



8th January 2021 Newsletter

January	
Wednesday 20th	Class Photos -Postponed
Friday 29th	Birthday assembly held virtually for all children with a birthday in January
February	
Friday 12th	End of Term

Sadly, we were not able to open the school to all families as planned this week and in accordance with the government guidance, we will remain open only for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers. All other children will learn remotely until February half term. If your circumstances change over the next few weeks and you require this provision, please contact the school office either by email office@downs-view.kent.sch.uk or telephone 01233 632339. The current government advice is that you must stay at home. The single most important action we can all take is **to stay at home to protect the NHS and save lives.**




I hope you have had a good week and are all keeping safe and well. Thank you for the feedback and suggestions which we have received about the remote learning which we are providing. I would like to remind you that all of the ideas we send do not have to be completed at a set time or within a time scale. As requested from some parents, we have provided a timetable which is by no means prescriptive but just shows what the children would be doing if they were in school. We have also shared the topic grids which normally come home so that you have an overview of learning this term and have other ideas which you can use if required. The DFE advise that primary age children should aim for 3 hours learning each day but please do remember that life skills count and do not need to be Completed all in one go!









Finally: We may be in isolation but you are not alone. Please remember if you need support or advice, office@downs-view.kent.sch.uk or call Sam our FLO on **07884866105**. These are checked regularly. All of the staff are keeping themselves busy but do not stop thinking of you all!

Best wishes

Mrs Kent

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	Shout outs this week	Shout outs this week
	Harrison - Actively participating in every lesson	Maddison - Being kind and helping her friends

	Abrianna - For her artistic story drawings	Kevin - Trying really hard in maths
	Jacob - Being creative and trying hard in his English	Ellie - Working well in class and coping with the changes really well
	Scarlett-Jayne - for being a good friend and helping other children to sound out words they were unsure of.	Haniya – For beautiful handwriting
	Fynn - for fantastic work in handwriting practice and also persevering today when drawing his favourite Lego toy it looked amazing!	Pola – For great descriptive sentences about her toy
	Kuda – For remembering the names of 3D shapes	Raphael – For Excellent phonics blending of his sounds
	Ramsey – For his creativity when creating a portrait of Mrs Smith at home. It really did make me smile	Buddy – For his amazing maths learning this week. Remembering the vocabulary more and fewer and using it correctly!
	George L- for his sound recognition and actions during our noisy Phonics game!	Farah- for her amazing sounding out when writing a letter to her friend and knowing to put a question mark at the end of her question!
	Molly – For using fantastic creativity when designing her own superhero costume. The pink cape was amazing!	George Knight – For trying really hard to use his cued articulation hand signs during quick flash of our phonic sounds.

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What we have been learning.....

EYFS



This week in EYFS both at home and at school we have introduced our new topic of Super Me! This topic is giving us the opportunity to learn about different superheroes and to explore how super we are! We started the week by reading both Superkid and Super Daisy and looking carefully at similarities and differences between different superheroes we may have seen before, or new ones. We used these ideas to create our own creative superheroes in literacy and used our knowledge of sounds and adjectives to label our hero! I have shared the one I created!

In Maths we have been consolidating our learning on one more and have been using the language more and fewer when comparing two sets of objects! The EYFS team have really enjoyed our first week even though we haven't been able to see everyone face to face. We hope that the remote learning via video lessons have been useful and we would like to thank you all for joining in, your hard work and perseverance at both home and school at this difficult time. Please look out for more fun superhero lessons next week!

Year 1

Welcome to Term 3 Year 1. It's not been quite the start that we wanted but we still wanted to share all the super things our amazing Dolphins, Starfish and Turtles have been up to both at home or at school. The key worker children who have been in with Miss Thorogood and Miss Allen this week have settled into their new bubble so well and are all working hard. Mrs Hunt and Mrs Norman have enjoyed recording some lessons for the rest of you to do at home alongside the remote learning you already have.



In English we have been learning how to describe our favourite toy. This has involved thinking of adjectives first and then writing a sentence or two to describe our toy. Did you manage to add a conjunction too as a star challenge? In Maths we have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes and having a go at sorting them. I'm sure many of you will be going out for walks so how about seeing what shapes you can spot when you're out and about? We have also been working hard on phonics this week as we continue phase 4 of letters and sounds. We hope you have enjoyed joining in with the videos at home. We know the children in school have been super at blending and are sure you have been at home too. As we move into next week our year group email will be set up (details are below), we look forward to you sharing all the super things you are learning at home with us. Take care and stay safe Year 1, we miss those of you who we are not seeing and look forward to being back with you hopefully next term.

