












24th November 2017

Newsletter



Dates for your diary	
Monday 27 th	Coffee Morning – Puppies between 9am & 10am
Thursday 30 th	Cancelled - Book Look (now on Monday 4 th December)
December	
Monday 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Look Snow Leopards Class only
Friday 1 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polar Bear class assembly, 9.05am • Friends Christmas Fayre
Thursday 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEW DATE! Book Look 3-4pm for all classes except Snow Leopards
Friday 8 th	Turtle class assembly, 9.05am
Tuesday 12 th	Year 2 Christmas production, A Midwife Crisis, 9.15am and 2.00pm – see below
Wednesday 13 th	Year R Christmas production, A Wiggly Nativity 9.15am and 2.15pm – see below
Thursday 14 th	Year 1 Christmas production, A King is Born 9.15am and 2.00pm - see below
Friday 15 th	Birthday assembly, all parents of children with birthdays in December are invited 9.05am
Tuesday 19 th	Children's Christmas Dinner – please book via ParentMail form
January	
Sunday 21 st	Rapunzel Pantomime – more details will follow on Parentmail

	 Reading award	 Active award	 Star of the week	 Feet on Friday	 Star table
	Kayden	Alfie & Maddison	Riley	Sara	Jazmin
	Lilia-Mae	Sienna & Angeal	Daniel	Daniel	Brooke
	Jessica	Mia & Joshua	Lily	Mia	Jessica
	Phelan	Harry & Izzy	Lois	Charlie	Alexia
	Ronin	Teddy & Etty	Charlie	Sophia G	Etty
	Sophie	Laceigh & Albie	Franky	Charley	Ileana
	Lilly	Ethan & Astraea	John	Gracey	Charlie
	Matthew	Adam & Tommy	Julia	Tommy	Oliver
	Lewis	Kyle & Arafat	Amaya	Max	L.J.
Bonus Coin of the week winners- Fox 					

	Weekly school attendance	Days missed across the school this week	Best class attendance for the week	Overall attendance for the year
	96.82%	41.5	Dolphin 100%	97.1%



Children in Need

Thank you for your generous donations to our Children in Need non-school uniform day last Friday. **Together we raised £202.65.**

School Christmas Lunch

The children will be having their Christmas Lunch in the dining hall on Thursday 19th December. Information regarding this has been sent out via ParentMail and parents should respond to the ParentMail form ticking whether or not their child would like to have the lunch on that day. Responses have to be in by Friday 8th December. Below is the menu for the 19th.

Roast Turkey served with Chipolata Sausage,
Sage and Onion stuffing, Cranberry Sauce and Gravy

Or

Cranberry and
Herby Roast Potatoes Rice filled Butternut Squash
with

Honey Glazed Carrots & Garden Peas

Dessert

Gingerbread or Homemade Christmas Pudding



Donations for Friends Fayre – Keel Toys

Thank you to Keel Toys who have kindly donated some soft toys which will be used at the Christmas Fayre to raise much needed funds for the children.

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

In **EYFS** we have been exploring the story of The Gruffalo. We have used descriptive language to describe what he looks like taking language from the story i.e. purple prickles. We were also lucky enough to make the mouse a more suitable crumble filled with apples! We carefully followed the instructions weighing out the ingredients carefully. It was delicious and we thought that the mouse would prefer this to Gruffalo crumble! In maths we have been exploring one more. We threw an apple into a numbered bowl and then added one more each time so that the mouse had enough apples for his crumble. In PE we explored the apparatus devising our own obstacle courses to enable us to get from one side of the forest to the other!



Year 1 have enjoyed learning about writing letters this week in English. We have identified the different features and had a go at writing a persuasive letter to Mrs Fossil. In pairs we role modelled how to persuade our friend to do something! We were thinking about the language we used and the reasons we could give to help persuade people to visit the museum. In Maths we have been learning about addition and subtraction equations, using the part part whole model to help us. In Art we have been creating our Fabergé eggs so that we are ready to paint them following the designs we have already made. In PE we have continued creating our dinosaur dance, with different movements and travelling. We have focused on mirroring our partner and trying to listen to music to help us with the timing and pace at which we perform.

Year 2 have been busy starting to rehearse songs and parts within the class for our Christmas show. In Maths we have deepened our learning about money and have practised making amounts with different combinations of coins. We then practised our addition skills applying this to money. Within English we have written a flow chart for how to make a diva lamp, creating diva lamps during art. We also compared the geographical features of a village in India with Kennington. We were so excited to showcase our learning this term on India in the exhibition. Thank you to those of you who came and also donated food! We learnt so much on our Science day; learning about life cycles and the basic needs of animals to survive.



