



DILS News



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Y2 History Day – Last week the children in Y2 travelled back in time to become Victorian school children. They spent the morning learning what it was like for a Victorian child of their age. They sat in rows, had hand inspections, chanted their times tables, wrote on chalk boards and some even got the Dunces hat! They had to stand and say ‘Good morning’ every time an adult entered the room and when they wanted to say something they had to stand. ‘Children should be seen and not heard’ seemed to be the favourite saying for the adults! Some of the children commented:

‘Miss Scotchford was really scary and strict’ ‘we weren’t allowed to smile or talk!’
Mrs Southwood and Miss Scotchford made us say ‘Cleanliness is next to Godliness’
Esme said she preferred our school as she loves to talk, and she couldn’t in Victorian school.
Sonny said he prefers school now as we can get dirty and he couldn’t in Victorian school!
Mylan said he prefers school now as Victorian school was scary!



Y1 Superhero Day – There were so many superheroes at school today that the children did all of their learning at ‘Super Icknield’. Stand aside X-Men – Supergirl, Thor and Y1 are here to save the day! Read more about their fantastic adventures in the next newsletter.

Y4 and preparing for transition – In Year 4 the teachers have already begun the process of preparing the children from transition at the end of Year 4 at Icknield to a new school for Year 5. The move from lower KS2 to upper KS2 presents higher challenges, higher expectations and a growth in independence. Things we already do to support this step up is Y4 being responsible for their PE kit and changing on PE days, and organising themselves for pick up and drop off every day. In the interests of Health and Safety, can adults collecting Year 4 children please wait away from the school gate at the other side of the playground next to the adventure area; the children will come and find you.



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100th Anniversary of Armistice - A first sign of our preparations to remember Armistice, a wheelbarrow of memories has been placed at the main entrance to the school. Well done to the children and staff of our nurture groups who have put together this thoughtful display. Over the next few weeks the display will grow in time to remember this solemn occasion. The school leaders in Year 4 have been invited to attend the Dunstable Remembrance Parade with Mrs Stirling on Sunday 11th November.

The Royal British Legion – Poppy Appeal – Please be advised that items will be available for sale from 30th October 2018 in the school office.

Parent Teacher Meetings and Book Fair – It was lovely to see so many of you this week as you met with your child's teacher and visited the book fair. We hope you found the meetings useful and enjoyed the book fair.

ABM Pumpkin Carving competition – The Great Halloween Pumpkin Carving competition is about to start. To enter grab a pumpkin, carve your design and send a picture, and you could be in with a chance of winning a selection of fantastic board games. Please see attached flyer for more information.

Lecture for Parents - On Wednesday 28th November Central Bedfordshire are holding a lecture on 'Parenting a child with Autism or Social Communication Disorder - An evening lecture for parent & carers'. If you would be interested in attending this evening please see the attached flyer for more details.

Open Afternoons for Future Prospective Parents – Our second prospective parent afternoon will be on Tuesday 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.

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.

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.

House winner this half term - Ickleford are currently in the lead with 390 house points.

Class of the Week – This week's Class of the Week for winning the most House Points was 1S.

Class Teacher Award winners - This week's winners had lunch with Mrs Arthur and they were:
RA – leesha, RK – Iris, 1S – Grace, 1W – Calvin, 2HS – Amara, 2KS – Harmonie, 3F – Caoimhe
3J – Macie, 4G – Gracie-May, 4C – Jack

Odd Sock Day - Anti-Bullying Week is 12th - 16th November with the theme this year being 'Choose Respect' to highlight that bullying is a behaviour choice. The children are asked to come to school in odd socks on Monday 12th November to demonstrate that everyone is unique.



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Parking Wise, Saves Lives - As part of our parking campaign, from Tuesday 30th October 2018 until Friday 14th 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.

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.

Missing Scooter - A scooter has gone missing from the shelter. It is black and pink with the make-Zinc- written in yellow writing along the footplate. The wheels also light up. If you know of its whereabouts, please contact the School office.

Key Dates for Term 1	
Friday 19 th October 2018	Y1 Superhero Day
Monday 22 nd October – Monday 29 th October	Half term break – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 30 th October	Return to school Parking Patrol - 1S
Tuesday 30 th October	New School Lunch Menu
Tuesday 6 th November 4-5pm	Open Afternoon 2 for Prospective Parents
Sunday 11 th November	Dunstable Remembrance Parade
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th November	Odd Sock Day
Tuesday 13 th November	Year 2 History Day
Thursday 15 th November	Children in Need – Bring and Buy sale – more information nearer to the time
Friday 16 th November 9.00am	2HS Class Assembly
Friday 23 rd November 9.00am	2KS Class Assembly
Friday 7 th December	Nursery Christmas Assembly Dunstable Torchlight Procession
Friday 14 th December	Reception Christmas Assembly Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 20 th December – Wednesday 2 nd January 2019	Winter holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED

Letters sent home this week		
Letter Content:	Who sent to:	Date sent:
DILS - Year 4 beginning and end of day arrangements	Y4	19/10/2018
DILS - Reception Coverage of Work	R	19/10/2018
DILS - Year R & 1 Lunchtime Dance class	R – Y1	18/10/2018



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DILS - Information regarding Halloween	R – Y4	17/10/2018
DILS - Parents evening letter	R – Y4	16/10/2018