



# Dunster First School- Friday News

Headteacher: Naomi Philp

29<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear parent, carer,

Our 'switch off fortnight' has begun and the pupils have been excellent at reminding us to turn off lights and computers across the school. We hope they have been able to, not just reduce energy consumption, but maybe save a few pennies at home too! This Eco-Schools sustainability project also links in to our citizenship and SEAL themes of 'being human and how should I live?' In assemblies we have discussed human and children's rights, and also our responsibilities as human beings. The children identified ways they wanted to take responsibility for keeping our school a safe and happy place to be. They also extended their thinking and discussed ways they could be responsible for the environment. Our pupils are so thoughtful, and I am so proud of how they have embraced our themes, and also our rewards; they are now regularly nominating each other for acts of kindness and for their commitment to learning.

Our Reception pupils found their feet this week with tours of the school; they seemed delighted to discover the 'loft' with the offices upstairs and the staffroom with biscuits seemed a place of utter fascination.

Thank you to everyone who has attended a curriculum information session after school - we hope you have found these helpful and informative. An additional thank you to everyone who has acted as a school guardian, by completing our stakeholder parent survey; the comments will be captured in a 'Butterfly' report which will go out to all parents before half term.

Next week is our Harvest festival, the classes have prepared poems and songs and we hope you will be able to join us at 9:30am at the church on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Naomi Philp  
Head teacher





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## Amazing Pupils:

- **Kindness: Reception: Ben Price** for trying really hard to cheer up his friend when he had hurt himself. **Year 1: Jasper Mayhew** for bringing in his own trains to donate to the class. **Year 2: Ella Woodward** for helping Max with his DT paper investigation and making Mrs Vickery a fabulous straw bracelet. **Year 3: Rose Worley** for checking that her teachers have a nice lunchtime and afternoon. **Year 4: Emily Johnson** for kindness all week to everyone.
- **Achievement: Reception: Jorja Lewington** for trying very hard with her counting and number work. **Year 1: Toby Ware** for being whizzy with number bonds! **Year 2: Max Munro** for having great knowledge when we made our class world map in geography. **Year 3: Elliott Freegard** for his story about a hedgehog family going on a train. **Year 4: Cameron Hodgkins** for excellent independent writing.
- **Star of the Week:** This person has really impressed me because of how they are embracing each opportunity at school. They are really standing out to me, because of how they have offered suggestions and ideas in our assemblies, how they sensibly move about the school, and their excellent manners. They also really throw themselves into activities, really going for it and trying their best; like in singing this week- great to see! **So, our Star of the Week is .... Charlotte McClafferty**
- **Lunchtime manners and great eating awards: Toby Ware** for being good and playing well with his friends. **Corey Creech** lines up without making a fuss. **William Bishop** who is good at eating his lunch. **Jacob Krasko** for always being helpful. **Kitchen's Award: Jack Radford** for eating all his veg and always saying please and thank you.

## Weekly Notices:

### Safeguarding/ Safety Notices:

- Thank you for continuing to park and drive safely around our school.

### Other notices:

- **Year 4 Open Evening at Danesfield Middle School:** There will be an open evening at Danesfield Middle School on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm. A letter from Danesfield School about this evening has been sent home with the Year 4 children this week.
- **Harvest Festival:** Please join us at our Harvest Festival on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30am at St Georges Church, Dunster. Once again we will be collecting groceries (tins and packets) and fresh produce for Bampton Court. Harvest gifts can be brought into school on the morning of the service and taken to your child's classroom. A collection for St Georges Church will also be taken at the end of the service.
- **Midday Supervisor Vacancy:** If you are interested in joining our team of Midday Supervisors or know somebody who might be, please ask at the school office for more details and an application form. The closing date for returning completed forms is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 12.00 noon.

- **Advent Fair Planning Meeting:** Thursday October 12th at 7.00 pm in Year 4 Classroom. This is our biggest fundraising event of the year and FODs need as much help as possible with the planning and preparation. If you would like to get involved, come along to the meeting – everybody is welcome!

- **Parent and Teacher Meetings**

Meetings for parents and carers with teachers will take place on the following dates:

Monday October 16<sup>th</sup> 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm

Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup> 4.00 pm - 7.00 pm

We would hope that all of the parents and carers with children at our school would want to attend these meetings. In order to help us with our appointment planning, could you please complete the accompanying reply slip and return it to your child's teacher. When all of the slips have been received they will be returned to you with the approximate time of your appointment - wherever possible, we will do our best to accommodate those parents and carers with children in different classes. We are aiming to give parents and carers about ten minutes with their child's teacher. By giving you plenty of notice for these meetings we hope that you will be able to make childcare arrangements for your children and that they will not accompany you on these evenings.

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## Parent / Teacher Meetings

Please complete the slip below by ticking the times at which you would be able to attend and return it to school as soon as possible.

We would be grateful if you could be as flexible as possible

### Monday October 16th

5.00pm to 6.00pm

6.00pm to 7.00pm

7.00pm to 8.00pm

### Tuesday October 17th

4.00pm to 5.00pm

5.00pm to 6.00pm

6.00pm to 7.00pm

Name of child .....

Year .....

Signature of parent .....

Please return this form to your child's teacher