Christmas performances

You will receive a Parentmail about tickets for the year group productions. Tickets will not be issued for this event as your names will be ticked off at the door against a register of those who have requested tickets.

Governor Election

We currently have a vacancy for a Governor. If you have a passion about wanting the best for the children at Downs View you could stand for election. Governors have the opportunity to support and challenge the leadership and direction of the school and work closely with Mrs Kent to ensure that your children get the best education possible. If you are interested and would like to know a little more, please watch our Governor recruitment video by clicking the following link... <https://youtube/qthuEFXmG4A> and where current Governors from our CATs collaboration, including Felicity Moore our Chair of Governors share their experiences. There is also further information on our website about our current Governors and the role. If you are interested and willing to commit to ten 2 hour meetings across the year please email Mrs Kent on headteacher@downs-view.kent.sch.uk or the school office on office@downs-view.kent.sch.uk.



Parking Committee meeting

The Parking committee met yesterday to continue to discuss ways to ease congestion and create solutions to the parking issues around the school. Some key points raised were the proposal of approaching K.C.C about making Upper Vicarage Lane one way which has been discussed before and this will be taken forward again. Also the need for more yellow lines at the narrow parts of Ball Lane to allow emergency vehicles through should the need arise. We are going to bid for some money to support getting a bike rack which is desperately needed for Kennington Academy and to pay for some new signs and cones for outside of both schools. We will also be contacting you as parents to see if a walking bus would be used to ensure your child can walk safely to school. Part of this bid would be to fund the resources to enable this to happen. Staff from both schools are constantly witnessing cars being left in dangerous places and children being put at risk.

Can we please urge you to put yours and other children first when parking at the beginning and the end of the day. We appreciate it gets busy but please remember there are spaces in the church car park in Ulley Road and the Rose Pub which have kindly been offered to you. This will decrease the congestion around the school and allow you to drop your child off safely and stress-free.



Girls only Tennis

This Indoor Mini Tennis Party is being held at the Stour Centre on Sunday 3rd December from 1.30pm – 3pm. Cost is £5 for 5-11 year old girls. For more details please see posters around the school or email coaching@betherdentennis.org.uk



New #esafety resource being developed for 4-7 year olds – Thinkuknow needs you! by [kentesafety](#)

Children are now using technology and exploring the online world from a younger age. [Thinkuknow](#) are looking to develop a new resource to help build young children's (aged 4-7) resilience online and give them the skills to explore all the digital world has to offer safely.

Thinkuknow are looking to develop a comprehensive picture of the online behaviour of 4-7 year olds and hope educators can help by completing a Professionals survey and by promoting the parent/carers survey to their community.

Parents/Carers survey: Aimed at parents/carers with children aged 4-7 years

Help Thinkuknow to gather as many parents/carers views as possible by sharing the survey with the parents you work with. Make sure they have their say about online safety and what works for their family.

Downs View have enrolled with *the Thinkuknow education programme to help your child learn about staying safe online. Please complete this survey to have your say about what you would like to see in their next resource for 4 to 7 year olds.*

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parentscarers4-7s> "

The surveys will be open until Friday 8th December 2017.

FESTIVE FAMILY FUN DOUBLE BILL – St Mary's Church, Central Ashford

Saturday 25th November 2017 1:15pm to 5:00pm (Doors 12.45pm) General Admission: 50p
Get in the festive spirit with Festive Family Fun Double Bill. Revelation sponsored by Love Ashford, offer family-friendly film screenings of Christmas favourites Frozen Singalong and A Muppets Christmas Carol for just 50p per film! Let it go with Elsa, Anna and Olaf at our Frozen Singalong at 1.15pm. When Princess Elsa (Idina Menzel) traps her kingdom in eternal winter, it is up to brave sister Anna (Kristen Bell), mountaineer Kristoff (Jonathan Groff), his reindeer Sven and a snowman called Olaf (Josh Gad) journey through treacherous conditions to find a way to break the spell. Then at 3.30pm join Kermit the Frog and the gang in A Muppet Christmas Carol, a retelling of the classic Dickens holiday tale, starring Michael Caine as Ebenezer Scrooge, when a miserable old man receives visits from the spirits of Christmases past, present and future, hoping to show him the error of his self-serving ways in time for Christmas dinner.

Further event information: <http://revelationashford.co.uk/whats-on/>

So why not drop in and enjoy a treat as you shop? Tickets: General Admission: 50p per film.