



20th April 2018

Newsletter

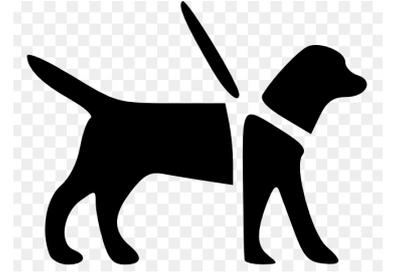
April	
Tuesday 24 th	Guide dog assembly – more information below
Friday 27 th	Birthday assembly, all parents of children with birthdays in April invited 9.05am Year R trip to Tyland Barn (information sent earlier this week) Birthday assembly for Year R parents will be on Friday 4 th May
May	
Thursday 3 rd	2.30pm SATs meeting for year 2 parents in hall. Toys will be available to occupy younger siblings in the hall.
Friday 4 th May	Year R birthday assembly for birthdays in April parents invited from 9.05am
Thursday 10 th	Year 1 trip to Dover Castle (letters to follow)
Friday 11 th	Owl assembly
Thursday 17 th /Friday 18 th	Caterlink menu change. Battered Fish and Chips will be served on the 17 th instead of Friday 18 th (see below) and the Thursday menu of Chicken Korma will be served on Friday.
Friday 18 th	Starfish assembly
Thursday 24 th	6pm Welcome evening for parents of children starting EYFS in September
Friday 25 th	Birthday assembly, all parents of children with birthdays in May invited 9.05am
May Half Term Holiday 28th May to 1st June	
June	
Friday 15 th	Dolphin assembly
Friday 22 nd	Fox assembly
Friday 29 th	Birthday assembly, all parents of children with birthdays in June invited 9.05am
July	
Monday 2 nd	Inset Day
Friday 6 th	Squirrel assembly
Friday 13 th	Turtle assembly
Friday 21 st	Birthday assembly, all parents of children with birthdays in July invited 9.05am
Tuesday 24 th	LAST DAY OF TERM, CHILDREN RETURN BACK TO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

	 Reading award	 Active award	 Star of the week	 Star table
	Maryssa	Yasemin & Daniel	Sarah	Kelly
	Faith	Sophie & Tommie	Lydia	Max
	Jessie	Russell & Charley	Lola	Albert
	Amber	Frazer & Scarlet S	Logan	Harrison
	Daisy	Luke & Cleo	Harry K	Lola
	Mason	Arthur & Ella	Laceigh	Christine
	Kacey	Olivia & Bertie	Ewan	Henry
	Charlie	Isla & Tommy	Jacques	Zishun
	Stanley	Stanley & Kyle	Isla	Arthur

 SCHOOL Attendance	Weekly school attendance	Days missed across the school this week	Best class attendance for the week	Overall attendance for the year
	96.49%	46	Polar Bear 100%	96.20%

Guide Dog assembly

We are looking forward to a special Guide Dog assembly on Tuesday 24th April led by Susie New of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. She will be joined by a puppy walker and their adorable Guide Dog puppy Harry. Pupils will have the opportunity to learn about how essential a guide dog's work is. This has been organised via Scarlett E in Dolphins who sponsors a guide dog. If your child has an allergy to dogs please let us know.



Here comes the sun.....

Now the sun has decided to appear on some days please ensure that you have put **sun cream** on your child before school and that they have a **sun hat** and **water bottle** in school every day. We ask that parents do not give their children sun cream to put on during the school day as they cannot always put it on appropriately themselves.

WOW- Walk on Wednesdays

As part of our travel plan to encourage children to be more active and to reduce congestion around the school we are going to re-introduce Walk on Wednesday in addition to Feet on Friday. This means that all children who walk on a Wednesday and/or a Friday will be rewarded with a sticker and a raffle ticket in our weekly raffle which is drawn every Monday.

