



## 16th October 2020 Newsletter

<b>October</b>	
<b>Wednesday 21st</b>	<b>Birthday assembly</b> for children who have a birthday in October. This will be a virtual assembly in school led by Mrs Kent. <b>Dare to be Different</b> – Non School Uniform Day - details below
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Training days – <b>school closed to children</b>
<b>Half Term Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October –Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
<b>November</b>	
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>CHANGE TO DATES: 3.30- 6.30pm</b> <b>Virtual parent consultation meetings</b> will be held with your child's class teacher. Further details will follow nearer the time.
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent Open Sessions 10am & 1.30pm for prospective Reception at Downs View and prospective Year 3 parent/carers at Kennington
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Parent Open Sessions 10am & 1.30pm for prospective Reception at Downs View and year 3 parent/carers at Kennington

	<i>Weekly school attendance</i>	<i>Days missed across the school this week</i>	<i>Best class attendance for the week</i>	<i>Overall attendance for the year</i>
	<b>97.60%</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Polar Bear 99.62%</b>	<b>98.05</b>

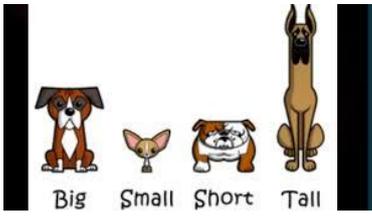
**We are so pleased that our attendance this week is outstanding. We appreciate that it is difficult to know whether to send your child into school or not and hope that the guidance below and recent poster with a flow chart will give you some advice to help you make a decision.**

	 <b>Reading Champion</b>	 <b>Star of the week</b>	 <b>Active Award</b>	 <b>Star Table</b>	 <b>Walk on Wednesday Feet on Friday</b>
<b>Mrs Kent will hold a virtual celebration assembly on the Monday following the announcement of these awards in the newsletter and stickers/badges and star table event will be given out and take place on a Monday</b>					
	Archie	Maisy	Raniesha Harry F	Rocky	Emma
	Indya	Perry-Joe	Mathias Jessica H	Ariella	Ariella
	Georgia	Darcie S	Ethan Kareesha	Georgia	Kye
	Connor	Lily	Mia Stanley	Stanley	Riley
	Josiah	Ariana	Ashley Delilah	Amber	Blake
	Florence	Sophia A	Ernie Tate	Isla	Ava M
	Archie	Dylan	Max Hannah	Charlie	Freddie
	Louie	Teddy	Bella Pearlie	Louie	Rose
	Jake	Henry	Jed Molly	Ronnie	Amelia-Rose

**Bonus Coin Winner of the Week – Ladybird**

## What we have been learning.....

### EYFS



This week in EYFS we have been super busy and super tired! Think we are getting ready for half term! We have enjoyed reading a whole range of maths stories to support our learning on size. The texts we have shared are Where's my teddy, Dear Zoo and Titch! We used the vocabulary learnt from the stories to describe the sizes of different objects around the classroom and make direct comparisons i.e. bigger,

smaller, taller, shorter. In Literacy we have been continuing to create our own stories following on from the text 'The Journey' started last week and the language the children have been using to describe the different features in the marks they have made has made us all smile. Please encourage your child to use extended vocabulary at home and continually introduce them to the correct vocabulary. They all love a long posh word! We have also been exploring different religions and shared a Christian story. The children thoroughly enjoyed using the small world equipment to retell the story within their ID time.

Please don't forget to record in your child's reading record book if they have read at home. Each week your child can get a sticker for reading three times and getting their rocket to the moon!

### Year 1



What a super week we've had in year 1 this week! We have loved having a cycling workshop where the children have really impressed us with their balance and coordination and ability to keep going even though it's been pretty cold for their little hands out on the playground! In English we have written our own ideas of what we imagine would be behind a door. We

have loved how the children used their imagination for their ideas. In maths we have been learning to order numbers from smallest to greatest. Ask your child how they used the crocodile symbols to compare numbers! We have also enjoyed an a computing morning where we designed our own under the sea pictures to then recreate on a painting app on an iPad. We'd like to thank you all for helping your children with their homework this term, we've enjoyed seeing what they have been up to at home and they've enjoyed sharing it in class. Look out for new creative homework coming home soon with some Disney creative ideas to try over half term!

### Year 2



We've had great fun in year 2 this week! We have explored instructional texts and learnt about the key features. We have made our own healthy sandwiches after tasting and choosing a variety of ingredients. Then we wrote a recipe for how to make our sandwich, using key instructional features. We have also discussed where food comes from, sorting foods between being plant and animal based. This week we have thought a lot

about being healthy through a balanced diet. Within Maths we have continued to use our number facts and have applied our knowledge of 1 digit numbers to 2 digit numbers. We have used our number bonds to 10 to write related facts for number bonds to 100 in multiples of 10. This term during PE we have been doing athletics. We have practised our running and jumping skills, describing our technique using key vocabulary.

## Friends AGM

Thank you to the Friends Committee and new parents who joined the virtual meeting last night. There were many celebrations of how money raised last year was spent, despite lockdown. The Friends worked so hard to organise key events which in turn had your support to raise money for your children. Expenditure included gifts at Christmas and Easter for every child, new reading scheme books for reading at home and at school, outdoor resources and so much more! I am sure you will join me in thanking these parents who give up time to seek donations, grants and organise events at the school for the good of your children. Despite Government restrictions in place, they still have lots of good ideas which are safe but will still raise money for the school. If you are interested in knowing more or have any good ideas, Shelley the Chair and the committee members would love to hear from you! Please email them: [friendsofdownsview@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofdownsview@gmail.com). The full minutes, including a financial report and more information about the committee members will follow soon.

