



DILS News



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PE Days – We are delighted that at DILS we are able to provide specialist PE coaches in multisport, dance and gymnastics to teach our children from Year 1 to Year 4. Each coach comes into school on a different day as our facilities and space is limited. We want the children to have access to all of these coaches. To be able to do this each year group will have a set number of weeks with each coach, and then it will change. The first of these changes will happen from next week, so some classes will be changing their PE days.

Below are this half terms PE days for each year group, starting next week. Please can Year 1 to Year 3 children come to school dressed in their PE kit which should consist of **house colour T-Shirt, school logo cardigan or jumper and either red PE shorts or black jogging bottoms or leggings**. If you have purchased the blue school branded tracksuit from Best look, this can also be worn. Year 4 children are to bring their kit into school on each PE day.

Please do not sent your child to school in dance attire or branded/coloured track suits. PE kit is part of the uniform, PE days should not be considered a dress down day.

- Year 1 – Monday & Tuesday
- Year 2 – Monday & Thursday
- Year 3 – Wednesday & Thursday
- Year 4 – Monday & Wednesday

100th Anniversary of Armistice - On Sunday 11 November Mrs Stirling and a group of Y4 student leaders will be attending the Dunstable Remembrance Parade, marking the 100th Anniversary of Armistice. As a poignant memorial, the whole school have put together a display at our main reception area.



A New Face at the Gate – This week we welcomed a new member to the DILs team; Bennett Acosta. Bennett is our new site agent and you will see him every day at the school gate.

Christmas Dinner – Christmas Dinner will be held on Wednesday 12th December. More information on how to order a Christmas meal for your child will be sent home soon.

Mums and Tots – This week, Claire Wells Who has run the ‘mums and tots’ group on a volunteer basis for the last 5 years stepped down. We would like to publicly thank Claire for running the group for so long. At the moment we do not have anyone to step into Claire’s shoes. If you would be willing to take the lead at mums and tots, please contact the school office for more information.

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. Please inform your child’s class teacher if you do not have the correct uniform.

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Class of the Week – This week’s Class of the Week for winning the most House Points was 4G.

Class Teacher Award winners - This week’s winners had lunch with Mrs Hunter and they were:

RA – Noah, RK – Millie, 1S – Surina, 1W – Harry, 2HS – Miller, 2KS – Ellie, 3F – Millie
3J – Adelina, 4G – Florence, 4C – Kelisha

Odd Sock Day: Monday 12 November - 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.

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. If you are able to help in any capacity for the Christmas Fayre please let either Miss Flower or Mrs Haynes know. You can also see our Facebook page DILS PTA.

Changes to Term dates – please check the Central Bedfordshire website for term dates as they are subject to change. Following discussions with Bedford Borough Council, in order to be consistent with the other local authorities in the eastern region, it has been agreed to amend the February half term dates. February 2020 half term dates have been amended to - **Monday 17 February 2020 to Friday 21 February 2020**.

Website – We are always adding new content to our website, please visit the ‘our learning, learning resources’ page for lists of words for all year groups

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 2KS will be doing the patrol week commencing 12/11/2018, 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.

Book Fair – we have raised £1650.00 from the Book Fair. This money will enable us to buy amazing new books for our children! Thank you very much!

Key Dates for Term 1	
Sunday 11th November	Dunstable Remembrance Parade
Monday 12th November	Odd Sock Day
Tuesday 13th November	Year 2 History Day
Wednesday 14th November	Y1 – Y4 performance assembly by ALTRU
Wednesday 15th November	Year 3 war memorial visit
Thursday 15th November	Children in Need – Bring and Buy sale – see letter sent to parents
Friday 16th November 9.00am	2HS Class Assembly
Friday 23rd November 9.00am	2KS Class Assembly



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Friday 23rd November	Mufti Day – Dress down for chocolate or hamper donations PTA
Monday 26th November – Friday 7 December	Whole School Santa Challenge
Saturday 1st December 12-3	PTA Christmas Fayre
Friday 7th December	Nursery Christmas Assembly Dunstable Torchlight Procession
Tuesday 11th December	Year 4 St Albans Trip
Wednesday 12th December	School Christmas Dinner for whole school
Friday 14th December	Reception Christmas Assembly Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 17th December	EYFS Christmas Party 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 - DILS PE Days	Y1-Y4	08/11/2018
DILS - Nursery coverage of work	Nursery	05/11/2018
DILS - RA Picnic	RA	07/11/2018
DILS - Year 3 educational visit	Y3	08/11/2018
DILS - Applying for a school place	Nursery	07/11/2018
DILS - Reception Coverage of Work Week 10	Nursery	30/10/2018