



15th January 2021 Newsletter

January	
Wednesday 20th	Class Photos –Postponed until March
Friday 29th	Birthday assembly held virtually for all children with a birthday in January
February	
Friday 12th	End of Term












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Hello everyone, as we come to the end of our second week of a new norm, I would like to say a huge thank you for your support at home and if your child is in school for keeping to the new guidelines. We really miss being altogether and realise that it isn't always easy for you or your child, especially if you are at home. The children in school are making new friendships and have settled well into their new groups. To support children at home with seeing some familiar adults from school and some of their friends we will be sharing a zoom link for a 'show and tell' session next week where your child will be invited to join a group of children from their class. Please look out for this link on parent mail. The date and time will differ for each class and will ensure that this fits around the busy schedule of staff so unfortunately cannot be changed but if these are successful, we will offer them again. The list of activities which your child can take part in at home will be shared today and all videos will be shared as early as possible on Monday morning. Please remember to share those 'wow' moments at home via the year group email addresses.

I am sure you will join me in thanking all Downs View staff who are working together as a team and have very quickly learnt a new way of teaching and learning. We are continuously reviewing the remote learning and doing all we can to support children at home and in school as well as ensuring we keep to guidelines and keep everybody safe.

Mrs Kent

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	Shout outs this week	Shout outs this week
	Toby – for amazing maths learning at home.	Naomi – for an excellent attitude to learning.
	Lenny – for his fantastic and creative learning at home.	Chloey – for working hard on her non fiction book.
	Olly – for persevering with his Tinga Tinga tale	Alex – for writing a great introduction to her non fiction book.
	Amelia - for showing such excellent enthusiasm in her learning.	Lily C - for her super Harry Potter description writing.
	Megan - for showing excellent place value knowledge in Maths this week.	Archie - for super describing of toys using adjectives.
	Danielle - for getting into role as Woody to retell Toy Story.	Andrea - for settling into school so well this week.
	Eddison – for his amazing Superhero story that he created at home using the writing toolkit!	Charlie L – for his amazing blending and segmenting when reading new books at home.
	Beth - for using fantastic alliteration this week i.e. slippery slide!	George Pi – for using fantastic stem sentences within maths learning this week i.e. 1 less than 5 is 4!
	Archie – for using amazing vocabulary when directing BeeBot i.e. forwards and backwards whilst using a game on the ipad.	Maguire – for her amazing creativity and blending to read new words whilst learning at home.

What we have been learning.....

EYFS



This week in EYFS we have had great fun both at school and home creating our own super hero capes and names! We had to make sure that our superhero name used alliteration (both words start with the same sound) i.e. Super Smith, Brilliant Bridges! Did you all manage to add these to your superhero capes? I have seen some through our year group email already but it is not too late to send them to us the EYFS love to share your learning!

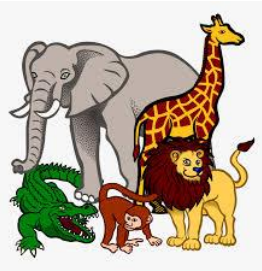
In maths this week we have been exploring the numbers 6, 7 and 8 and have also been thinking about 1 less. Did you manage to use your fives frame to help you take away and calculate how many were left? Remember there are lots of taking away songs that you can use at home to support with this. This website is particularly useful for all rhymes <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-songs-index/zhwdgwx> Thank you for your continued support with all remote learning, the EYFS team hope you are still enjoying all the videos and activities! We know the children in school are loving the activities! Please ask your child to choose one 'wow' moment from the week and share it with us via email, this maybe a photograph or video or drawing.

Year 1



Hello to all year 1's both at home and at school. What a super week of learning we have had. In English this week we have been working hard to describe the characters from Toy Story. We looked at both their appearance and personality and used adjectives to help us describe them. Did you manage to write a riddle? In Maths we have started to work with numbers up to 20. We have looked at how to split them in between tens and ones and then began comparing them. We have also enjoyed some topic activities this week including making our own puppet in DT. It was great fun working out how to join it together. Thank you to anyone at home who has sent in your super work already. Please continue to let us know if we can support you in anyway and don't forget to keep practising your phonics, reading and maths skills. Have you tried numbots yet? Please email us for your login if you did not receive it before the end of last term as we are aware many of the children were isolating at this time. Keep up the hard work – we are so proud of all of you and miss you all lots.

