



DILS News



Dunstable Icknield Lower School Newsletter Issue 2
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Parent introductory mornings – It was lovely to see so many parents at our parent introductory mornings this week. We hope you found these useful. If you have any questions about your child at school, feel free to make an appointment with your child's class teacher in the first instance. It is difficult for teachers to speak to parents at the beginning and end of the day when they are responsible for a class of children.

School lunch options – On Thursday of week one both tuna pasta and vegetarian pizza with wedges are the main dishes. Tuesday of week two we also have Macaroni cheese alongside the chicken curry.

Dogs on the school grounds - In the best interests of all members of our school community dogs are no longer allowed on the school grounds. Please see letter sent to all parents.

Class Teacher Award Winners – each week one child from each class in Reception to Y4 is recognised for something they have done as a class teacher award winner. This year, every Friday a teacher will have lunch in the dining hall with the winners so we can celebrate their achievements together.

Missing items – A pink unicorn and rainbow lunch box with clasp closing has been missing since last week, if your child may have bought home a spare lunch box please can it be returned to the school office or your child's class teacher. Don't forget to mark your child's name on all items they bring into school so they may be returned. Many thanks.

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.

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 9th October and 6th 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

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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.

Absences – if your child is going to be absent from school please ring the school office by 9am on 01582 663709 and leave a message.

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.

Key Dates for Term 1	
Monday 8 th October	NHS Flu vaccination day R-4
Tuesday 9 th October 4-5pm	Open Afternoon 1 for Prospective Parents
Monday 15 th October	School photo day – single student portraits
Monday 22 nd October – Monday 29 th October	Half term
Tuesday 30 th October	Return to school
Tuesday 6 th November 4-5pm	Open Afternoon 2 for Prospective Parents
Thursday 20 th December – Wednesday 2 nd January 2019	Winter holiday

Letters sent home this week		
Letter Content:	Who sent to:	Date sent: