



## 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 Newsletter

<b>June</b>	
<b>Monday 7th</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>
<b>Tuesday 15th</b>	<b>9.15am Sports Day – Cancelled/Rescheduled</b>
<b>Thursday 17th</b>	<b>9.15am Sports Day – Cancelled/Rescheduled</b>
<b>Thursday 24th</b>	<b>9.30am Sports Day</b> - (weather permitting) on school field- parents/families welcome. Details below.
<b>Friday 25th</b>	<b>Birthday Assembly</b> held virtually for all children with a birthday in June
<b>Monday 28th</b>	<b>9.30am Sports Day</b> – if Thursday is cancelled (weather permitting) on school field – parents/families welcome. Details below
<b>July</b>	
<b>Friday 2nd</b>	<b>Inset Day – No children in school</b>
<b>Monday 19th</b>	<b>1.45pm-2.45pm – Year 2 End of Year Assembly</b> – outdoor event - parents/carers welcome
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Last Day of Term 6</b>

### **Covid-19 Instructions for Parents/Carers to report any symptoms or positive cases during the May half-term holiday**

<b>Symptoms that develop within 48 hours of being in school, up until 4pm on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>If a pupil develops, any of the 3 symptoms listed below please contact the school via the office email – <a href="mailto:office@downs-view.kent.sch.uk">office@downs-view.kent.sch.uk</a> 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</b>
<b>Symptoms that develop after 4pm on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>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</b>

**If your child or a household member has developed symptoms, received a positive test result or have been asked to self-isolate over the May half-term holiday period and you are unsure if your child should return to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June please either email the school office – [office@downs-view.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@downs-view.kent.sch.uk) or telephone 01233 632339 once the school has re-opened on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June.**

### **International Travel**

There are no longer any restrictions on leaving England to travel internationally, however the government have produced a list of countries/territories on the red or amber lists that you should not travel to. If you are planning to travel to one of these countries/territories during the half-term, please look at the rules in place at your destination and the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) travel advice and advise the school.



	<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>
	<b>96.83%</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>Starfish 98.979%</b>	<b>96.76%</b>

					
	<b>Reading Champion</b>	<b>Star of the week</b>	<b>Active Award</b>	<b>Star Table</b>	<b>Walk on Wednesday Feet on Friday</b>
<b>Mrs Kent will hold a virtual celebration assembly for the awards in this newsletter and stickers/badges and star table event will be given out and take place on a Monday</b>					
	Raniesha	Archie For amazing Command Sentences!	Bonnie Jessica	Manahil	William
	Ariella	Charlie – for his amazing Litchenstein inspired artwork!	Meadow Jacob	Marshall	Jessica
	Emily H-W	Emily M – for great work telling the time in Maths.	Amelia Emily H	Dauids	Remi
	Chloe	Reuben – for having an excellent attitude towards his learning and believing in himself.	Amelia Archie	Tia	Emily
	Laila	Blake – for working hard in Maths, grouping amounts and counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.	Kayla Shaun	Leo	Josiah

	Luana	Ava P-G – for working so hard in Maths and trying her best to count in 2's, 5's and 10's.	Issac Ernie	Tate	Henry
	Colin	Harvey- for creating a fantastic picture using a tangram.	Naya Adam	Hannah	Danny
	Bella	Omo – for his amazing reading and use of expression during guided reading.	Teddy Dominique	Rose	Charlie F
	Henry	Jude – for excellent phonic work.	Darcie Kye	Adrian	Molly

**Bonus Coin Winner of the Week – Butterfly**

**Happy Half term!**

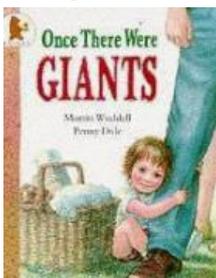
It's great to see and hear how much progress your children have made this term. It's great to see the positive attitude to learning which your children continue to have this term. Thank you for your support at home, this continues to make a significant difference. Next term we will continue this learning journey, whilst supporting your children in preparing for their next steps.

I hope you enjoy some quality family time together in the sunshine!

**We look forward to seeing you back on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

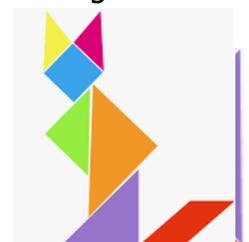
**Altogether, we learn, love, respects and most importantly have FUN!**

**EYFS**



This week in EYFS we have been exploring the story 'Once there were giants' by Martin Waddell. In the story we watch the character grow up. It made us think about what we would like to be when we grow up and become an adult! As you can imagine the ideas were very imaginative and covered a whole range of careers from fire fighters to racing car drivers! We decide to record our ideas by writing some simple sentences. As a challenge we thought of why we would like to have this career and used our conjunction because to record our thoughts i.e. I want to

be a doctor because I like to help people. In Maths we have been solving problems! We started the week by being shown a tangram. A tangram is "a



Chinese puzzle made by cutting a square of thin material into five triangles, a square, and a rhomboid which are capable of being recombined in many different figures". The children were then given their own tangram to explore. They worked independently to re arrange the shapes from within the tangram to form their own pictures. In PE this week we finished our unit on gymnastics by combining all the skills we have learnt this term including travelling in different ways and balancing on different body parts both on the floor and on apparatus. We had great fun taking part in a gymnastic competition too! Look out for your child's certificate!

We have had a great term looking at how and why things change and can't wait for next terms topic where we will be 'Taking Flight!'

## Year 1



This week in Year 1 we have really enjoyed wrapping up our topic of "Be Our Guest". We enjoyed continuing our learning about food preparation by making a jam sandwich together as a class and writing our own recipe for it. We learnt all about bossy verbs and worked hard on adding these to our instructions. In Maths this week we have been working hard in grouping numbers into equal

quantities. We have also been practising counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. It would be great if you could practise this at home. There are some super songs on YouTube that the children have enjoyed learning, for example; counting in 5's by the singing walrus. We had an enjoyable Science lesson on Wednesday where we learnt all about parts of the body and our senses. We enjoyed exploring different things we can do with our bodies like clapping with hands, tiptoeing on feet etc. In PE this week we have continued to practise ball skills, this time by trying to move about as we throw and catch. It proved to be a lot trickier but the children tried very hard. Next term we are hoping to set up travel information and booking centres in our role play. Could we ask that if anyone goes anywhere over half term for a day out where there are leaflets that you bring some in for us please? They can be anything from a zoo to a town centre. We hope whatever you do over half term you have a lovely break and some quality time with friends and family.



## Year 2



Year 2 have truly impressed their teachers this week! In English, we responded to texts based on a variety of mythical creatures. We wrote a range of sentences including statements, commands and questions and also used our fantastic inferential questions to answer questions. We remembered capital letters and full stops and concentrated so hard on our spelling! We included bossy verbs for our commands and even added adverbs! For questions, we remembered to begin with a question word and end with a question mark. In Maths, we continued to learn to tell the time. First, we learnt about quarter

past and then quarter to the hour. After that, we put all our learning together and told the time to the nearest 15 minutes. Finally, we worked very hard to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes. During half term please let us show you everything we know! Our Art Day was such fun! We re-created the styles of Pop Artists Lichtenstein and Andy Warhol to make our own self-portraits and then we worked hard on our observational skills to draw a self- portrait in the style of the Baroque Artist, Rubens. We discussed which style we preferred and why. Year 2 have worked ever so hard this term. Have a great break and we look forward to seeing you for more fun in Term 6!



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

### Re-scheduled Sports Day



We have re-scheduled our Sports day from 15<sup>th</sup> June to 24<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am or 28<sup>th</sup> second choice 9.30am, to allow this to be a whole school event, subject to Government guidance. The children will take part in sports activities within their separate year groups and we will be encouraging parents/carers to maintain social distancing. Parents/carers will be invited to stay for a drink with their children at the end of the event before the children return to their classes. This planned event will be dependent upon Government advice nearer the time.

### Staggered Start and Finish Times

Alongside Kennington CE Academy we have reviewed our current timings **with effect from Term 6**. These will lessen the intervals between drop off and pick up times to minimise the amount of time adults wait on site and also to keep the flow of people around the school. **Butterflies, Dolphins and Penguins will remain the same.**

### These will be:

**Butterflies, Dolphins and Penguins: 8.40am and collection at 2.50pm**

**Bees, Starfish and Polar Bears : 8.45am and collection at 2.55pm**

**Ladybirds, Turtles and Snow Leopards: 8.50am and collection at 3.00pm**

If you have a sibling at Kennington or another school where these times clash, you can drop your child off from 8.40am-8.50am and collect from 2.50 to 3.00pm. All other parents are kindly reminded to keep to these times and not come on site **before or after** your collection times. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated in this matter, in order to keep you and others as safe as possible, following current Government guidance.

### Celebrating your child's birthday and other festivals with their class friends



We know that many children like to share something with their class friends on their birthday or other festivals such as Eid. We are a 'Healthy School' and therefore cannot give out sweet treats in class. We have a couple of alternative suggestions of either buying a book for the class to keep and read or to buy a pencil or similar small item for each child but please do not feel this is necessary. None of these are essential as we do celebrate every child's birthday by holding the virtual monthly birthday assemblies in school and also your child's class teacher will acknowledge their special day. If you do still want to share a sweet treat this must be done away from the classroom with consent of parents/carers.

### Coronavirus Guidance

In accordance with the government guidelines, we would ask that parents are vigilant/alert. For all children who are 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 virus, please abide by the guidelines given. If you need any support or guidance, please contact the school office.

### **Absence – reminder**



If your child is poorly and unable to come to school, please ensure that you inform the office via telephone on our attendance line or via Parentmail. This should be done before school on the first day of absence. Please be aware that we will call you if we haven't heard from you or may even come to your home as we have a duty of care to ensure that all children who are absent from school are safe and accounted for. If you have taken your child to the doctors it is useful to get an appointment card as proof of this. Remember we can administer prescribed medication so if your child is feeling better but needs medicine, this can be brought to the office and administered as necessary. If you are unsure whether your child can come to school, please call the office and somebody will be able to advise you. Our attendance leaflet has been sent out for further information. Thank you for your support.

### **Kitchen Vacancy**

Caterlink have Catering Assistant Positions available. If you are interested in a fast paced, Monday to Friday, Term Time only position then please send your CV to [lcarswell@caterlinkltd.co.uk](mailto:lcarswell@caterlinkltd.co.uk)

### **Fingers crossed the weather's warming up.....**



Please remember to provide your child with a sun hat, to put sun cream on your child before school and to ensure they have a water bottle in school every day.



# Have a great half term break!

# ONLINE CONTENT

## 10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



### 1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



### 2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



### 3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



### 4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



### 5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



### 6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



### 7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



### 8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



### 9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online; listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



### 10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.



# 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/CORONAVIRUS](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](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk)

## EDUCATION RESTART





## SUMMER RAFFLE

WIN ONE OF OUR MANY FABULOUS HAMPERS OR PRIZES!!

Tickets £1.00 each – On Sale NOW

Please complete the form below & return in an envelope with payment to the School Office or with your child by 9<sup>th</sup> June.

Tickets will be sent home to you with your child – please check their bags.

The Raffle will be drawn on 11<sup>th</sup> June via video link by Mrs Kent.



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Parent/Carer Name.....

Child Name ..... Class .....

I enclose £ ..... No of Tickets.....£1 each