## Communication with your child's class teacher

We realise it is hard to adjust to not speaking to your child's teacher daily at the class door. This is a measure to keep you and staff safe. We still want to ensure that you know we are here to listen and support you as required. Mrs Kent, Mrs Collins and Sam are found on the gates daily if you need to seek advice or pass on a message. You can also contact the school office via telephone or email- 01233 632339 and [office@downs-view.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@downs-view.kent.sch.uk). In addition we will be setting up an email address for each class so that you can contact your child's teacher directly. These details will be shared soon.

## Absence – reminder



If your child is poorly and unable to come to school, please ensure that you inform the office via telephone on our attendance line or via Parentmail. This should be done before school on the first day of absence. Please be aware that we will call you if we haven't heard from you or may even come to your

home as we have a duty of care to ensure that all children who are absent from school are safe and accounted for. If you have taken your child to the doctors it is useful to get an appointment card as proof of this. Remember we can administer prescribed medication so if your child is feeling better but needs medicine, this can be brought to the office and administered as necessary. If you are unsure whether your child can come to school, please call the office and somebody will be able to advise you. Our attendance leaflet has been sent out for further information. Thank you for your support.

## Safeguarding – Use of Mobile Phones on School Site



Children's safety is paramount at Downs View Infant School. The use of mobile phones on the school site should be for emergencies only. Can we therefore request that when the responsible adult is collecting any child from class that mobile phones are not in use and that the responsible adult acknowledge the hand-over of care. Your help with this is much appreciated and enables us all to follow important safeguarding procedures.

## Harvest Festival Donations

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our harvest festival offering. The Salvation Army collected the donations this week and were very grateful. They offer food parcels to families across our community and were very helpful during the lock-down period when many of our own school families needed this help.



## Sam our Family Liaison Officer

We know many families personal/work circumstances have changed and may be changing over the coming few months. We would like to let you know if you need help or just a listening ear don't forget Sam Ansell our Family Liaison Officer is available and can be contacted via the school office or on 07884 866 105. She has a wealth of knowledge and many contacts. Your child may also be entitled to Free School Meals/Pupil Premium please contact the office if you think you might be eligible.

## Dare to be Different Day

The Friends of Downs View are organising a non school uniform 'Dare to be Different Day' on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October.



The Friends of Downs View present

**DARE TO BE DIFFERENT DAY**

For ONE DAY only on Wednesday 21st October 2020 you can choose either one or more of the Rules below to follow for the day .....

1. Wear crazy or brightly coloured socks or tights for the day.
2. Have a crazy hair style
3. Wear a different T-shirt
4. Wear a different jumper to your school jumper
5. Wear trainers instead of shoes
6. Wear a superhero cape
7. Wear jeans or leggings

All we are asking for is a donation of your choice for any amount of the rules you want to follow on the **DARE TO BE DIFFERENT DAY**

Please bring your money in with you on Wednesday 21st October 2020 and place in the bucket provided in the classroom.

## Thousand Hours



Monday is the beginning of this years Thousand Hours challenge. The challenge runs throughout the whole of October and into the beginning of November and is about completing kind actions towards each other in school, at home and in the wider community. Last year we managed to collect over a 100 hours of kindness and are hoping that this year we can do even better! Each week we will be focusing on a different area of kindness.

Week 1 5th October - School Kindness (Kindness that we do around school)

Week 2 12th October - Community Kindness (Kindness that we show to the environment and our neighbours)

Week 3 19th October - Family Kindness (Kindness that we show to family and friends)

Week 4 2nd November- Ninja Kindness (Kindness that we do when no one knows we have done it)

Week 5 9th November - Self Kindness (Shapes how we see, treat and feel about ourselves)

We will be adding up the acts of kindness the children do at school but you can help at home too. If your child completes a kind act at home please write it down and send it in with your child or take a photograph of them completing the kind act and send to [office@downs-view.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@downs-view.kent.sch.uk) .We will then be able to add these kind acts in too. Have fun collecting hours and we will share with you some of the acts of kindness we have seen!

### **Flu Nasal Spray Immunisation**

The Flu Nasal Immunisation will be taking place in school on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020. Please remember to sign up if you would like your child to receive this.

*Do you have a child in Year R-6. The Immunisation team will be attending (Downs View Infant School) on (03/11/2020) to give the FLU nasal sprays. The online consent portal is available online at <https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/forms/imms-consent-form/> until 31/10/2020. Don't forget to record your consent or refusal for your child's FLU vaccine. Please use the school URN number(118523) to access the form.*

### **Individual and Family Photographs**

The proofs were sent home this week. These can be ordered and paid for on line or returned to the school office in the envelope provided with the payment by the 5th November 2020.



### **Relief Cleaner Vacancy**

We have a position available for a relief cleaner to cover staff sickness and absence. There may be times when you are called upon at short notice within this role. The daily hours are from 3pm-5.15pm as and when required. If you are interested in this position please contact Emma Letchford, Business Manager either via email `office@downs-view.kent.sch.uk` or telephone the office on 01233 632339.

