



## 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017 News

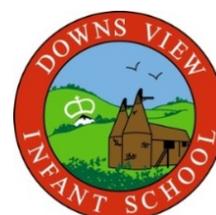
***At Downs View altogether we learn, love, respect and have fun!***

<b>May</b>	
15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup>	School Nurses testing Hearing & Vision for Reception classes
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Last session of Gymnastics, parents of these children in hall from 3.30pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Seahorse assembly
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Book Look after school New Reception parents (for September) meeting from 6pm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Birthday assembly Non Uniform Day – for a donation of a children's toy/jigsaw/game/book for the summer fayre <b>Last day of term</b>
<b>June</b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Children return to school</b>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Starfish assembly Non-uniform day for donation of a male gift for Friends Father's Day gift sale
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> , Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Father's Day gift sale - £2 Year R – Monday, Year 1 – Tuesday, Year 2 - Wednesday
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Turtle assembly
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Caterpillar assembly
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day from 9.30am weather permitting or 2 <sup>nd</sup> choice 13 <sup>th</sup> July
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Birthday assembly
<b>July</b>	
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Fox assembly
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Birthday assembly <b>Last day of term</b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Inset Day – no children in school
<b>Future dates</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Inset days – <b>no children in school</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Year 1 and 2 children return to school</b>
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Last day of term 1</b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>Training day – school closed for children</b>

	<b>Weekly school attendance</b>	<b>Days missed across the school this week</b>	<b>Best class attendance for the week</b>	<b>Overall attendance for the year</b>
	<b>97.1%</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>Turtle 99.67</b>	<b>96.47%</b>

### Parent Mail

All parents should have received a registration message from parentmail. If you have not received a message please contact Helen in the office as it may mean we do not have the correct email/phone numbers for you.



	 <b>Reading award</b>	 <b>Active award</b>	 <b>Sunshine award</b>	 <b>Feet on Friday</b>	 <b>Star table</b>
	Micah	Elicia & Hannah		Eve	Ella
	Ellie-May	Katie & Josh		Alfie	Oscar
	Cara	Amber & Isaac		Cara	Dash
	Samuel	Kylan & James	Alfie	Liberty	Joshua
	Gracie-May	Sienna & James T		Charley	Alexander
	Riley	Harry P & Felicity		Poppy	Evie
	Oliver P	Sophie & Andy		Harry	Ellie
	Jessica	Charlie C & Sammy		Jack	Evie E-D
	Sara	Lois & Manni		Harrison	Amber
Bonus card winners this week –  Turtles					

## Morning Club from September 2017

### 8.20 Club – replacing the 8.30 Club from September



From September we will be changing our 8.30 club to 8.20 club meaning there will be extra child care and time for your child to play. The new cost for this will be £20 per term which is still very reasonable. If you would like a place or would like your child to continue attending in September please confirm via email to Helen in the office on [office@downs-view.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@downs-view.kent.sch.uk). Thank you

### Breakfast Club – new opening time 7.45am – 8.40am from September

From September Breakfast Club will run from 7.45am – 8.40am. The cost per day will be £3.20 which again is very reasonable, considering the choice of food the children have in the morning and the quality play opportunities the children have before school. If you would like a place or would like your child to continue attending in September please email Helen on the address above. Thank you



### What we've been up to.....



This week in **EYFS** we have been on a journey to a lighthouse with Mr and Mrs Grinling. They helped us to think about the role of a lighthouse keeper and how important it was. Mrs Grinling in the story was rather fond of a picnic lunch so in Literacy we wrote what we would put in a basket for him if we were making his lunch! In the story there were some rather pesky seagulls who kept stealing Mr Grinling's picnic so in Maths we calculated how much he would have left after the pesky seagulls had swooped down and taken some! We have also been very creative making our own lighthouses from paper cups and kitchen roll tubes!

In **Year 1** the children have been learning about Dover Castle. They started the week thinking about questions they would like to find out about Dover Castle. On Wednesday we had a fantastic trip to Dover Castle. We explored the Keep, looking at the bedrooms and the Great Hall. The children loved looking at the medieval kitchens where they were able to touch and feel all of the objects. We explored the medieval tunnels and the children saw and role-played with the cannons. In Maths this week the children worked at finding tens and ones in any number to 100. They were able to compare numbers working out which numbers were more and which numbers were less.



**Year 2** loved writing their own portal stories in English on Monday, we wrote them in the first person as if we were the main character in the story. We thought of our own object that could turn into a magical portal and take us to a fantasy setting. We had children disappearing down toilets when they were flushed, stepping through the learning walls in the classroom and being sucked up into the class laptop! Year 2 were very imaginative! In Maths this week we have been solving equations with missing numbers. To help us solve these we have been using the part-part whole model to represent what we can see in the equation and using dienes to help us solve the missing part. In R.E this term we are looking at stories from the bible and we read and looked at the meaning of the Prodigal Son this week.

In ICT we received another email from Mrs Kent with further evidence to help us solve the mystery of the disappearing cake! We have gathered all of our evidence together and are drafting out an email to send back to Mrs Kent.



### Science Week

The children had a fab Science week and enjoyed learning lots of new things within their topic. I know their amazing learning impressed many of you who visited our exhibition last Friday.



### Year 1- Cycling- Term 5



Following our initial Cycle Circle workshop 30 Year 1 children were chosen to take part in another workshop to enhance their skills further. Focussing on balance, coordination and control on a bike. We had so much fun! Did you know there is a community project which offer affordable refurbished children's bikes. You can pick up bikes which have been fully serviced, are clean and available in a variety of sizes. You can also donate a bike and if you need a replacement you can get a discount on a more suitable refurbished bike. For more information to [www.CycleCircle.co.uk](http://www.CycleCircle.co.uk) or email [info@CycleCircle.co.uk](mailto:info@CycleCircle.co.uk)

### **Can you help....**

Do you have any small unwanted baby clothes which we can use in our Reception classes to dress some of our dolls. If you are willing to donate them please bring them to the school office.



### **Head Lice**



We have several cases of head lice in Starfish and Penguin classes. It is important that you check your child's hair regularly to help prevent them spreading to other children. If you find head lice, your local chemist or family doctor can advise on treatment and which lotion to use. If your child has head lice you will also need to examine the heads of all other members of the household. If head lice are found they should also be treated at the same time. Once treated in the evening the children are fine to be in school the next day.

### **Kent Leader of Education**

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Kent has been accredited as a Kent Leader of Education. This means that in this role she will be asked to support other head teachers in schools across Kent when necessary. This is a great opportunity for our school to share our expertise and will also strengthen Mrs Kent's experience and leadership.