



DILS News



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Central Bedfordshire SOS for Parents – This week we were reminded that winter is here and the possibility of snow is creeping ever closer. Central Bedfordshire have an automatic notification system for parent and carers to sign up to which will alert you if the school is closed for any reason. Please follow the link below and register for this service. You can register for as many CBC schools as you like.

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

New Vacancy – We have a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant please visit our website for further details

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?pid=44&action=saved>

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

2018 parental survey – Our 2018 parental survey is available on our website until 17th December, please visit:

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/survey/?pid=3&form=27> to take part.

Poppy appeal – We are delighted to have raised £217.10 for the Royal British Legions poppy appeal through the sale of items at school. A huge thank you from us and the Legion for your support.

Children in Need Bring and Buy - Thank you very much for supporting our fundraising cause, we have raised £169.80 for Children in Need!



Dunstable War Memorial visit - Last Thursday, Year 3 went to the War Memorial in Dunstable. We looked at the poppy wreaths and discussed why they had been had left there. Year 3 were able to talk about the centenary of the end of the First World War and understood what the names and dates meant on the memorial.

Head Lice – Every week, take a peek.

Head lice are frequent visitors in schools and prevention is always better than cure. To minimise the risk of catching head lice, we recommend that all children with hair long enough, wear it tied back. A quick check of your child's hair once a week will also minimise the risk.

The following is information available on the Gov.UK website.

'Head lice are tiny insects that live only on humans, feeding on blood. Eggs are grey or brown and about the size of a pinhead; are glued to the hair, close to the scalp and hatch in 7 to 10 days. Empty egg shells (nits) are white and shiny and are found further along the hair shaft as they grow out.'

Spread

Head lice are spread by direct head-to-head contact and therefore tend to be more common in children because of the way they play. They cannot jump, fly or swim. When newly infected, cases have no symptoms. Itching and scratching on the scalp occurs 2 to 3 weeks after infection. There is no incubation period. Treatment is only needed if live lice are seen. Dimeticone, a silicone oil (like Hedrin) or malathion, an insecticide are recommended treatments. Alternatively, lice can be physically removed by combing through hair that has been lubricated with a conditioner using a fine-toothed detector comb.'



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Values Heart – You may have noticed that our beautiful values heart has been missing from outside the school for a while. Unfortunately, our heart was victim to the strong winds we had last year. We are working on getting the heart fixed and will hopefully have it back up soon.

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.

Early Years Foundation Stage – End of the day dismissal – to ensure all children are safely dismissed to their parent / carer, we will be tracing lines on the playground to show where the parents/ carers of each class need to stand. We politely ask you to keep the gate area at the bottom of the steps clear at all times. Thank you for your support.

Nursery Christmas Assembly – AM and PM Nursery parents are invited to the assembly from 09:00-09:30 AM on Friday the 7th December 2018. After the performance, afternoon children will leave with their parents, then return for normal session in the afternoon.

Nursery Christmas Party – there will be no morning session on Monday the 17th December 2018. All Nursery children will be invited to the Nursery Christmas party for the afternoon session from 12:15 – 15:15 PM. Children are allowed to wear their own party clothes; please ensure they are dressed appropriately for the weather. We kindly request no fancy dress.

Reception Christmas Assembly – Parents are invited to the assembly from 09:00 – 09:30 on Friday the 14th December 2018. If you have a younger child, they are also welcome to attend.

Reception Christmas Party – Monday 17th December Children are allowed to wear their own party clothes; please ensure they are dressed appropriately for the weather. We kindly request no fancy dress.

Christmas Dinner – Christmas Dinner will be held on Wednesday 12th December. If your child would like to have Christmas dinner, please log on to Schools Cash Office to order your child's meal, you will be able to choose the meat or vegetarian option. You can also make payment for this meal online (£2.30 Years 3 & 4 only need pay).

<https://www.scopay.com/login.html> We would be very grateful if you could order your child's dinner by

Thursday 6th December so our chef can order the right amount of food.

End of Term Whole School Singing Concert – To celebrate the end of a very busy term we are delighted to invite all parents to Dunstable Conference Centre for a whole school singing concert on Wednesday 19 December. More details will be shared with parents and carers nearer the time.

Class of the Week – This week's Class of the Week for winning the most House Points was 2KS.

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

RA – Holly, RK – Stanley, 1S – Freya, 1W – Eliza, 2HS – Amara, 2KS – Alessia, 3F – Daria,
3J – Harry, 4G – Julian, 4C – Ekpemi

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PTA – The DILS PTA Christmas Fayre will take place on **Saturday 1st December from 12-3pm**. Thank you to everyone for the amazing donations today. 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**.

Santa challenge – starts Monday 26th November and runs until Friday 7th December. Children will have to scoot, cycle or walk to school. If you usually drive, you can park a little distance away and walk to school.

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 **1W** will be doing the patrol week commencing 26/11/2018, 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.

Key Dates for Term 1	
Friday 30th November 9.00am	2KS Class Assembly (moved from 23 Nov)
Monday 26th November – Friday 7 December	Whole School Santa Challenge
Thursday 29th November 2pm	Parent Information Afternoon - register your interest with the school office
Saturday 1st December 12-3pm	PTA Christmas Fayre
Friday 7th December	Nursery Christmas Assembly 09:00 – 09:30 Dunstable Torchlight Procession 6.30pm
Tuesday 11th December	Year 4 St Albans Trip

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Wednesday 12th December	School Christmas Dinner for whole school
Friday 14th December	Reception Christmas Assembly 09:00 – 09:30 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	Whole School Singing Concert at Dunstable Conference Centre 2.00pm 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 - PTA	R - Y4	23/11/2018
DILS - Mufti day Friday 23 rd November	R - Y4	22/11/2018
DILS – 2KS class assembly	2KS	20/11/2018
DILS - Christmas dinner menu 2018	R – Y4	19/11/2018