Walking bus

During a recent parent travel plan questionnaire, you may remember a question about setting up a walking bus and many parents expressed an interest. This would mean having one or two meeting points in the local community with parent volunteers to meet the children and walk a group safely to school. There is training and equipment to support this which we recently were given funding for. If you are interested in being a Walking bus leader or would benefit from using a walking bus, please let the office know via telephone or via email office@downs-view.kent.sch.uk



Farewell and Hello

We are sad to be saying good bye and good luck to Karen Godfrey who worked in Snow Leopard class. I am sure you will join me in saying a huge thank you for her hard work and dedication to the role and the life of Downs View.



We would like to welcome Miss Karen Buss and Miss Ellie Ferguson who have joined us in Years 1 & 2.

New Friends' Shed

You may have noticed a brand new shed on the playground which was kindly donated via one of our Governors. This will be storage for Friends' equipment and used uniform. In the future there will be used uniform sales outside of the shed. Watch this space!

Menu Change Thursday 17th and 18th May Sea Side Day

Caterlink have informed us that they will be serving Battered Fish with chips, baked beans or garden peas on Thursday 17th and the Thursday menu of Chicken Korma will be served on Friday 18th.

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

In **EYFS** we have started our topic of water by reading the story of Noah's Ark. In our Literacy we have retold the story thinking about what happened at the beginning, middle and end of the story and tried to write this in our own words. In Maths we have been concentrating on counting out a given number from a larger group of objects and then recorded this in our own way. We have also been out for a walk exploring the natural environment and collected a variety of objects that we found. We then laminated these natural objects and made them into sun catchers!



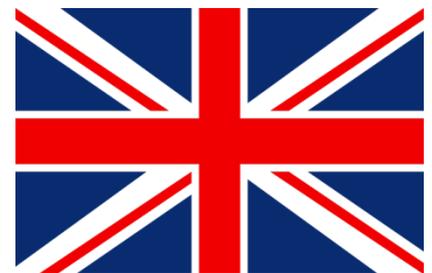
Year 1 have thoroughly enjoyed our start to our Castle topic! We have enjoyed learning about the different parts of a castle and what they are used for. We even created our own glossary! In Maths we have continued to learn about mass by weighing objects to see if they are heavier or lighter than others. In RE we have been learning about where the children feel safe and happy. We shared our ideas and discussed why we felt this way in this place. In Science we had fun on our material hunt around the school, identifying different materials and discussing why they are used instead of others.

We are really excited to create our own drawbridges in Design and technology. In pairs we designed our own thinking about the materials we would need to use.

Year 1 Art Exhibition

We hope you enjoyed our art exhibition on Wednesday and were impressed with the creative art work which your children produced. Watch out for some photographs on our website soon.

Year 2 what a busy start to the new term we have had! We have launched our topic 'We are United' by starting to learn about the four countries within the UK. We discussed their names and capital cities. There are so many famous landmarks in the UK! We talked about some of them, deciding which country they are in, then we created advertisement posters to get people to visit one of them. In English we have explored the text Alice in Wonderland and have written our own descriptions pretending to be Alice falling down the rabbit hole. We used prepositions, adjectives and adverbs to make the experience really interesting. In Maths we have been measuring volume and temperature. We have estimated and compared amounts, solving problems and giving reasons for our thoughts. In RE we are going to be learning about sacred books, we have started to learn about the bible and what Christians can learn from it. We have started to create our own book on what is important to us. We hope the lovely weather continues this weekend!



Reception places for next year

We have some places for Reception for September so if you know a family that may not have been given their first choice or have moved into the area, do urge them to come and have a look around. There isn't a set catchment area any more so parents can apply to any school despite their postcode. Our admission criteria still has siblings as the top criteria and then distance from school but all the time we have some places this will not be an issue.

Breakfast Club and 8.20! Club price increases

We would like to give parents who use these clubs advance warning that the costs for places will be increasing from September 2018.

The 8.20 Club fees will rise from £20 per term (6 per year) to £30 per term. This equates to less than £1 per day.

Breakfast Club will have an increase to the daily amount from £3.20 per day to £3.70 per day