



DILS News



Dunstable Icknield Lower School Newsletter Issue 34

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PTA Summer Fair on Saturday 7th July – Roll up! Roll up! If you are willing to volunteer some time to support our PTA Summer Fair or you know someone who is, please contact Lorraine Haynes in the school office for more details about how you can help.

Art Week – Well done to all the children for a really creative Art Week. Each year group has undertaken an art project, including year 4 working with a visiting artist. All the work was shared in assembly this afternoon.

Reception visit to Ashridge - Reception children enjoyed a big-filled visit to Ashridge this week. The weather was perfect; not too hot, not too cold and no rain. There was so much to see and do and the children were a credit to the school. Do not be surprised if you find your child starting their own nature-collection at home! Thank you to the parent volunteers who supported the outing.

Year 2 Sports Event – The children in Year 2 walked down to Watling for a joint sports afternoon. The walk there did not reduce their energy levels one little bit, and they seemed to be even more energetic when they returned to school. Well done to all those who took part and helped with the visit.

Pennies for the priory – Dunstable has many buildings of historical importance and one of these is Priory Church. The care and maintenance of such buildings is never ending and we want the children at Icknield to see that we are all caretakers of such special buildings. Priory Church is collecting 10p pieces with the aim of being able to collect enough to go round the internal perimeter of the building. From next week we would like the children to bring in 10p coins for the Priory. In July, Year 2 will be visiting the Priory Church as part of their study on Dunstable and they will be taking the coins that have been collected with them to lay out in the church. The children will be finding out more about this initiative at assembly on Monday.

Movie night for Y4 transition – As part of the preparation for transition of our Year 4 from Icknield to their next school adventure, the Priory Partnership are organising a social evening for the children. This will take place on Wednesday 11th July and will be a movie night. More detail will be shared with Y4 parents next week

New Website – The secure login page of our new website is not a parental login page and the old login and passwords you had for our old eSchools learning platform do not work with this site. The learning platform pages have been removed.

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.

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.

Zumba – A space has become available in the Zumba Club that Gina hosts after school on a Thursday. If you child would be interested please call Gina directly on 07846 421756. The cost of the 5 sessions up to the summer holiday is £17.50.



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Clubbercise – Gina runs a Clubbercise Class at 5.15 pm at Watling Lower School for children over 8 years old. Please contact Gina on 07846 421756 if you require further information.

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

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.

Well done – Congratulations to Fionn Diver in Year 1 for completing his swimming Level 4. Good Luck with Level 5!

Parking Wise, Saves Lives - As part of our parking campaign, from Monday 11th June 2018 until Friday 15th June, 4L will be undertaking the 'Parking Wise, Saves Lives' car parking patrol. Children in 4L 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 18th June, it will be the turn of 1S.

Key Dates for Term 3	
Tuesday 19th June	Y3 Sing Out Concert @ Grove Theatre
Wednesday 20th June	Y4 Educational Visit
Wednesday 27th June	Sports Day – first choice
Friday 29th June	Mufti day for bottle donations
Saturday 7th July	PTA Summer Fair
Tuesday 10th July	Sports Day – back up date
Tuesday 17th July	School End of Year Picnic
Friday 20th July	Year 4 Leavers Assembly for parents
Friday 20th July	Last day of school – summer holiday begins

Letters sent home this week		
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