



Newsletter

For all parents, staff, governors and pupils
Friday 9th November 2018



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the October half-term. It has been an exciting start to the new half term, with many children wrapping up to celebrate Halloween and watch the fireworks. This is another very action packed term. We have already issued a programme with important dates for this half term but if you need another copy please visit the school website under latest news. Many of our families have children in other schools, who are equally as action packed with events, so hopefully this will help you not to miss anything!

We have had some new children start with us this term, and several more to start in the coming weeks. Our children are always keen to help new children settle into our school well, which is a reflection on our parents and the school ethos for ensuring every child matters, please thank them for this, as we do.

This week many of our pupils have been learning about Remembrance Day and the symbol of the poppy. Each class have had the opportunity to make poppies which have formed part of the display at the front of the school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank a member of our support staff, Mrs Williams, for making the wonderful soldier silhouettes. Our school council have also had a busy week supporting the Royal British Legion by selling poppies at break time. By Wednesday they had already collected £523.96, we look forward to finding out the total in the next few weeks. What amazing support from everyone!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr R. Latham
Headteacher



ATTENDANCE:

The class with the best attendance for the week of 29th October is 10 with 100%.

The classes with the best attendance for the week of 5th November are 4M and 6S both with 97.8%.

Overall school attendance is currently 97.3% which is slightly over our school target of 97%. Well done!

Should your child not be well enough to attend school you should call the school office as soon as possible to report their absence. If there are any ongoing issues affecting the attendance of your child please speak to a member of staff as there are many ways in which the school can offer support.

BUILDING LEARNING POWERS:

The Building learning power for the week commencing 5th November is:

'Show Empathy'

The Building Learning Power for the week commencing 12th November is:

'Managing Your Emotions'

WELL DONE:

Sophia, Year 2, has passed her Tap and Modern Jazz dance exams with hours. Well done!

BRONZE MERIT AWARDS:

We are pleased to announce that we have presented our first bronze merit awards of the year to Drew in Reception and Christopher in Year 6. Well done to both pupils, what a fantastic achievement.



UPDATE FROM DILKES ACADEMY P.E. DEPARTMENT:

There are a number of sporting events coming up in the next few weeks. These are;

9th November - Girls Football v Tudor Court

13th November - Year 5 Intra X Country event

14th November - Boys Football v Aveley

15th November - Girls Football v Grays

16th November - Year 3/4 Thurrock SSP X Country event

23rd November - Year 5/6 Thurrock SSP X Country event

30th November - Year 5/6 Thurrock SSP Basketball competition

We wish all participating students good luck as they represent Dilkes Academy. Parents can keep informed of our progress at these events by following the PE department on Twitter @DilkesPE or by looking out for updates in future newsletters.

PARENT CONSULTATION SESSIONS:

Thank you to all parents/carers who have attended the parent consultation sessions. We will be holding the remainder of these sessions next week for years Nursery, 4, 5 and 6 as follows:

Monday 12th November 2018 - Year 4, Tuesday 13th November 2018 - Year 5

Wednesday 14th November 2018 - Year 6

Wednesday 21st November 2018 - Nursery AM, Wednesday 28th November 2018 - Nursery PM

We look forward to seeing you then.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS REMINDER:

As the countdown to Christmas begins we thought we would remind all parents/carers that the programme of our Christmas Concerts will begin on Monday 11th December 2018. You will have two opportunities to see your child perform, one performance will be for adults only and one will be family friendly with younger siblings invited. For information of dates and times of performances please check the Autumn Term Calendar on the Latest News section of the school website. There will be a whole school Christmas Party on Monday 17th December 2018 and children will be invited to wear a Christmas jumper.

