



# DILS News



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**What a fantastic week** – It has been a wonderful week to start the new school year. The children have worked hard and enjoyed being back at school in their new classes and teachers. Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting the children back to school this week.

**Playground drop off and pick up** – Parents will have noticed that there is a green line in the main playground. This is a boundary line to allow a clear walkway for Y3 children as they enter and exit the school. It helps to keep everyone safe. In the morning parents can go anywhere in the playground until the bell or whistle sounds. Then we expect the children to line up quickly and everyone else to stay behind the green line. At the end of the day, please stay behind the green line to keep the walkway clear. Y4 parents and carers are asked to stand well back from the gate to allow clear entry and exit of the playground in the interest of everyone's safety.

**Parent Introductory Mornings** – Next week there will be an opportunity for parents to come and meet the class teachers and find out a bit more about what to expect this year. Please see the letter that has been sent out to all parents.

**Open Afternoons for Future Prospective Parents** – Do you know anyone who is thinking about applying for a place at Dunstable Icknield Lower School in the future? This year we are holding two open afternoons for prospective parents and these will be on 9<sup>th</sup> October and 6<sup>th</sup> November 4-5pm. If you know someone who may be interested in these open afternoons please let them know and ask them to call the school to book an afternoon.

**Term dates** – 2018-2019 term dates are available on the Central Bedfordshire Council website and our own website. Dates are subject to change so please refer to CBC regularly.

**PE Days** – Years 1,2,3 & 4 should all have received e-mails letting you know when PE day is. Please speak to your class teacher should you not know.

Children in Year 1, 2 and 3 should come to school in their PE kit on PE days. Children in Year 4 should come to school in their usual school uniform and change into their PE kit for the lesson.

**Online payments and booking system** – A log in code was sent before the summer break. This enables you to register on the Tucasi/Schools cash office system. Once registered you can 'top up' your account with credit directly from your bank account. Once your account is in credit you will be able to book the school lunches your child would like up to a day in advance, your account will be debited £2.30. Any dinners not taken will be credited back to the account. With breakfast and after school clubs, where possible please book a week in advance and can only be made when the account is in credit. You can now book a day in advance and cancel sessions online. Any sessions booked but not taken will be credited back to your account as long as 24 hours notice has been given that you will not require the session. If you have not received your registration code please let the school office know.

**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 1	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Return to school
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am – 9.30am Y3 and Y4 Parent Introductory Morning
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am – 9.30am Rec, Y1 and Y2 Parent Introductory Morning
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 4-5pm	Open Afternoon 1 for Prospective Parents
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October – Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Return to school
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 4-5pm	Open Afternoon 2 for Prospective Parents
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December – Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2019	Winter holiday

Letters sent home this week		
<b>Letter Content:</b>	<b>Who sent to:</b>	<b>Date sent:</b>
Welcome back	Chair of governors & Mrs Stirling	Monday 3rd
Dance Class	Year R & 1	Tuesday 4th
After school clubs – Tennis, Gym and Zumba	Years 1-4	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 5th