



Dunster First School- Friday News

Headteacher: Naomi Philp

15th September 2017

Dear parent, carer,

Another week has flown by here at our lovely school. We have included with this newsletter a calendar of events, showing key dates and weekly themes running up until the Christmas holiday. We have also included a 'by month' version for you to pop on the fridge and amend as term progresses. As a mum myself, I find the more I can plan in advance, and have something to scribble on when things inevitably alter, helps massively in keeping on top of everything. I hope you find it useful too.

Please note, that the Harvest Festival will be confirmed in next week's 'Friday letter;' although, we anticipate it will occur week commencing 2nd October. In addition, you may like to know that we intend to mark occasions like 'Children in Need,' but do not like to demand donations are given to participate. Donations can be given, if you choose, on those charity focussed days. For us, these charitable events that occur throughout the year will offer opportunities for learning and for reflection through activities that bring our community together.

When looking at the calendar, you will no doubt notice that our kitchen staff have really engaged with our curriculum and they are working hard to enrich our learning through our bellies! Our special celebration for 'World Food Day;' which has become 'World Food Week' for us, will reinforce our positive connection with our link school in Peru.

I am very much looking forward to meeting lots of you properly next Tuesday (19th September) at one of the informal sessions, either at the morning drop in from 9am-10am: 'Coffee, Tea and Buns,' or at the evening session from 6pm-7pm: 'Nibbles and Fizz.'

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the next FODS meeting on the 21st September, here at the school, starting at 7pm. Your school really needs you to help continue the amazing work that has occurred year on year raising much needed funds. The group needs those who have new and fresh ideas, as well as those who have been a supporters for years- 'we need you *all* and will welcome everyone.'

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Naomi Philp
Head teacher





Dunster First School- Friday News

Headteacher: Naomi Philp

Amazing Pupils:

- **Kindness:** Reception: **Layla Thrush** for letting everyone join in with her games and **Jacob Coles** for being really kind and helpful to Mrs Vickery on her first day in Reception Year 1: **Rebecca Jenkinson** for making Mrs Hall smile with a beautiful hand made card. Year 2: **Billy Williams** for letting a whole line of children go in front of him. Year 3: **Helaina Sherrin** for being kind with everyone. Year 4: **Abigail Lamb** for helping a younger child find their coat at playtime.
- **Achievement:** Reception: **Tyler Radford** for listening carefully and remembering all about the story of 'The Hungry Giant.' **Bea Bridal** for remembering and drawing pictures of 'The Hungry Giant,' and for trying her own writing. Year 1: **Cory Marshall** for trying extra hard to write using his sounds and letter shapes. Year 2: **Gracie Hodgkins** for being a brilliant Florence Nightingale in our play. Year 3: **Eban Golding** for his amazing picture showing the layers of the Earth with buried objects. Year 4: **Jacob Krasko** for working hard to settle back in and catching up.
- **Star of the Week:** This person really impressed me with their positive attitude to learning. I can see how hard they have tried this week to resolve disagreements by talking things through. They have been enthusiastic and keen to learn, even at playtime. They have also tried extra hard to model the right behaviours, even when others have forgotten. Modelling, showing others what is the right thing to do, is a great way to help us all get back on the right track. So our Star of the Week is
Alfie Thresher.

Weekly Notices:

Safeguarding/ Safety Notices:

- Thank you for driving and parking safely around our school site.
- Please be careful entering and leaving our school site as the gate is heavy.
- The attendance policy has been included for your perusal; **please avoid taking term time leave.**

Other notices:

- **School Photographs:** Friday 22nd September is school photograph day. As was the case last year, proofs of photographs, a price list and an order form will be sent home at the end of the day. You can then decide whether or not you want to order a photograph. Photographs will also be taken with siblings who attend our school and, again, these will be sent home as proofs at the end of the day. As in previous years, we will be providing you with the opportunity of having family photographs to include children of pre-school age and/or children who have left our school. We will start taking these family groups in the school hall from 8.00am. If you are unable to come into school at this time we will ensure that children with siblings within school have a photograph taken together.

Tel: 01643 821254 Fax: 01643 821243 dunsterfirstschool@educ.somerset.gov.uk www.dunsterfirstschool.org.uk

13 St Georges Street
Dunster, Minehead
TA24 6RX

Class photographs will also be taken, although proofs of these photographs and order forms will not be sent home for a couple of weeks.

Miss Collins will be writing to parents and carers with children in the Reception Class inviting all of the children in the class to attend on the morning of Friday September 22nd so that they can have their photograph taken.

- **Year 4 Parents Open Evening at Minehead Middle School:** There will be an open evening on Tuesday 3rd October 6.30-8.00pm for those parents whose children will be transferring to the middle school in September 2018. More details about about this evening and other important dates will follow shortly.
- **Friends of Dunster AGM:** The annual general meeting of FODs will take place on Thursday 21st September at 7.00 pm in the school hall. Please come along and lend your support in raising vital funds for our school.