Year 2

All of the year 2 team would like to say a huge thank you to parents and children at home for their hard work and perseverance with remote learning. We understand the troubles that you face at this time and we are here to support your child's learning. Please do get in touch if you would like any support. You will have seen the 2 week remote learning along with matching videos from our year 2 teachers to support this. We hope your child is enjoying it!



In year 2 both at home and in school the children have been continuing their learning about money. We have practised making amounts, making amounts in different ways, adding 2 amounts together and finding change. We have enjoyed applying their learning playing mathematical games on ictgames.com. Within English we have watched, planned and written their own Tinga Tinga Tale. We hope grown-ups at home have been as impressed as we have in school!

Look out for the videos on our website next week to coincide with days 6-10 of your remote learning packs. Before then I wonder if your child can start to think of an African animal that they will research and write about next week. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you next week! Keep safe and enjoy this time with your child, we do miss having them all in school!

BBC remote learning

As you may have already seen the BBC will show curriculum based programmes on TV from Monday. They will include 3 hours of primary school programming every day on CBBC from 9am. This is such a brilliant resource for your child to tap into if you are struggling with home schooling. The programming will include BBC live lessons, BBC Bitesize as well as Our School, Celebrity

Supply Teacher, Horrible Histories and Operation Ouch. There will also be Bitesize daily programmes available to watch on demand. If you have a secondary child they will also be showing content to support them on BBC Two. We hope that this in addition to our remote learning makes home learning a little easier and maybe a useful tool if you have more than one child at home sharing devices or you are also working at home.

Contacting your Year Group Teachers

Our year group emails are available and the teachers are looking forward to hearing from you. Please use the following email address to share any of your child's super remote learning or if you have a specific question for the year group teachers. This can be used for children in school as well as the regular home learning, ie spellings and reading will be coming home which you may want to share or if you need to contact the year group. Please use these email addresses rather than the office email address for anything related to your child's learning. For all other queries or questions, please continue to use the office address.

reception@downs-view.kent.sch.uk

year1@downs-view.kent.sch.uk

year2@downs-view.kent.sch.uk

Covid-19 – Stay at Home – Protect the NHS – Save Lives



In accordance with the government guidelines, we would ask that parents are vigilant/alert. For all children who are currently attending school if they or anyone in their households develops any of the following symptoms they should not come into school and should inform the school of this. Thank you again for your continued co-operation.



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Symptoms are the recent onset of any of the following:



- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child or a member of their household has any of the 3 symptoms listed above could you please visit [NIDIRECT.GOV.UK/CORONAVIRUS](https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/coronavirus) to book a test or call 119, letting the school know this on the 1st day of absence. Could you please ensure that once the test results are known the school is informed both via telephone and email before they return to school.

If you are self-isolating, please can we politely remind you that you should not be leaving your home which includes driving your child to school even if you come and remain in a car. If your child does not need to isolate, they can still come to school but would need to be brought in by somebody else. To ensure that we all follow Government guidance and prevent the spread of the virus, please abide by the guidelines given. If you need any support or guidance, please contact the school office.

Contacting the School

  During the current national lockdown if you have any questions or wish to discuss any issues that might arise, please do not hesitate to contact the school via the school office

  : office@downs-view.kent.sch.uk or call Sam our FLO on 07884866105. These are checked regularly.

Remote Learning

The government have announced help for families to gain access to the internet to complete remote learning by increasing their mobile data allowance. If you are experiencing problems accessing the remote learning and would like further information on this assistance please contact the school office providing us with the following details:

- the name of the account holder
- the number of the mobile device
- the mobile network of that device (for example Three)
- whether they pay monthly or pay as they go

This new scheme temporarily increases data allowances for mobile phone users on certain networks.

Families with access to a mobile phone on one of the following networks might be able to benefit:

- Three
- Smarty
- Virgin Mobile
- EE
- Tesco Mobile
- Sky Mobile

Other providers may join the scheme at a later stage.

