



DILS News

Dunstable Icknield Lower School Newsletter Issue 16
5th January 2018



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

New Year, New Resolutions, New You? - It was lovely to see everyone back into school and ready to learn on Wednesday morning. To get everyone up and moving after the holiday indulgences, the children have focussed their learning on Healthy Living this week. It has been a wonderful start to the new term and a great way to reinforce healthy choices for children.

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.

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

Gift Recycling Service – We understand only too well that you can have too much of a good thing – so if you received any gifts that you would like to part with, the PTA will be more than happy to take them off your hands! They are able to recycle them as either hamper items or prizes for either our Summer and Christmas Fairs. We really appreciate support in this way as it really helps – and you can be sure your bubble bath is going to a good cause! Many thanks.

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 8 January 2018 **3F** will be undertaking the 'Parking Wise, Saves Lives' car parking patrol. Children in **3F** 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 **4L** to be on patrol.



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Considerate Driving – Pupil safety is our top priority at the beginning and end of each school day. We would be grateful of your support in this and request that you drive slowly and carefully in Burr Street and the surrounding roads.

Key Dates	
Wednesday 3rd January 2018	First day of Spring term
Thursday 11th January	Reception eye checks
Friday 19th January	9.00am - 10.00am Parent Reading Workshop
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:
School Clubs Letter	Year 1 to 4	3 rd Jan 2018
Zumba Letter	Year 1 to 4	3 rd Jan 2018