



A very Happy Christmas and
A Happy New Year!



18th December 2020 Newsletter

January	
Monday 4th	Children return to school
Wednesday 20th	Class Photos
Friday 29th	Birthday assembly held virtually for all children with a birthday in January
February	
Friday 12th	End of Term

Covid-19 Instructions for Parents/Carers to report any symptoms or positive cases after the end of term	
Symptoms that develop within 48 hours of being in school, Up until 4pm Sunday 20th December	If a pupil develops, any of the 3 symptoms listed below please contact the school via the office email – office@downs-view.kent.sch.uk as well as contacting 119 NHS Test and Trace. The school will be involved in identifying close contacts and advising on any necessary self-isolation
Symptoms that develop after 4pm on Sunday 20th December	If a pupil develops, any of the 3 symptoms listed below, you do not need to contact the school. Parents and Carers should contact 119 NHS Test and Trace direct
If your child or a household member has developed symptoms, received a positive test result or have been asked to self-isolate over the Christmas holiday period and you are unsure if your child should return to school on Monday 4th January, please either email the school office – office@downs-view.kent.sch.uk or telephone 01233 632339 once the school has re-opened on Monday 4th to discuss this.	

As this year comes to an end, I would like to thank you for your support with following guidance in keeping your children, my staff and yourselves as safe as possible. This has enabled for the spread of any germs to be kept to a minimal. Despite us having to close year 1 today, as a precautionary measure, I am very proud of my vigilant staff and of your children for following the rules so carefully.

Your children have been amazing this term, embracing new exciting challenges and trying their best!

I hope that you and your families remain safe and well during the festive break.

Mrs Kent

	<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>
	95.10%	52.5	Polar Bear 100%	97.22%

Altogether, we learn, love, respects and most importantly have FUN!

					
	Reading Champion	Star of the week	Active Award	Star Table	Walk on Wednesday Feet on Friday
Mrs Kent will hold a virtual celebration assembly Monday 4th January for the awards in the this newsletter and stickers/badges and star table event will be given out and take place on a Monday					
	Naomi	Maeve	Bonnie Rocky	Leo	Chloe
	Jacob	Erin	Abrianna Mathias	Jessica Peach	Jessica H
	Lily-Rose	Alex	Darcie S Emily M	Amelia	Edward
	Hanna	Teddy	Smera Uriel	Lola	Kian
	Blake	Ashley	Emily Fynn	Josh	Elliot
	Raphael	Fuby	Florence Danielle	Danielle	Sophia

	Marcia	Rosie	Ramsey Jake	Danny-Alan	Briar-Rose
	George L	Beth	George Perry Bella	Max	Albert
	Archie	Molly	Ronald F Luke	Finlay	James

Bonus Coin Winner of the Week – Dolphin

What we have been learning.....

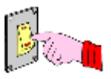
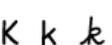
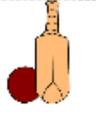
EYFS



This week we have had a fun filled last week of term! We started the week by producing some amazing writing to go inside something very special. I won't spoil the surprise in case it has been hidden from you for Christmas day! All the children worked hard to write through the sounds that they could hear and any tricky words that they already knew! In maths we had to work hard to put a set of instructions into the correct order. The children realised that unless they are precise that we can end up in all sorts of trouble! Thankfully, this was soon rectified before we sequenced and then followed a set of instructions to make our own jam sandwiches! We have also had fun this week recording our Christmas recital (We're going on a baby hunt), taking part in a Christmas party and even had time for a visit from Father Christmas!

The EYFS team would like to wish you all a very Happy and safe Christmas and New Year and are looking forward to seeing you in January!

P.S. Please don't forget to consolidate the sounds and tricky words we have learnt so far and complete the holiday homework!

 M m m	 D d d	 S s s	 A a a
 I i i	 N n n	 P p p	 T t t
 G g g	 O o o	 H h h	 F f f
 C c c	 K k k	 B b b ff as in huff, puff	
 E e e	 U u u	 ll ll	as in bell, doll
 R r r		 ss ss	as in miss, loss Remember this is a digraph. A combination of two letters



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Year 1



This week in Year 1 we have been busy making some lovely things to bring home and share with you! We enjoyed recapping our work on Seasons by creating a beautiful tree showing all the different changes that happen as the seasons change. We also had a very enjoyable day on Tuesday learning how to type on a computer. This was something that many of the children found quite tricky. It made us laugh how many of them tried to move the cursor on the screen with their finger! We did however, teach them to use the mouse pad on the laptop and how to click to change the colour, style and size of the fonts. They were so proud of their work and we're sure they will enjoy showing you the results! We also enjoyed an exciting music day where we got to recreate the music from Walt Disney's Fantasia. We used instruments as well as our voices and body parts to create our own music that we feel fits with the film. Alongside all this fun we have been continuing our phonics and reading. We have now started phase 4 in phonics where we are practising lots of blending, please continue to help our children at home with this. We used our knowledge of phonics and reading this week to learn to read some Christmas songs. The children really enjoyed learning and chanting these songs along with their friends.

