



DILS News



Dunstable Icknield Lower School Newsletter Issue 12
1st December 2017

The Choir at The Grove Theatre - Last Sunday the school choir performed on stage at The Grove Theatre as part of the Salvation Army Christmas concert. Every participant shone on stage and the children were a credit to the school and their parents. Thank you to Mrs Couldridge, Mrs Vogeli-Hunter and Mrs Fennessey who helped prepare the children, and to Coleen, who arranged and conducted the choir on the night. A wonderful opportunity to perform on a real theatre stage in front of a large live audience. Well done everyone!

St Alban's Trip – At the beginning of the week Year 4 went on an educational visit to Verulamium. It was a huge success and the children learned even more about Roman life.

Flu Vaccination – This week the school nurse came to visit bearing nasal sprays full of flu vaccination. As was reported in the news today, primary aged children are 'super spreaders' of bugs so any extra protection is good for everyone in school. You can help prevent the spread of illness in your home by reminding your child to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when they cough and sneeze, and to throw used tissues in the bin.

Bike It Breakfast – We had a brilliant hot breakfast this morning; perfect for this chilly winter weather. Thank you to all of the parents who supported this initiative and to the children who came along on their bikes and scooters. I think there were many miles travelled around the playground today.

Torchlight Procession – As I write this there are many excited children in school preparing for the annual Dunstable Torchlight Procession. We look forward to seeing you all along the route. Remember to wrap up warmly.

Christmas Dinner – Today was the deadline for ordering your child's Christmas Dinner. This has been extended to 4.00 pm on Monday 4th December 2017. If you have not already let the office know, please do so by then. alternatively, cut and paste the link below into your address bar and complete the online form.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=NRyRK4_1n0m21P5sKawwJp6i8zogewBLlf_opXh9W6RUMFZSNko3Q05KU0IXMDM0VE0zM09aUktGRy4u

If we do not receive a response, your child will not receive a Christmas dinner.

PTA Movie Nights - Tonight is our second PTA movie night. We look forward to enjoying a movie, popcorn and hotdogs with Year 2 later.

PTA Christmas Fair - On Saturday from 12 midday until 3pm the PTA are holding their annual Christmas Fair at school. We hope to see you all during the afternoon, and I have it under good authority that we may have a special guest visiting in our specially built grotto.

Poppy Appeal - This year as a school we raised £138.68 during the Poppy Appeal. Well done to all those who donated.

Playground climbing equipment – Children and parents will have noticed that some of our adventure playground equipment has been removed this week. This was as a result of our latest playground safety inspection. Equipment which remains is safe to use. Over the next term we will be putting together a long-term playground improvement plan to replace this equipment.



DILS News



Dunstable Icknield Lower School Newsletter Issue 12
1st December 2017

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 15th December is Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. For a small discretionary donation, children are allowed to come to school in their usual school uniform and instead of a school jumper they can wear a Christmas jumper.

Recording Christmas Performances – As there are families across the school who do not wish electronic images to be taken of their child in school, Dunstable Icknield Lower School will not be sharing any video footage of the upcoming Christmas Performances with parents. If you make any type of recording, please be reminded that the images should only be of your child and are not to be shared on social media.

Christmas Card Delivery - At this time of year many of our children choose to write out Christmas cards for their friends at school. It is lovely to see children sharing good wishes at school and writing or making their own cards. In order to support our robust safeguarding measures in school, we will no longer be distributing class lists to parents.

SUSTRANS Santa Challenge – The Travel Choices Hub would like to offer your children the opportunity of getting extra Santa Challenge miles. If they pop into the Hub with their parents on Saturday the 2nd or 9th the Hub staff will stamp their Santa Challenge Cards for extra miles and give them a badge.

Sustrans 40th Birthday Celebration and Travel Choices Re-Launch at the Hub - At 3.30pm on Thursday 7th December, parents and children are invited to pop into the Hub to get extra miles on their Santa Challenge card and also be entered into the Active Travel Tombola as part of our Sustrans 40th birthday celebrations and the re-launch of the Travel Choices Hub in Dunstable.

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! Next Tuesday, 5th December, it is a special menu of Tastes of China.

Parking Wise, Saves Lives - As part of our parking campaign, next week **1W** will be undertaking the 'Parking Wise, Saves Lives' car parking patrol. Children in **1W** 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 11th to Friday 15th December it will be the turn of **2HS** to be on patrol.

| Key Dates | |
|--|---|
| Saturday 2 nd December | PTA Christmas Fair |
| Tuesday 5 th December | Tastes of China special menu |
| Monday 11 th December | Year 4 Christmas performance |
| Tuesday 12 th December | Year 2 Christmas performance |
| Wednesday 13 th December | School Christmas Lunch |
| Wednesday 13 th December | Year 3 Christmas performance |
| Thursday 14 th December | Year 1 Christmas performance |
| Friday 15 th December | Reception Christmas performance |
| Friday 15 th December | 'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day |
| Monday 18 th December | Nursery Christmas performance |
| Tuesday 19 th December | Whole school party day – no school uniform |
| Tuesday 19 th December | Last day of term |
| Wednesday 3 rd January 2018 | First day of term |



DILS News



Dunstable Icknield Lower School Newsletter Issue 12
1st December 2017

| Letters sent home this week | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Letter Content: | Who sent to: | Date sent: |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |