



DILS News

Dunstable Icknield Lower School Newsletter Issue 3
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WW1 Armistice 100th Anniversary – This year sees the centenary anniversary of the end of World War 1. As a mark of remembrance, Dunstable Icknield Lower School will be creating a display at the front of the school. To create this display, we are asking for donations of empty, plastic 2 litre soft drinks bottles. Like the ones shown on the right.



If you have any bottles please send them into school with your child before Friday 12 October so the children have time to prepare their display. Thank you.

PTA – Our PTA are looking for new faces and would love to hear new ideas for raising money for the school. If you would like to get involved, please see our facebook page (DILS PTA) or see Miss Flowers.

Priory Parents Evening for Y4 – There will be an open evening for parents of Y4 children at Priory Academy on Wednesday 17 October. More information will be sent out to parents nearer the time.

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.

Parent Teacher Meetings - Next week parents/carers will be receiving invite letters to a parent teacher meeting with your child's teacher. To minimise the clash with Priory open evening for Y4, appointments on Wednesday 17 October will only be available until 6pm.

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.

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.

Absences and your child's education – Headteachers had a reminder this week of the huge impact that absence has on a child's progress and development. Did you know that children who have a 100% attendance rate at school are twice as likely to achieve their potential? You can best support your child's education and development by avoiding any unnecessary absences during term time.



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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.

School Council – The following children in Year 4 have been elected: Ryan – 4C, Ekpemi – 4C, Bobby – 4C, Maddison – 4C, Molly – 4G, Liam – 4G, Rainer – 4G

Class of the Week – This week's Class of the Week for winning the most House Points is 4G – Well done 4G!

Key Dates for Term 1	
Monday 8th October	NHS Flu vaccination day R - Y4
Tuesday 9th October 4-5pm	Open Afternoon 1 for Prospective Parents
Monday 15th October	School photo day – single student portraits
Wednesday 17th October	Parent Teacher Meetings 15:30 – 18:00
Thursday 18th October	Parent Teacher Meetings 15:30 – 20:00
Monday 22nd October – Monday 29th October	Half term break – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 30th October	Return to school
Tuesday 6th November 4-5pm	Open Afternoon 2 for Prospective Parents
Friday 16th November 9.00am	2HS Class Assembly
Friday 23rd November 9.00am	2KS Class Assembly
Thursday 20th December – Wednesday 2nd January 2019	Winter holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED

Letters sent home this week		
Letter Content:	Who sent to:	Date sent:
DILS - Parking permit application	All students	24.09.2018
DILS – Education City newsletter	Y1 students	25.09.2018
DILS - 'Super me!'- fantastic finish	Y1 students	25.09.2018
DILS - Reception coverage of work	Reception	27.09.2018
DILS - Year 2 History Days	Y2 students	27.09.2018