



DILS News



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Animal Crackers in Year 2 – This week Year 2 have been visited by some weird and wonderful (and very friendly) animals to support their learning. I hope the children have been sharing all of their new facts and knowledge with you all at home.

Well Done to Year 4 – The Year 4 children are managing brilliantly with independent morning and afternoon arrival and dismissal routines. Unfortunately, the collecting adults at the end of the day are becoming a health and safety concern as they congregate in front of the school gates. Can I ask all adults awaiting Year 4 children to stay away from the gate entrance to allow safe access to all other children and adults.

Reading Workshops - We all know that reading and literacy is a vital part of everyday life for adults. Do you know what you can do to help your child's reading development at home? On Friday 19th January from 9.00am until 10.00am we will be holding a reading workshop for parents sharing ideas and tips on how to support reading development at home. Please cut and paste the link below and complete the online sign up form if you wish attend as places are limited.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=NRyRK4_1n0m21P5sKawwJp6i8zogewBLlf_opXh9W6RUN1ZLNzRTRTJaNkVRTjdZSDc4MklURIAwQi4u

Winter Illness - It is the time of the year when bugs and colds are everywhere. We can all reduce the spread of these common winter illnesses by reminding children to:

- Wash their hands after they have been to the toilet and before they eat
- Covering their mouths if they cough or sneeze
- Wiping and blowing their nose using a tissue

Chicken Pox has made its seasonal appearance in school. If you suspect your child has chicken pox please let school know. Children may return to school once spots have dried up.

Head Lice – Head lice are a common occurrence. Earlier in the week a letter was sent to all parents giving information and advice about how to treat head lice. Please check your child's hair. If your child does have lice or nits, you may wish to consider treating it with a product available from the chemist or by using a fine-tooth comb and lots of hair conditioner.

Verruca's - Verruca's are also a common occurrence in children. If your child has a verruca on their foot and they are taking part in gymnastics they must wear suitable footwear, such as plimsoles, to prevent the spread of verruca's to other children. Training shoes are not appropriate footwear for gymnastics as they do not allow full foot flex. More information on verruca's and treatment can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/warts-and-verrucas/>

Healthy Snacks Initiative - As part of our healthy living week, the children learnt about the government's new initiative to make children more aware of how to snack healthily. Their guidelines suggest two 100Kcal snacks a day as a maximum. You may have heard information about it in the media. The initiative is also about making snack time more healthy. Research has shown that on average, half the sugar children consume is through snacks and sugary drinks. We have explained to the children what calories are, and how to look for whether their snack has a 100 or more calories in it. For more information on this initiative, you can follow the link below:

https://www.nhs.uk/change4life?gclid=Cj0KCQiAyszSBRDJARIsAHAqQ4o-M9_AE_NjFRXxBVB9dglKbx4z_TLrlx_MwLG_GqJmjg64MFNKwhAaAugaEALw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds#04Piafs3EgGqJWgM.97 "

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Gymnastics Competition - On Wednesday 31st January 2018 we will have some children from Watling and Studham visiting us for a gymnastics competition. A group of children from 1S and 1W will be taking part as there is not enough time for everybody to participate. Due to space restrictions we are not able to invite parents in to watch.

Lego Club – Mrs Ridler would like to set up a Lego Club. If anybody has any old Lego or Duplo they could spare, please bring it to the school office. Thank you.

Email and Text Communication – As you are probably aware, we are currently experiencing difficulties with some of our communications to parents at the moment. We are in the process of securing a new system and hope it will be operational after February half term. Thank you for your ongoing patience.

Universal Infants Free School Meals – did you know that all children in Reception to Year 2 are entitled to a daily free school meal? Children who sit down and eat a meal with other children are more likely to try new foods. What a treat!

Parking Wise, Saves Lives - As part of our parking campaign, the week beginning 15th January 2018 **4L** will be undertaking the 'Parking Wise, Saves Lives' car parking patrol. Children in **4L** should come to school a little earlier, enter school through the front door and meet in the Library 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. From Monday 15th to Friday 19th January it will be the turn of **1S** to be on patrol.

Key Dates	
Friday 19th January	9.00am - 10.00am Parent Reading Workshop
Monday 29th January	2.30pm 4C Class Assembly
Wednesday 24th January	Y3 Faith Tour
Tuesday 6th February	Parents evening
Thursday 8th February	Parents evening
Monday 12th - Friday 16th February	Half Term holiday

Letters sent home this week		
Letter Content:	Who sent to:	Date sent:
Head Lice	All parents	9 th January 2018