



DILS News



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Y1 Superhero Day – Year 1 had a fantastic super hero day, filled with lots of fun filled learning activities celebrating the end to our 'Super Me!' topic. We would like to thank the children for all coming in looking SUPER!

Artsmark training for staff – Staff (and Governors) went back to school themselves on INSET day and undertook training on the benefits of delivering learning through drama. It was a very busy day and very enjoyable. This training will support all children in school, helping to make their learning more dynamic and exciting as well as supporting the development of their social and emotional skills.

Pupil Emergency Contact Numbers - In order for us to be able to contact parents and carers in the event of an emergency it is vital that we have up to date telephone contact details for at least two numbers. following our recent data review, if we do not have two numbers on record for your child the school office will contact you.

Central Bedfordshire SOS - this week we were reminded that the winter weather is creeping ever closer. All schools in Central Bedfordshire use a central system to inform parents when school are unexpectedly closed. This is called the 'Schools Open Status' system and can be found here:

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/apps/sos/>

We encourage all parents to register with the system. This information is updated by Head Teachers in the event of a forced closure due to an emergency; for instance, a water leak or dangerous weather conditions such as snow. You can register to receive information for the school(or schools) you are interested in. When a change is made, you will receive an email giving the status (open or closed) and brief explanation of the issue.

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 are now available to buy until Friday 9 November 2018 in the school office.

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.

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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 RA.

Class Teacher Award winners - This week's winners had lunch with Miss Strickler and they were:

RA – Ava, RK – Layla, 1S – George, 1W – Elleah, 2HS – Gabriel, 2KS – Kacper, 3F – Dylan
3J – Pheonix, 4G – Andreas, 4C – Dennis

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.

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 4C will be doing the patrol week commencing 05/11/2018, 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.

PTA – The DILS PTA Christmas Fayre will take place on **Saturday 1st December from 12-3pm**. We will be holding a mufti day on **Friday 23rd November** for chocolate or hamper donations.

Personal Achievements – Fionn from Y2 has successfully completed his ASA swimming Level 5 Award. This was a particularly tricky award at times and he showed great determination and never gave up. Great work, Fionn and good luck in your Level 6 Stage

Key Dates for Term 1	
Tuesday 6 th November 4-5pm	Open Afternoon 2 for Prospective Parents
Sunday 11 th November	Dunstable Remembrance Parade
Monday 12 th November	Odd Sock Day
Tuesday 13 th November	Year 2 History Day
Wednesday 14 th November	Y1 – Y4 performance assembly by ALTRU
Thursday 15 th November	Children in Need – Bring and Buy sale – see letter sent to parents
Friday 16 th November 9.00am	2HS Class Assembly
Friday 23 rd November 9.00am	2KS Class Assembly
Friday 23 rd November	Mufti Day – Dress down for chocolate or hamper donations PTA
Monday 26 th November – Friday 7 December	Whole School Santa Challenge
Saturday 1 st December 12-3	PTA Christmas Fayre

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Friday 7th December	Nursery Christmas Assembly Dunstable Torchlight Procession
Wednesday 12th December	School Christmas Dinner
Friday 14th December	Reception Christmas Assembly Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 17th December	EYFS Christmas Part Day – non-uniform
Tuesday 18th December	Y1 to Y4 Christmas Party Day – non-uniform
Wednesday 19th December	Last day of autumn term – school closes at 3.15pm
Thursday 20th December – Wednesday 2nd January 2019	Winter holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED

Letters sent home this week		
Letter Content:	Who sent to:	Date sent:
DILS - Year 4 St Albans	Y4	02/11/2018
DILS - Arts and Craft Club Year 4	Y4	01/11/2018
DILS - Children in Need Bring and Buy Sale	R - Y4	01/11/2018
DILS - Salvation Army Bake sale	R – Y4	31/10/2018
DILS - Reception Coverage of Work Week 9	R	31/10/2018
DILS - Nursery Coverage of Work	Nursery	30/10/2018