



# DILS News



Dunstable Icknield Lower School Newsletter Issue 39

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**School Office – On the last day of term (Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July) the school office will be closed to visitors from 12 noon onwards.**

**PTA Fair** – The annual PTA summer fair took place last Saturday. It was superbly sunny and well attended. Mr Flavell seemed to have the best job of the day which was to be the target for wet sponges in the stocks. The day raised over £1700 and still counting – an amazing achievement. All money raised by the PTA is used to enhance and enrich the children's experiences at school. A large part of the fund is used to support all travel to school educational visits. This helps us to keep any costs to parents at a minimum. Thank you to all who supported with the day.

**Sports Day** – We had a grand sporting morning on Tuesday when the children from Reception to Year 4 took part in our Sports Day at Benett's Recreation Ground. We all had a brilliant morning and the spectators were loudly encouraging. Mr Williams had organised the morning to work like clockwork – what a success. Thank you everyone who came along to support the morning.

**End of term picnic** – We are looking forward to our end of year picnic at Watling Lower School on Tuesday. Children can order a packed lunch from the school lunch service. If they are in Year 3 or 4, this will cost £2.30.

**Pennies for the Priory** – Year 2 visited the Priory Church this week and delivered the 'Pennies for the Priory' to help support this fabulous historic building. With hundreds of years of history in one building the children were in awe of the things they saw.

**Reception Graduation** – We had a fantastic time at Reception's Graduation. We are very proud of the children's performance and the confidence that has grown throughout the year. Thank you to all the parents who shared this with us.

**Year 3 Grove Theatre Orchestral Discovery** – The children enjoyed listening to the music from all the different orchestra instruments. A big thank you to the Grove Theatre for this opportunity.

**And we are saying goodbye to** - At the end of this term we are saying goodbye to a number of staff who are retiring or moving to greater job opportunities.

- Mrs Cobley is retiring after many years of being a nursery nurse in our EYFS nursery department.
- Mrs Sharma, one of our midday supervisors, is re-locating and moving away from Dunstable with her family.
- Ms Norton is changing careers and moving to another job out of education.
- Mrs Taylor is leaving DILS after many years as a midday supervisor and cleaner.
- Mr Taylor has been at Icknield for a little over 12 years and will be leaving us at the end of term for new job opportunities. "It has been an absolute pleasure to watch the children grow and develop in both their learning and character. Each year we see new young faces and the older children leave to go to their respective new schools. This year it is my turn to move to a new school, but before I leave I would like to say a big thank you to both children and parents alike, it has been a fabulous 12 years and I've enjoyed every minute of it. Thank you for sharing your school with me, I wish you all the very best in everything you do..."

***Learn, Believe, Achieve***



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**Violin Lessons** - Mrs Maskey our Violin Teacher from Central Beds Council has got some spaces for new students. If your child is **currently in Year 2 or Year 3** and you think your child might be interested in learning to play the violin, please come into the school office for an application form.

**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.

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Key Dates for Term 3	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	School End of Year Picnic
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Leavers Assembly for parents
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of school – summer holiday begins

Letters sent home this week		
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