Once a network provider has processed a data increase, the provider will send a text message to the account holder.

New Canopy Year 1 Outside Area



For those families that have been able to return to school this term you will have noticed that we have a new rainbow canopy in the Year 1 outside area. This was installed over the Christmas holiday period using Sports premium funding to supply a covered area to allow children to be more active outside without getting wet! The children are already enjoying spending more time outside exploring and developing their learning, whatever the weather, with the added protection this canopy provides.

Act of Kindness

We would just like to say a thank you to the family who left the message stone on the playground over the Christmas holidays. It was a lovely surprise to find this when we opened the school earlier this week for our critical worker families and it is comforting to know that you are still thinking about our school family and values even though we can't all be together in person. We will hide this somewhere else in the local community.

Year 2 parents

As we are an Infant School, once your child finishes in year 2 they will move on to Kennington Academy or another school. There is an admission process which parents need to go through to secure a place for year 3 which involves completing an application form on line and submitting this by January. Applications are now open and the closing date is Friday 15th January 2020 at midnight. Applications can be made at: [Kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

New admissions to school if your child turns 5 from September 2021- 31st August 2022

The same procedure applies if you have a child who is due to begin school next year.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the tours of the school which we normally host but a wealth

of information, including videos are on our website. Please pass on this information, virtually if you have friends or family who have children of this age group. Please contact the school office if you need more further information about the school.

Pupil premium

Your child may be entitled to Pupil Premium and Free School Meal Vouchers if you are in receipt of benefits, has a member of the family who is in the forces or if your child is fostered or adopted. This means that by filling in a form, the school will receive money to support your child in school and your family. We are aware that the new lockdown may have changed working arrangements within the family so if this the case please contact the office as you may be eligible.

Adverse weather arrangements

At this time of year we like to take the opportunity to remind you of the procedures we put in place should we have any adverse winter weather.

If it has been snowing heavily we will do everything we can to make sure the school is open however we have to take in to account the number of staff able to get to school and the safety of children and adults on the school site. Mrs Kent will liaise with Mrs Seal/Mrs Wratten at Kennington CE Academy and make a joint decision as early as possible in the morning.

If we have heavy snow we request that all children bring in a packed lunch as we may not be able to provide a school dinner.

If any of these measures are put in place we will keep parents informed by putting up to date information on:

Website: www.downs-view.kent.sch.uk

Kent Closure site: www.kentclosures.co.uk

[BBC Radio Kent](#)

[Facebook](#)

We will also contact parents via email.

PLEASE NOTE: As long as we have enough staff and the site is safe the school will be open for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers.



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Everyone has a role to play in keeping our schools safe and helping to stop the spread of COVID-19.

DON'T SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS.

VISIT [NIDIRECT.GOV.UK/](https://nidirect.gov.uk/) CORONAVIRUS TO BOOK A TEST ONLINE. CALL 119 IF YOU CANNOT BOOK A TEST ONLINE.

YOU SHOULD BOOK A COVID-19 TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

A HIGH TEMPERATURE

This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature).

OR

A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).

OR

A LOSS OR CHANGE TO THEIR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE

This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 BUT HAS OTHER COLD-LIKE SYMPTOMS, SUCH AS A RUNNY NOSE, THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE TESTED AND THEY OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD DO NOT NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE. YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND SCHOOL IF FIT TO DO SO.

HERE'S WHAT TO DO IF:

YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the test is negative providing they are well enough, have not had a fever for 48 hours and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result
- Self-isolate for at least 10 days as advised by the PHA.

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school after 10 days even if they still have a cough / loss of smell or taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- The household member should book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

CONTACT TRACING HAS IDENTIFIED MY CHILD AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for at least 14 days as advised by the PHA Contact Tracing Service

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- Attend school as normal
- If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities.

YOUR CHILD HAS TRAVELLED ABROAD AND HAS TO SELF-ISOLATE

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for 14 days in line with quarantine advice

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

*If your child has been identified as a close contact of a case of COVID-19, or has returned from travel abroad and is self-isolating, they must self-isolate for 14 days regardless of a negative COVID-19 test result.

Further information, including Frequently Asked Questions for Parents and Carers, can be found on the Department of Education's website at www.education-ni.gov.uk