



7th July 2017 News

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

July	
Monday 10 th	5pm – 5.30pm Parent meeting for all new year 2 pupils (current year 1) in Sept, to run through of routines, expectations etc. 6pm – 6.30pm Parent meeting for all new year 1 pupils (current year R) in Sept to run through of routines expectations etc. Crèche will be available for children
Tuesday 11 th	2pm -Downs View's got Talent - final
Wednesday 12 th	School reports home to parents
Thursday 13 th	Uniform sale by KMAC on playground from 2.30pm Year 2 Transition film premiere 6pm at Kennington Academy – parents of year 2 children and year 2 children invited
Saturday 15 th	Boot Fair on school field, more information below Boots from 7am for boots, gates open at 7.30am for buyers
Tuesday 18 th	Informal parent afternoon between 3.00pm and 4.00 pm. For parents who wish to discuss their child's report/progress. Just turn up!
Wednesday 19 th	Year 2 end of year show 1.30pm in hall, all parents of year 2 children welcome – Year 2 children to bring party clothes to wear for the show
Thursday 20 th	Birthday assembly for children with Birthdays in July and August. Last day of term
Friday 21 st	Inset Day – no children in school
Future dates	
4 th & 5 th Sept	Inset days – no children in school
Wednesday 6 th September	Year 1 and 2 children return to school
Monday 11 th September	New Reception begin – am or pm
Thursday 20 th October	Last day of term 1
Friday 21 st October	Inset day – no children in school

	 Reading award	 Active award	 Sunshine award	 Feet on Friday	 Star table
	Sophia	Ellis & Chloe		Sophia	Jessica
	Noah	Ellie & Katy-Mae		Ede	Keeley
	Carys	Honey & Mia		Oscar	Samuel
	Max	Angeal & Zac		Lydia	Henry
	Lily	Mia & Jack		Scarlett	Ceres
	Sarah	Evie & Daniel		Jonathan	Daniel
	Mason	OliverB & Asya	Gabriel	Cody	Oliver
	Inaaya	Charlie C & Charlie O	Jake M	Sophia G	Thomas
	Kieran	Thomas & Amber		Grayson	Jadon
Bonus card winners this week  Starfish					

Sunshine award -Last week Teddy C from Caterpillars received his sunshine award but we omitted it from the newsletter, sorry Teddy.

	Weekly school attendance	Days missed across the school this week	Best class attendance for the week	Overall attendance for the year
		97.95%	27.5	Seahorse & Polar Bear 99.66%

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

In EYFS we have been looking at the lifecycle of a butterfly. We were fortunate enough to have real caterpillars and have watched them turn into butterflies and then let them go in our outdoor area. In Literacy we recorded the lifecycle using our time connectives. In Maths we have been thinking about halving and decorated our own butterflies by halving a variety of different shapes.



In Year One the children have been creating a leaflet all about Ashford. The children explored the different landmarks of Ashford, thinking about facts about the areas. They explored features of a leaflet and created their own leaflets with titles and sub headings. In Maths they have focussed on money thinking carefully about how to make an amount using different coins.

Year 2 have been very busy! We have started to practise for our end of year 2 leavers' show 'Night at the Oscars'. We have compared similarities and differences in toys from the past and modern day toys. In Science we have finished our seed experiment, learning that plants need water, sunlight and air to grow properly. The seeds we put in the cupboard and didn't water didn't grow at all! In English we have started reading George's Marvellous Medicine and planning our own gruesome medicine for nasty Grandma to drink! In Maths we collected data, finding out each class' favourite Ronald Dahl story. We then used this information to create a bar graph. Year 2 really have also been excited about their transition day at Kennington Academy!



CATs Choir Concert

On Wednesday the year 2 children from the CATs choir joined 6 other schools from our collaboration in a concert for parents at Ashford St Mary's Church. They were absolutely amazing and every child sang their heart out. They sung four collective songs and a solo piece of their own. They were a credit to the school and we were very proud of them all. Professional photographs and a video will be available soon! A huge thank you to Miss Anderson and Mrs Troman for their dedication and support during the last 6 months, enabled the children to get to such a high standard.



Polite reminder

If your child rides a bike or scooter to or from school, please can you ensure that your child does not ride it around the playground. A child was knocked over last week and badly hurt and we would like to ensure that this doesn't happen again. Please ensure they are kept in the scooter rack or carried across the playground. Thank you

Uniform KMAC

KMAC uniform shop will be on our playground on **Thursday 13th July from 2.30pm to 3.30pm**. They will have items to sell direct to you on the day or if you place an order for unavailable items they will be ready for collection from the school on 4th September between 12 noon and 2pm. If items are not collected during this time they will be left with the school office.

If you order online over the summer holidays and before the **12th August** the items will also be available for collection between **12noon and 2pm on**

Monday 4th September. Delivery before the start of term cannot be guaranteed if the order is placed after the 12th August.

There will be the opportunity for home delivery but there is a charge for postage.



Message from Mrs Jones, Kennington Academy

Mrs Jones would like to say a huge thank you to all of the Downs View children, who performed in the Maypole and Country Dancing at the Kennington Fayre, and to all those who came along to support them. The children all worked extremely hard, and they did an amazing job opening the Fayre." If anyone has any photos of the event, please can they send them to Mrs Jones by email to cjones@kennington.kent.sch.uk



Boot fair information

On Saturday 15th July the Friends of Downs View will be holding a car boot sale. Stall holders can set up from 7am and the site will be open to buyers from 7.30am – 12pm. The cost is £8 per pitch if booked in advance and £10 on the day. Vans will cost £12. Tables can be hired, if booked in advance for £2 each. For more information email friendsofdownsview@gmail.com or call Mandy on 07710 264993.

Community information

Ashford and District Saturday League

A new Football Team has formed playing out of Downs View Infant School. They are looking for players for the Ashford and District Saturday League. If you are 16 and over and interested in playing football please contact Towersview FC Facebook Page. We have already secured pre-season friendlies from 22nd July until the league starts in September.

We look forward to hearing from you. Towersview FC Management



Maths Course

Are you interested in attending a Maths course?

If so, East Kent College will be delivering a 16 week Maths course starting on Friday 15th September, 9.30-11.30am in Puppies. Attendees will gain a nationally recognised certificate in maths, ranging from entry level to level 2.

Many parents that have attended the course go on to gain employment or feel more able to support their children's school work, whilst for others this provides the necessary confidence to move on to further courses.

To book a place or for more information please contact Sam Ansell or give your name in to the office.

Are you interested in learning about your child's behaviour?

A Solihull course will start in September 2017 for 10 weeks – details to be confirmed. The course aims to promote and encourage effective parenting, provide parents/carers with a strategy to repair situations when things go wrong, increase confidence and self-esteem in both parent and child, increase parents understanding of the different stages of development and learning. It will explore feelings, parenting styles, communication, sleep and anger and developmental needs. The programme is open to all parents/carers with children aged 0-16 years. For more information or to book a place please call/text our FLO Sam Ansell on 07884866105