



DILS News

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Year 2KS Assembly – A huge well done to 2KS and staff for a wonderful class assembly on the Victorians on Friday. They were a credit to the school and demonstrated how adaptable they are after the unexpected re-scheduling of their assembly. Thank you to all those who came along to support and enjoy the assembly.

Christmas Dinner Deadline - 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> Dinner's should be ordered by **Thursday 6th December** so our chef can order the right amount of food. The school office will be happy to help if you are unable to book and pay online.

PTA – The DILS PTA Christmas Fayre will take place **TOMORROW, Saturday 1st December from 12-3pm**. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for a fun packed afternoon.



Sing Up Morning - On Tuesday the 27th November Year 3 were joined by children from Tithe Farm to perform their Sing Out Play Out songs that Mrs Thompson has been teaching them this term. They performed them to Year 2 and Year 4. This was a practice at performing songs that they've learnt separately, in a large group to an audience for the first time. This ties in with our Artsmark work and gives children the necessary experience to perform at the Grove Theatre in term 3. They sang fabulously and should be very proud of themselves!



Parent Information Afternoon – Thank you to all parents and carers who came along to learn more about your child's learning and the expectations of the curriculum. We hope you found this informative.



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Permissions Online – As we move forward with online communications more permissions and payments will be made online to keep pace with technology and cashless payments. If you are finding it difficult to access or use these systems, please feedback to us so we can look at ways to improve the system.

DILS is a Healthy School – As we are often told by the media and health professionals, the UK has an increasing obesity and diabetes problem in our population. At DILS we promote a healthy lifestyle and healthy choices every day. Therefore, we do not endorse the sharing of sweets, sweet treats or cakes for birthdays and celebrations in school or in the playground at the beginning and end of the day. We ask you save and share these treats at out of school events and parties, helping to reinforce with children that these are occasional treats for special occasions. The habits children learn now will last them a lifetime.

Central Bedfordshire SOS for Parents – Have you registered? 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/>

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.

EARLY YEARS NEWS:

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.

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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 2HS.

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

RA – Spencer, RK – Sienna C, 1S – Max, 1W – Rose, 2HS – Esme, 2KS – Ruby, 3F – Tilly,
3J – Steven, 4G – Chloe, 4C – Oscar

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 **4G** will be doing the patrol week commencing 03/12/2018, 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	
Monday 26th November – Friday 7 December	Whole School Santa Challenge
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
Wednesday 12th December	School Christmas Dinner for whole school
Thursday 13th December	Year 4 Full House panto trip
Friday 14th December	Year 1 Christmas Carols at Dukeminster Court
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:
DCC Christmas Carol Concert	Whole School	27/11/2018
Year 4 Panto trip	Year 4	29/11/2018

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Nursery Coverage of work	Nursery	26/11/2018
Reception coverage of work	Reception	27/11/2018
PE Days	3J	27/11/2018
Year 1 Carol singing trip	Year 1	28/11/2018