



20th March 2020 Newsletter

Following guidance given on Wednesday night by the Government, Downs View will close at the end of the school day on Friday 20th March.

Home learning

Your child will bring home their home learning book with the topic grid and creative learning which you can complete with your child over the next few weeks. In addition there are a range of apps and links to website which will also support you with activities to complete with your child at home. We will keep updating our website and will alert you via parentmail or facebook about this. Children must be kept at home or indoors during school hours.

Absence coding

Throughout the period of school closure all pupils will be Y coded. No absences, authorised or unauthorised will be registered against pupils.

Primary Assessments

The government have announced that no Primary Assessments will take place in May and June. This includes Year 1 Phonics Screening and Year 2 SATs. Some of the learning provided practises these essential skills and knowledge. Please continue to support your child with learning spellings and using these within their writing.

Children who may still attend

If you feel you are a key worker and will need childcare at school next week, please can you call the office. The list of key workers can be found on the Government website:

'schools are safe for a small number of children to continue attending- but asking others to stay away will help to slow the spread'.

There has been an indication from the Secretary of State that schools will continue to provide this service during Easter holidays but we will need to await further guidance about this.

Pupil premium/Free school meals

We are conscious that a number of children are eligible for free school meals. We will be open for children to come onto site to have a hot meal if safe to do so. There will be social distancing in place for this and you will be informed of your time slot on Monday. If you are not able to come to school for this please contact the office and we will be able to advise you.

We would not want to leave any child in need without food; therefore during this initial period, if you require support with provision of food please contact Sam Ansell our FLO during school hours and we will support where we can. Her number is 07884866105.

Support for parents

Sam will also be available if you need further support. She will help as she can and somebody else will monitor the phone in her absence. A support sheet will be sent to every child next week with useful telephone numbers and links to local support. Please do not suffer alone, your children needs you at this challenging time. Keeping a routine from day one will help you and your child to get through so please keep to this, building in learning time and breaks including time for some fresh air in gardens or in your street with you. Look out for a social story which we have used in school to explain the coronavirus in a child friendly way can also be found on our website.

Safeguarding and other urgent concerns

A Designated Safeguarding Lead will be on site daily so if you have any concerns you can contact one of them via the school office. May I also remind you that you can contact KCC safeguarding team if you need to via calling 03000415648.

I assure you we will continue to send regular information as soon as we have it. May I remind you that Government guidance regarding self-isolation has not changed. Even if you are a key worker you still need to follow the guidelines below:

- If your child or another member of the household have symptoms of coronavirus, then all members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from day when the first person in the house became ill.
- It is likely that people living within a household will infect each other or be infected already staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could give to others in the community
- The symptoms are:
 - A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above) OR
 - A new continuous cough

We have been very fortunate to remain open all week and would like to commend my staff who against all odds have put your children first and ensured that the Downs View's team work has shone brightly. They have shown dedication, hard work and provided emotional support to you and your children as well as trying to keep their own families safe too.

They will continue to be on a rota whilst we are open to come in and support children in school or work at home to prepare for when your children return.

Thank you for your ongoing support, we will continue to do our very best for you and your children, keeping that positive community spirit alive.

Please stay safe, follow the Government guidelines and as hard as it is, keep calm and support one another.

Best wishes

Mrs Kent

	 Reading award	 Star of the week	 Active Award	 Star Table	 Feet on Friday
	Maraki	Amber	Prasoon Miley	Tyler	Arafat
	Oliver R	Boaz	Amelia Kingsley	Tomas	Tommy
	Ewan	Gethin	Derryc Isla	Thomas	Harley
	Bonnie	Emma	Chloe Archie	Emma	Archie
	Rowan	Alexandra	Rowan Eleanor	Jacob	Harvey
	Kevin	Indya	Ruby Meadow	Isla	Jessica P
	Riley	Isaac	Freddie Mia	Riley	Louie-Joe
	Kuda	Olivia	Freddie Husna	Sophia	Isla
	Leo	Fynn	Elliot Delilah	Laila	Ashley

Bonus Coin Winner of the Week – Dolphin

Punctuality Pup – Starfish

What we have been learning.....

EYFS

This week in EYFS we have been thinking about how special our Mum is to us. We read a variety of stories about Mum's by Nick Butterworth and Anthony Browne. We had fun brainstorming all the special qualities that our Mum's have and hopefully you will see some of these written down in a little surprise on Sunday morning! In Maths we have been thinking about 3D shape. We have tried

really hard to name 3D shapes i.e. cube, cuboid, cylinder, cone, pyramid, sphere and have thought about the 3d shapes of different objects within our classrooms. We then used the junk modelling and wooden bricks to help us create our own 3D models. In art we have been using clay to make our own sculptures. We had to manipulate the clay into different 3D shapes i.e. cylinders and sphere and then used these shapes to then create minibeasts! In RE we have looked at how people are baptised when they enter the Christian family. Some of the children could remember going to christenings and talked through their experiences. We would like to wish you all a happy mother's day for Sunday!

Year 1

We started the week in Year 1 with an exciting art day where we looked at the artist Henri Rousseau and planned our own artwork based on his work. We then learnt how to print to make the background for our picture. On Tuesday we had a lovely day after the unfortunate news that our trip had to be cancelled. We made habitats for animals on field, then did some research activities on various animals. We also enjoyed a lovely picnic outside! The rest of the week we have been practising our weighing skills in Maths, this is something you could continue at home as you make meals together in the coming weeks. In English we started to create our own non-fiction texts on animals. We learnt how to draw and label a diagram as well as write lists and factual information. As a team we are very sad we are unable to finish our Circle of Life learning but are very impressed with what the children already know. If they would like to find out anymore facts about their favourite animals we would love to look at them when we return to school. We wish all our Year 1 children and their families well during the forthcoming weeks.

Year 2

In year 2 this week we have continued to write based on Alice in Wonderland. We have explored rhyme and then wrote rhyming couplets based on the story. Within Maths we have explored direction and turns using language of quarter, half, three quarter, clockwise and anti-clockwise. We have learnt how to tell the time to 15 minute intervals. On our let's explore Geography day we have explored human and physical features. We made 3D maps of our local area and then created scratch maps of these. Within PE we have explored jumping and practising our technique.

Farewell to Mr Horne

We have said our farewells to Mr Horne today, wishing him every success in his new exciting role. The children set him Mathematical challenges in assembly and Mrs Little made him a Numicon outfit which he modelled all day! He was a great sport and staff and children will be sad to see him go but he has promised to keep in touch!

We have also said farewell to Miss Russell who has been on placement as a trainee teacher in Turtles class. We wish her well for the future.

Sad news for Miss Thorogood

Miss Thorogood was due to get married over the Easter weekend but unfortunately this has been postponed. Staff have marked the occasion with her today and know that her day will be as special when it finally takes place later on in the year.

Mothers' day activities



Thank you to all the Mums/Nans/Dads/Carers that attended the mothers' day activity this week. The children really enjoyed creating their tea light holders and spending time with you; we have some very creative children and mums!



Mothers' day gift sales

Thank you to the fantastic team work this week by The Friends of Downs View and all the parents who supported them to make the sales such a success. £300 has been raised to go towards important resources for the school which have included an Easter activity pack and a pencil which your child should have been brought home tonight. Thank you for the amazing donations. We hope that those of you who took part in this enjoy their gift; carefully chosen by your child.

