



DILS News



Dunstable Icknield Lower School Newsletter Issue 12
14th December 2018

Only three more school days left to the end of term – Next week will be a busy week for all children in school. On Monday Nursery and Reception will be enjoying their Christmas party day. Tuesday will be party day for Year 1 to Year 4 children. On Wednesday the whole school will be taking part in a celebration end of term singing concert at Dunstable Conference centre.

Whole School Singing Concert on Wednesday 19th December – On Wednesday your child should come to school in their school uniform. They will not need their PE kit or school bag, or any bag if they are having a school lunch. If your child is having a packed lunch, we ask that they bring it to school on that day in disposable wrappers and containers so there will be nothing for them to forget at the end of the day.

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.

PE Days – PE specialist coached lessons will change for the next half term. From Monday 7th January until Thursday 8th February, PE days will be:

Year 1; Monday & Tuesday
Year 2; Monday & Thursday
Year 3; Wednesday & Monday
Year 4; Thursday & Wednesday

Reception Performance – There was a large and expectant audience waiting to be entertained by our Reception children at their performance on Friday morning. And they were certainly entertained. The children did a magnificent job, remembering all their lines, moves, songs and starring moments. It was amazing to see how much their learning has moved forward this term. Thank you to the appreciative audience and to our Chair of Governors, Mrs Rowena Harrison, for coming along to watch and support the children. Well done to the reception team for preparing the children so well for this performance.

Christmas Lunch at school – The whole school enjoyed their Christmas lunch on Wednesday, served by their class teachers in the dining hall that had been decorated by staff. Thank you to our catering staff who delivered a healthy Christmas lunch.

Christmas Jumper Day – We had a jolly and colourful day today as many children chose to come to school in their Christmas jumpers. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Torchlight – The Year 4 children who took part in the Dunstable Torchlight event last week were a credit to school and their families. They sang beautifully and thoroughly enjoyed themselves on a brisk cold and dry evening. Thank you to all those who came along to support the children at the event, and to Mrs White, Mrs Ridler, Mrs Kent, Mrs Barnett and Mrs Sakka who supported the children.



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Santa Challenge ends – the count up begins! – Our Santa Challenge ended on Friday 7 December. Congratulations to 3J for cycling, scooting and walking the most to school!

What can your child access on a Smart TV? - Is your child lucky enough to have access to a Smart TV? Did you know that you can set parental controls on your TV to keep your child safe from inappropriate material. For more information and advice please see the advice on the website below:

<http://home.bt.com/tech-gadgets/internet/smart-tv-parental-controls-safe-for-children-11364111360240>

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 – booking information will be sent home on Wednesday 2nd January.

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/>

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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 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 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.

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 – Emily, RK – Mason, 1S – Shayan, 1W – Jayla-Dee, 2HS – Jessica, 2KS – Jenson, 3F – Thomas, 3J – George, 4G – Alexander, 4C – Harry

Parking Wise, Saves Lives – Parking Wise will return at the beginning of next term.

Key Dates for Term 1	
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 - Nursery Coverage of Works	Nursery	10/12/2018
DILS - PE Days	Y1 - Y4	14/12/2018
DILS - REMINDER - EPEC - Parenting Course	Nursery - Y1	14/12/2018