year 4 have taken their PE kits home. From Tuesday 5 June, children in Reception to Year 3 will wear their PE kits to school and stay in their PE kit on the days that they have PE. Your child's teacher will be able to confirm which days this will be. In preparation for Year 5, Year 4 children will start to be more responsible for their own belongings and organisation and will bring their PE kits to school on the days they have PE and take them home again the same day. Letters have been sent home to parents with more details.

Reminder: Medical Appointments During School Time – This is a reminder to parents that if your child is late into school due to a medical appointment, or is collected early from school, documented evidence of this appointment is required. This can be an appointment card or a copy of an email. We are also aware that many surgeries send a confirmation text which is also acceptable proof. If proof of appointments cannot be given the child will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

Y3 'A Day at the Museum' - Last Friday year 3 enjoyed a fabulous visit to Tring Museum. This was to support our Science topic on animals and skeleton structures. At the museum, a education specialist gave a fantastic workshop where the children explored a range of animal skeletons. This included why certain animals have particular skeletons. The children were wowed by the animals on display. There was a real sense of awe and wonder.

4C Quadkids - 4C had a lovely morning last Thursday when they went on their trip to All Saints to take part in athletics activities. The activities involved long jump, throwing and running. Other schools also took part. Lots of our children did really well in the events, some coming in 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. Well done 4C!

Nursery Transition - As part of the nursery transition into reception, parents and carers will take the children to Mrs Angus at the bottom of the steps at the beginning of each session. Mrs Cobley and Mrs Bench will be in the classroom to encourage the children to check their bags and to sort their belongings, this will support the children's independence skills. You will still have the opportunity to speak to Mrs Angus if need be, at the start and at the end of each session. This will begin after half term, Tuesday 5th June.

Wood work - If you have any spare short lengths of wood (not MDF), the Foundation Stage would be grateful for any donations.

The wind in the Willows – This week we had a taster visit from some of the cast of The Wind in the Willows. It certainly was entertaining! The full show is being performed at the Grove Theatre on Wednesday 30 May 2018.



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Charity Walk – One of your Parent Governors, Gemma Collinson, is doing a charity walk in Transylvania for **Coppafeel**, a charity which promotes the importance of breast health to younger women. If you would like to donate, please follow the link below.

<https://transylvaniacoppafeel.everydayhero.com/uk/gemmas-trek-for-coppafeel>

If you donate £10 you will be entered into a draw for a pair of tickets to see **Taylor swift at Wembley Arena on the 22nd June 2018!** This is an amazing opportunity to support a really excellent cause and have the chance to win an incredible prize! The draw will take place on 10th June 2018.

PTA Summer Fair – This year's summer fair will be on Saturday 7th July from 12.00-3.00pm. More details will follow nearer the time and we look forward to seeing you all there. These wonderful events do not happen on their own but benefit every child in school as money raised is used to support children's learning and experiences. If you have some time or ideas to contribute to our Fair, please contact Laura Flowers via the PTA Facebook Page (DILS PTA) or Lorraine Haynes in the school office.

Job Opportunities - We are recruiting! If you or someone you know want to join an amazing team in a rewarding environment, then check out our job vacancies page on our website.

Parking Wise, Saves Lives - As part of our parking campaign, from Tuesday 5th June 2018 until Friday 8th June, **3F** will be undertaking the 'Parking Wise, Saves Lives' car parking patrol. Children in **3F** should come to school a little earlier, enter school through the front door and meet in the Library area at 8.40am. Remember there is a free car park on West Street where parents can park for drop off and pick up to also support this initiative and encourage a short walk to school. From Monday 11th June, it will be the turn of **4L**.

Key Dates for Term 3	
Monday 28 th May – Monday 4 th June	SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 4 th June	SCHOOL CLOSED – Staff Training Day
Tuesday 5 th June	Children return to school
Wednesday 6 th June	Reception Educational Visit
Thursday 7 th June	School photo orders to be returned
Tuesday 19 th June	Y3 Sing Out Concert @ Grove Theatre
Wednesday 20 th June	Y4 Educational Visit
Wednesday 27 th June	Sports Day – first choice
Friday 29 th June	Mufti day for bottle donations
Saturday 7 th July	PTA Summer Fair
Tuesday 10 th July	Sports Day – back up date
Tuesday 17 th July	School End of Year Picnic
Friday 20 th July	Year 4 Leavers Assembly for parents
Friday 20 th July	Last day of school – summer holiday begins

Letters sent home this week		
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