



1st March 2019 Newsletter

March	
Friday 1 st March	9.05am Snow Leopard class assembly
Thursday 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Book Day – children can dress as their favourite book character or come in their pyjamas. All children can bring their favourite book to school to enjoy with others. • Sponsored readathon event – a letter and sponsor form will come home today, event to take place during this week • 3.20-6.00pm Parent Consultation meetings. Crèche available for Downs View children only.
Friday 8 th	9.05am Turtle class assembly
Tuesday 12 th	3.20-6.30pm Parent Consultation meetings- crèche available for Downs View children only
Friday 15 th	9.05am Penguin class assembly
Friday 22 nd	9.05am Starfish class assembly
25 th -28 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book week/ Book Fair all week • A range of activities are planned to encourage children to enjoy reading
Monday 25 th March 9am and 2.15pm	Reception Mothers' day activity – Mums/ another carer (1 per child) are invited to come to make something with your child in the hall. See below for more details
Wednesday 27 th March 9am and 2.15pm	Year 2 Mothers' day activity – Mums/ another carer (1 per child) are invited to come to make something with your child in the hall. See below for more details
Thursday 28 th March 9am Friday 29 th March 2.15pm	Year 1 Mothers' day activity - Mums/ another carer (1 per child) are invited to come to make something with your child in the hall. See below for more details
Friday 29 th	9am Birthday assembly- parents with children who have a birthday in March are invited to attend
April	
Friday 5 th April	End of term 4
Final Training day	28 th June 2019
Every Monday (term time only)	Parent and Baby/Toddler group – Puppies room 1.15pm-2.45pm

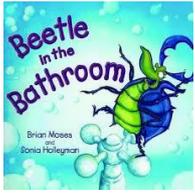
	<i>Weekly school attendance</i>	<i>Days missed across the school this week</i>	<i>Best class attendance for the week</i>	<i>Overall attendance for the year</i>
	96.14%	40	Starfish	95.29%

				
Reading award	Star of the week	Active Award	Star Table	Feet on Friday
 Sophia G	James C	Charlie C Zoe	Ethan	Erin
 Cody	Jessica	Noah Jimmy	Cody	James
 Jack	Lois	Harry Taylor	Charlie	Kieran
 Poppy	Julia	Maddi Thomas	Lily-Grace	Maddi
 Harley	Autumn	Shane Bradley	Ewan	Kacey-Marie
 Reda	Isaac	Annabel D Kyle	Evie	Beau
 Venya	William	Lucas Naomi	Harriet	Joselyn
 Sammi	Rowan	Kamile Luca	Emily H-W	Sammi
 Isla	Archie	Jack Wellard Poppy	Isabelle	Chloey

**Bonus Coin Winner of the Week – Turtle & Snow Leopard
Punctuality Pup – Snow Leopard**

What we have been learning.....

EYFS



In EYFS this week we have launched this term's topic of Minibeasts by reading the story *Beetle in the Bathroom*. It made us think which creatures may be lurking in our own bathrooms and what they would be getting up to i.e. I saw a beetle in the bath washing his hair! We then wrote our own imaginative sentences to describe what funny things we saw mini beasts doing in our bathroom. In Maths we have continued our learning about estimation. We have become more confident in making sensible estimations and have been using the language more and less to explain how close our estimation was. We even tried to work out how many more / how many less we needed to make our estimate accurate. Some of us have already really embraced the new topic and been mini beast hunting in the outdoor area. When we were unsure as to what mini beast we had found we used a safe search engine (<https://www.alarms.org/kidrex/>) on the computers to find out what it could be and facts about them i.e. Did you know that a worm does not have a heart but 10 organs that act in a similar way to a heart?

Year 1



What a roaring start to Term 4 we have had! We began the week by stepping into the film "The Lion King" imagining we were the animals making our way across the Savannah. We explored the ways the animals move as well as looked and used these ideas to write descriptions. We were amazed that many of the children could explain what an adjective and verb was and why they had chosen particular ones. We continued thinking about animals in Art where we have begun to look at the work of Henri Rousseau. We are looking forward to recreating one of his paintings of a wild animal in a jungle soon. In Maths we have been working with numbers up to 50. We have used our knowledge of tens and ones to break the numbers down using various manipulatives such as; Numicon, Dienes and arrow cards. We have been really impressed with how well the children have settled back into class after their week off and have enjoyed sharing the lovely animal creations they have made for our creative learning walls.

Year 2



Wow what an exciting first week back we have had in year 2! We were so excited to learn our new topic 'It's a Kind of Magic!' We were inspired by the story of 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' and explored various magical objects that would be needed as a first year going to Hogwarts school of witchcraft and wizardry. We generated ambitious descriptive language to use whilst writing a list and explanation of the objects. In Maths we have continued to explore fractions and have found $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ of shapes and quantities.

Can we please ask that all children have an **outdoor and indoor PE kit** as we will be doing our athletics outside as much as possible this term. Thank you

Mid-year Report and Parent Consultation Evenings

You should have received your child's mid-year report yesterday. We hope that you are pleased with the progress which your child has made since September.

As you should also be aware parent consultation evenings are next Thursday 7th March and Tuesday 12th March. Please remember to return the slip with your requested day and time slot by **Monday 4th March**. This will give you an opportunity to look at your child's books and discuss the comments made on your child's report.

Some of our Governors will be around to talk to. They will be available to support you with sharing your views of the school and Parent view. We hope you will take a few minutes to take part.

We are offering a Crèche for anyone who finds making arrangements for childcare difficult; this is available for children at Downs View Infant school only.

Welcome

A huge welcome to Mrs Claudine Masson a new teacher who is working in Starfish class on a Thursday and Friday. She is an experienced teacher who comes with a lot of expertise.

Welcome

Drop-off arrangements – 8.20 Club

In line with safeguarding; there is an intercom system on the playground gate. If you are arriving for 8.20 club can you please gain access by using the video intercom system which is located on the 1st playground gate, the 2nd playground gate will continue to be open from 8.30 for parents and children to come into school.

Mothers' day activities



This year rather than have an assembly, Mums/Carers are invited to come into school and take part in making something with their child. Any child whose parent cannot make it will take part in the activity in class with an adult. All children will bring home their gift to their Mum/carer. There will be a chance for all Mums/ carers to have a little relaxing time during the afternoon as well!

A little plea..



If you have any of the following items that you no longer need we would be grateful of any donations to the school, these can be left at the school office:

Toy cars, Top Trump playing card, Lego, Action/Superhero figures, Barbies, Mega blox and any single duvet covers (bright, colourful or with trees, flowers or plain green).



School Class Photographs

Proofs of your child's class group photograph were sent home before half-term. The deadline for ordering these through the school office has now passed; however you can still order on-line at www.sbsdigital.co.uk.

In line with our policy on taking photographs and filming, we would like to remind you that parents are not permitted to take or use photographs or make a video recording for anything other than their own personal use and would therefore request that these class photographs are not posted on-line for any reason.

The Hygiene Bank Drop Off



Collecting NEW and UNOPENED

Sanitary Pads & Tampons - Shampoo & Conditioner - Face

Wash & Wipes - Shower Gels - Deodorant - Disposable

Razors & Shaving Foam - Toothpaste & Toothbrushes - Body

& Face Lotions - Make - Up - Beauty Gifts



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