Year 2



What a festive week we have had in year 2! We have done lots of creative crafts and hope you liked receiving these at home too! In English we have been captured by the story 'The Polar Express'. We retold the story using parts and then wrote a description from the point of view of the main character. We used our senses to describe a snowy scene where the steam train stood waiting to take him to the North Pole. In Maths we have continued to consolidate our learning on money by comparing amounts in pounds and pence. We have used language such as greater, less and equal too. Within music we explored pitch, learning that this means where a sound is high pitch or low pitch. We used this learning to compose our own music linked to the planets, thinking about whether we could portray the planets with a low or high pitched sound. We used various percussion instruments. We had great fun filming our Christmas poem for you and we hope that you enjoyed it. Have a lovely break although it may be different this year it will still be full of festive cheer!

Christmas Videos

Although we are disappointed that the children could not practise our 'normal' Christmas performances this year to a live audience, we are delighted to be able to share a video of your child's performance instead. You will receive the link via Parentmail today. We hope you enjoy it. A polite reminder that these links are for you and your family to enjoy and should not be shared on social media sites. Thank you.

The Friends of Downs View – Christmas Raffle

Mrs Kent had great pleasuring in drawing the raffle on Wednesday morning, below is a link to the filmed event! Many of our families won some lovely hampers/prizes. We would like to thank parents/carers for their generosity, raising £563. This will be match funded by Barclays. Thank you to Kayleigh, Ayla's Mum in Ladybirds for nominating us. Also a huge thank you to the Friends of Downs View for all their hard work. The Friends Newsletter acknowledges the kind donations also made by companies.

<https://youtu.be/nacoCG14R2c>.



Christmas Lunch

A big thank you to all our kitchen staff and Midday Supervisors, the children enjoyed a lovely Christmas lunch on Wednesday.

Thank you for a kind donation

A huge thank you to Mr Sage for the generous donation of a vast amount of stationery, which he has donated to the school following an office move. It is very much appreciated and will be put to good use.

Year 2 Parents

As we are an Infant School, once your child finishes in year 2 they will move on to Kennington Academy or another school. There is an admission process which parents need to go through to secure a place for year 3 which involves completing an application form on line at www.kent.gov.uk/ola before **15 January 2021**. If you have any questions regarding this please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Adverse weather arrangements

At this time of year we like to take the opportunity to remind you of the procedures we put in place should we have any adverse winter weather.

If it has been snowing heavily we will do everything we can to make sure the school is open however we have to take in to account the number of staff able to get to school and the safety of children and adults on the school site. Mrs Kent will liaise with Mrs Seal/Mrs Wratten at Kennington CE Academy and make a joint decision as early as possible in the morning.

If we have heavy snow we request that all children bring in a packed lunch as we may not be able to provide a school dinner.

We may also have to delay the opening of Breakfast Club until 8.15am to enable us to make sure we have enough staff and the school site is safe.

If any of these measures are put in place we will keep parents informed by putting up to date information on:

Website: www.downs-view.kent.sch.uk

Kent Closure site: www.kentclosures.co.uk

[BBC Radio Kent](#)

[Facebook](#)

We will also contact parents via email.

PLEASE NOTE: As long as we have enough staff and the site is safe the school will be open.



**May we take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
We hope you enjoy special family time together and look forward to seeing you on
Monday 4th January 2020.**



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Everyone has a role to play in keeping our schools safe and helping to stop the spread of COVID-19.

DON'T SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS.

VISIT [NIDIRECT.GOV.UK/](https://nidirect.gov.uk/) CORONAVIRUS TO BOOK A TEST ONLINE. CALL 119 IF YOU CANNOT BOOK A TEST ONLINE.

YOU SHOULD BOOK A COVID-19 TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

A HIGH TEMPERATURE

This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature).

OR

A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).

OR

A LOSS OR CHANGE TO THEIR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE

This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 BUT HAS OTHER COLD-LIKE SYMPTOMS, SUCH AS A RUNNY NOSE, THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE TESTED AND THEY OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD DO NOT NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE. YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND SCHOOL IF FIT TO DO SO.

HERE'S WHAT TO DO IF:

YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the test is negative providing they are well enough, have not had a fever for 48 hours and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result
- Self-isolate for at least 10 days as advised by the PHA.

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school after 10 days even if they still have a cough / loss of smell or taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- The household member should book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

CONTACT TRACING HAS IDENTIFIED MY CHILD AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for at least 14 days as advised by the PHA Contact Tracing Service

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- Attend school as normal
- If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities.

YOUR CHILD HAS TRAVELLED ABROAD AND HAS TO SELF-ISOLATE

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for 14 days in line with quarantine advice

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

*If your child has been identified as a close contact of a case of COVID-19, or has returned from travel abroad and is self-isolating, they must self-isolate for 14 days regardless of a negative COVID-19 test result.

Further information, including Frequently Asked Questions for Parents and Carers, can be found on the Department of Education's website at www.education-ni.gov.uk