



# DILS News



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**Y2 History Day** – The children in Year 2 have had an exciting day going back in time to the Victorian era. There were some very stern faces, and orders. Read more about their experiences next week.

**Parent Teacher Meetings and Book Fair** – Next Wednesday and Thursday will be meetings with your child's teacher. Your child will bring home a confirmed appointment time by the end of the day on Monday. Don't forget that the school book fair is taking place in the library. You can browse the books and place orders during the two parent evenings. Come and have a look at the wonderful selection of books. Mrs Jones, Mrs McKinley, Mrs Hunt and Mrs Simons will be able to help you find the perfect book for your child.

**What is Artsmark?** - Last October DILS was awarded Silver Artsmark Award for the way that art and cultural experiences are used to enhance the learning of the children. These day to day activities and special events are woven throughout the curriculum and include art and music lessons, educational visits to historical sites such as castles and religious building as well as class assemblies and group performances.

To support our Artsmark status we have spread the opportunities for the children to perform large group productions across the whole of the school year. Each class will have an opportunity to deliver a class assembly; our first class assemblies are from Year 2 in November. Each year group will work together to present and be part of a much larger production. Our first year group performances are from nursery and Reception in December. All other year group performances will be spread throughout the rest of the school year. This will allow us to provide rich and varied performance experiences to the children as they move through the school from nursery to Year 4. Parents will be invited to our class assemblies and group performances and we look forward to seeing you all celebrating your child's performance achievements with us.

**Flu Vaccinations** – On Monday the school nurse came to school to give flu vaccinations to children across the school. If your child did not have the vaccination and you would like your child to have one, please contact the school nurse directly on 01234 310408.

**Online Learning** – As we look to the future, the digital world is fast becoming an integral part of everyday life and is increasingly having an impact on the way education is delivered. Year 1 are currently trialling access to an online learning resource called Espresso. This resource allows children to access activities at home which support their learning at school. Parent feedback on Espresso is encouraged and can be directed to Miss Strickler using the school email address [dunstable@icknieldlower.bedssch.co.uk](mailto:dunstable@icknieldlower.bedssch.co.uk)

**Priory Parents Evening for Y4 Transition** – There will be an open evening for parents of Y4 children at Priory Academy on Wednesday 17 October. More information has been sent out by Priory academy.

**Open Afternoons for Future Prospective Parents** – Thank you to all those who came along to our open afternoon for prospective parents on Tuesday. We hope you found this useful as you decide whether to apply for a place for your child at our school in September 2019. Our second prospective parent afternoon will be on Tuesday 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.

**Mobile phones** – Visitors to school are asked to turn off mobile phones and store them securely in a bag or pocket. If you do not have anywhere safe to keep your phone, then it can be left securely with one of the office staff.

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**Uniform** – At DILS we have a compulsory uniform for all children. It is grey trousers, skirt or pinafore, a white shirt or white polo shirt, red school jumper with a school badge available from Best Look, red tights / white socks and plain black shoes.

**Class of the Week** – This week's Class of the Week for winning the most House Points was 3F.

**Class Teacher Award winners** - This week's winners had lunch with Mrs Angus and they were:  
RA – Ashvi, RK – Jack, 1S – Rasper, 1W – Siyara, 2HS – Emily, 2KS – Sonny, 3F – Gabi  
3J – Meadow, 4C – Ryan, 4G – Liam

**School photo day** – On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October all children will have individual photos taken. PE for years R-3 will NOT be able to take place. Year 4 will still have PE as normal.

**Parking Wise, Saves Lives** - As part of our parking campaign, from Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018 until Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018, our pupils will be undertaking the 'Parking Wise, Saves Lives' car parking patrol. Children in 1S will be the first class starting the patrol, they 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. Please check the Newsletter for Rota information.

**Book Fair** - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 3:30pm – 6:00pm & Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 5:00pm – 8:00pm. We are very pleased to say that we will again be holding one of our very successful Book Fair's to coincide with parents evening this year. We are able to offer a fantastic selection of books to the children, that can be purchased on the night. The children will be given an opportunity to browse through the books available during their scheduled library lessons. Payment on the night can be made through direct cash or cheque payments or card payment via telephone. The more money raised the more books we will be able to purchase for our library. The book fair will be run by Mrs Jones, Ms McKinley, Mrs Simons and Mrs Hunt.

**School Lunch Menu** – please be advised that our school lunch menu will change as of 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018, please see attached for your information

**Personal information – Data check** - Letters containing contact details and personal information have been sent to all parents. Please check and amend as necessary and return the forms to the school office to enable us to update our system.

Key Dates for Term 1	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	School photo day – single student and sibling portraits
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Teacher Meetings 15:30 – 18:00
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Teacher Meetings 17:00 – 20:00
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Y1 Superhero Day
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October – Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term break – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Return to school Parking Patrol - 1S
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	New School Lunch Menu

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<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 4-5pm</b>	Open Afternoon 2 for Prospective Parents
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Dunstable Remembrance Parade
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 2 History Day
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Children in Need – Bring and Buy sale – more information nearer to the time
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 9.00am</b>	2HS Class Assembly
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 9.00am</b>	2KS Class Assembly
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Nursery Christmas Assembly Dunstable Torchlight Procession
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reception Christmas Assembly Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019</b>	Winter holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED

Letters sent home this week		
Letter Content:	Who sent to:	Date sent:
DILS - WW1 Armistice 100th Anniversary	R - Y4	09/10/2018
DILS - Personal information – Data check	R - Y4	11/10/2018