Year 2



We want to start off by saying thank you to those parents/carers who are sending photos of what their children have been doing at home. We love to see their learning as we are missing them! It's also nice to be able to give some praise to them and yourselves as we know how hard it is at home during these times.

This week both in school and at home year 2 children have been authors and illustrators! They have researched facts about their chosen African animal and have created their own non-fiction fact book. I bet we will see some of them in our book shops one day! We have been amazed by these that have been sent in already so please send in some more! In Maths we have begun to understand what multiplication is, as equal groups, and have applied this by solving x2, x5 and x10 multiplications. Children have continued to enhance their wellbeing through a variety of activities, the favourites are always art based!

BBC remote learning

As you may have already seen the BBC will show curriculum based programmes on TV from Monday. They will include 3 hours of primary school programming every day on CBBC from 9am. This is such a brilliant resource for your child to tap into if you are struggling with home schooling. The programming will include BBC live lessons, BBC Bitesize as well as Our School, Celebrity Supply Teacher, Horrible Histories and Operation Ouch. There will also be Bitesize daily programmes available to watch on demand. If you have a secondary child they will also be showing content to support them on BBC Two. We hope that this in addition to our remote learning makes home learning a little easier and maybe a useful tool if you have more than one child at home sharing devices or you are also working at home.

Contacting your Year Group Teachers

Our year group emails are available and the teachers are looking forward to hearing from you. Please use the following email address to share any of your child's super remote learning or if you

have a specific question for the year group teachers. This can be used for children in school as well as the regular home learning, ie spellings and reading will be coming home which you may want to share or if you need to contact the year group. Please use these email addresses rather than the office email address for anything related to your child's learning. For all other queries or questions, please continue to use the office address.

reception@downs-view.kent.sch.uk

year1@downs-view.kent.sch.uk

year2@downs-view.kent.sch.uk

Covid-19 – Stay at Home – Protect the NHS – Save Lives



In accordance with the government guidelines, we would ask that parents are vigilant/alert. For all children who are currently attending school if they or anyone in their households develops any of the following symptoms they should not come into school and should inform the school of this. Thank you again for your continued co-operation.





Coronavirus (COVID-19) Symptoms are the recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child or a member of their household has any of the 3 symptoms listed above could you please visit [NIDIRECT.GOV.UK/CORONAVIRUS](https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/coronavirus) to book a test or call 119, letting the school know this on the 1st day of absence. Could you please ensure that once the test results are known the school is informed both via telephone and email before they return to school.

If you are self-isolating, please can we politely remind you that you should not be leaving your home which includes driving your child to school even if you come and remain in a car. If your child does not need to isolate, they can still come to school but would need to be brought in by somebody else. To ensure that we all follow Government guidance and prevent the spread of the virus, please abide by the guidelines given. If you need any support or guidance, please contact the school office.

Contacting the School

  During the current national lockdown if you have any questions or wish to discuss any issues that might arise, please do not hesitate to contact the school via the school office  : office@downs-view.kent.sch.uk or call Sam our FLO on 07884866105. These are checked regularly. 

Remote Learning

The government have announced help for families to gain access to the internet to complete remote learning by increasing their mobile data allowance. If you are experiencing problems accessing the remote learning and would like further information on this assistance please contact the school office providing us with the following details:

- the name of the account holder
- the number of the mobile device
- the mobile network of that device (for example Three)
- whether they pay monthly or pay as they go

This new scheme temporarily increases data allowances for mobile phone users on certain networks.

Families with access to a mobile phone on one of the following networks might be able to benefit:

- Three
- Smarty
- Virgin Mobile
- EE
- Tesco Mobile
- Sky Mobile

Other providers may join the scheme at a later stage.

Once a network provider has processed a data increase, the provider will send a text message to the account holder.

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 and submitting this by January. Applications are now open and the closing date is Friday 15th January 2021 at midnight. Applications can be made at: Kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

New admissions to school if your child turns 5 from September 2021- 31st August 2022

The same procedure applies if you have a child who is due to begin school next year.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the tours of the school which we normally host but a wealth of information, including videos are on our website. Please pass on this information, virtually if you have friends or family who have children of this age group. Please contact the school office if you need more further information about the school.

Pupil premium

Your child may be entitled to Pupil Premium and Free School Meal Vouchers if you are in receipt of benefits, has a member of the family who is in the forces or if your child is fostered or adopted. This means that by filling in a form, the school will receive money to support your child in school and your family. We are aware that the new lockdown may have changed working arrangements within the family so if this the case please contact the office as you may be eligible.

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.

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 for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers.

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

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