



DILS News



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We have had such a busy time across the school this week, with so many wonderful learning opportunities taking place. We had odd socks on Monday to give children across the school the opportunity to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique. Tuesday and Year 2 turned the school into Scutari Hospital and many injured soles were treated with care. Wednesday and Altru drama group visited school to deliver a performance on anti-bullying and the power we all have in ourselves to be Superheroes to children from Year 1 to Year 4. Thursday was our Bring and Buy sale in support of Children in Need. This morning 2HS shared an assembly with parents all about their learning on Victorians. It has been an incredible week which has also allowed us to celebrate the value of Artsmark and the creative opportunities it brings.

DILS Tweets: Are you following us? - Follow us on Twitter for reminders and updates of events and news at DILS. <https://twitter.com/IcknieldL>

Y2 History Days - On Tuesday 13th November, Year 2 had a special Florence Nightingale Day. In the morning the children enjoyed a variety of art activities such as making nurses sashes, pill boxes and lockets as well as decorating pill boxes for the injured soldiers. In the afternoon our school hall was transformed into Scutari Hospital! The children had a fantastic time cleaning the hospital, doing the laundry and cooking for the injured soldiers. We also had some excellent doctors bandaging up all the wounds. It was lovely to see them all in character and absorbed in their learning. Thank you to all the parent helpers who helped to make it a thoroughly enjoyable day for all!





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100th Anniversary of Armistice - On Sunday 11 November Mrs Stirling and a group of Y4 student leaders attended the Dunstable Remembrance Parade, marking the 100th Anniversary of Armistice. The children were brilliant ambassadors for our school, and a credit to school and parents.



ALTRU – Below are some photos of the performance delivered by Altru this week, called ‘Superhero School’. They gave a very entertaining and thought-provoking performance to support the message of anti-bullying week to the children



Dunstable Torchlight Procession – This week the children in Year 4 were encouraged to try out for a special choir which will take part in the annual Torchlight procession on Friday 7 December. More information will be sent out next week to parents/carers of children who are invited to take part. Due to a cap on numbers on the night, this choir is currently limited to children in Year 4.

Parent Afternoon – On Thursday 29 November at 2pm there will be an information afternoon for parents on the curriculum and learning opportunities for our children at DILS. If you have any questions or would like to know more about what your children are learning at school and why please contact the school office and register your interest.

Mr Ross is Getting Married – We would like to take this opportunity to wish our tennis and multisports coach, Ross, the very best of luck as he prepares for his wedding on Saturday 24 November.

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.

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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

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.

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

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

RA – Ronnie, RK – Oliver, 1S – Oscar, 1W – Esma, 2HS – Drake, 2KS – Aiden, 3F – Benjamin, 3J – Grace, 4G – Kian, 4C – Kai

PTA – The DILS PTA Christmas Fayre will take place on **Saturday 1st December from 12-3pm**. We will be holding a mufti day (when children can wear non-uniform for the 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

Road Safety Week - Next week is Road Safety Week. The children will be learning about how to stay safe when travelling or walking during the day and at night.

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 3F will be doing the patrol week commencing 19/11/2018, 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.



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Key Dates for Term 1	
Monday 19th – Friday 23rd November	Road Safety Week
Friday 23rd November 9.00am	2KS Class Assembly
Friday 23rd November	Mufti Day – Dress down (non-uniform day) for chocolate or hamper donations PTA
Monday 26th November – Friday 7 December	Whole School Santa Challenge
Thursday 29th November 2pm	Parent Information Afternoon
Saturday 1st December 12-3pm	PTA Christmas Fayre
Friday 7th December	Nursery Christmas Assembly Dunstable Torchlight Procession 6.30pm
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 for EYFS
Tuesday 18th December	Y1 to Y4 Christmas Party Day – non-uniform for Y1 - Y4
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 - Christmas Dinner	R - Y4	16/11/2018
DILS - Y3 Dunstable War Memorial trip	Y3	12/11/2018
DILS - Children In Need - Bring and buy sale	R – Y4	12/11/2018
DILS - PGL Trip – reminder	Y4	12/11/2018
DILS - Nursery Coverage of Works	Nursery	12/11/2018