



# DILS News

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**Nursery Performance** – Morning and Afternoon Nursery groups came together to brighten the day on a very wet and miserable Friday morning for a joint performance of Christmas songs to the delight of a large and proud audience of parents and carers. The children remembered the words to the songs and coordinated these with actions and percussion playing – no mean feat. Our Chair of Governors, Mrs Rowena Harrison, was very impressed with the achievements of the children. Well done to the nursery team, led by Mrs Angus for supporting their children with their learning for this public event.

**Torchlight** – DILS will be represented by a choir of enthusiastic and musical Year 4 children at the Dunstable Torchlight event on Friday evening at 7pm. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible supporting our children at this event.

**Santa Challenge ends – the count up begins!** – Our Santa Challenge ended on Friday 7 December. Mr Williams will now collect and count up the figures and share these with you in next week's newsletter.

**Supporting Children with Food Allergies** – For some of us, adults and children, food allergies must be considered and managed every day and at every meal or snack. In order to fully support the children in our school who live with a nut allergy we ask that, where possible, parents avoid including nuts of all sorts in packed lunch boxes. **Food allergies cannot be taken lightly, as they can be life threatening.**

There are lots of websites that have ideas for practical and healthy nut-free snacks. The NHS site 'Change 4 Life' also gives a wealth of advice on promoting a healthy lifestyle for your child.

<https://change4life.service.nhs.uk/change4life>

**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.

**PTA Fair and Santa's Float** – The PTA have been working very hard over the last couple of weeks. The annual PTA Christmas Fair was another successful event organised by the hard-working PTA volunteers and helpers. Thank you to all those who came along and congratulations to every prize winner.

Also, even more thanks to the PTA and members of staff who supported the Dunstable Rotary Club Santa's Float on Tuesday evening. Great fun and exercise was had by all!

**Parenting Support Course** – Information has been sent out to Nursery, Reception and Year 1 parents about a Home Start parenting course run by parents for parents.

**After School Clubs** – Next week will be the last week for our after-school PE clubs (Gymnastics, Tennis and Zumba). All clubs will end by Friday 14 December and will re-start in Term 2 – dates to be announced.

**Christmas Jumper day** – Friday 14 December is Christmas Jumper Day. Children can wear a seasonal jumper instead of their usual school jumper for that day.



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**Whole School Singing Concert on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Please can permission slips be returned to the school office by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. As the whole school are taking part in this event, there will be no provision at school for children to remain on the premises. Children not taking part in the concert can be collected from school by an adult before lunch, at 11.30am.

**Lost property** – We have a large collection of un-named lost property which has been collected over the last term. If your child has lost something please ask them to check lost property. This week a **Fit Bit** has been handed into the school office, if you have lost one and can identify it please pop into the school office.

## **VACANCIES - Relief Midday Supervisors and Level 4 HLTA**

We are looking for energetic individuals to join our team on an occasional basis. If you are free between the hours of 11.40am -1.30pm and would like to join our team of Mid-day supervisors.

Please call into our school office for more information.

A Level 4 HLTA vacancy has opened at DILS. Please go to the school website for more information.

**Reporting an absence** - If your child happens to be absent from school, please phone the school office on 01582 663709 before 08:45 to notify us.

**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.

**Breakfast & After School Clubs** – Please ensure you have set up your online account to enable you to book or cancel the breakfast and afterschool clubs as requested. You can also cancel a booking with the school office before midday to avoid being charged. Non-cancellations will still be charged.

**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/>

**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.



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**Nursery Christmas Party** – there will be no morning session on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018. If you have a younger child, they are also welcome to attend.

**Reception Christmas Party** – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Class of the Week** – This week’s Class of the Week for winning the most House Points was RK

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

RA – Kaiyen, RK – Karim, 1S – Tiwa, 1W – Matthew, 2HS – Jake, 2KS – Kayden, 3F – Jacob, 3J – Saraya, 4G – Christopher, 4C – Kieran

**Parking Wise, Saves Lives** - As part of our parking campaign, from Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018 until Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018, our pupils will be undertaking the 'Parking Wise, Saves Lives' car parking patrol. Children in 2HS will be doing the patrol week commencing 10/12/2018, 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	
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 7 December</b>	Whole School Santa Challenge
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 4 St Albans Trip
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	School Christmas Dinner for whole school
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 4 Full House panto trip
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 1 Christmas Carols at Dukeminster Court
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reception Christmas Assembly 09:00 – 09:30 Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	EYFS Christmas Party Day – non-uniform for EYFS
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Y1 to Y4 Christmas Party Day – non-uniform for Y1 - Y4
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Whole School Singing Concert at Dunstable Conference Centre 2.00pm Last day of autumn term – school closes at 3.15pm
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019</b>	Winter holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED

Letters sent home this week		
Letter Content:	Who sent to:	Date sent:
DILS - EPEC - Parenting Course	Nursery to Y1	07/12/2018
DILS - Carol Concert Nursery arrangements	Nursery	05/12/2018

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Nursery Coverage of work	Nursery	04/12/2018