

# THE FEDERATION OF THE DOWNS & NORTHBOURNE CEP SCHOOLS

## Newsletter - End Term Four March 2019

The Christian period of Lent will be coming to its end with the approaching Easter weekend. I hope that you have been able to sustain the goals you have set yourself during this time – have you given something up for Lent or are you carrying out an act of kindness each day? If you give your friends Easter eggs or Easter cards this year, remember that we do this to celebrate Easter, new life and to be kind and generous like Jesus. We should also try to forgive, just like Jesus did when he forgave the disciples and the people who hurt him. We look forward to seeing many of you at our parent consultations on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> April. If you have not yet booked you will need to now contact class teachers to check availability as it is no longer possible to book online. When we return after the Easter break on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April we will be in summer uniform (see below).

Sports Day – please see note on diary page

### World Book Day

It was lovely to see so many children dressed as their favourite character from a treasured book. It was quite a lively assembly where they all got to share their costumes. The children all enjoyed taking part in the competition “Guess who is reading?” Year 5 won themselves some books for their class library.

### QUAD football

We have had a run of success at our QUAD sporting events and our Year 5 and 6 girls football team didn't let us down. They played three matches and achieved first overall. Well done to you all.

### Comic Relief

When you are used to seeing everyone in blue and grey every day, a sea of red for one day was a strange but enjoyable phenomenon. Thank you to everyone who took part and made a donation to this worthwhile cause. We raised a total of **£361.95**.

### Football Team

The football team are also having a very successful season and have been playing extremely well as a team. Their recent match was the final of The Graham Stabbs' cup. A goal in the last minutes of the game placed them second but it really was a match to be proud of. Thanks to Mrs Chambers and the parents for your continued support.

### Notable Achievements

*Children are invited to share, with the whole school, their achievements in after school activities.*

Layla C (Y3), Heidi C (Y1), Amber J (Y1), Logan C (Y3), Rhianna P (Y3), Georgia B (Y6) are all super gymnasts winning prizes and awards in their competitions.  
Preston B (Y1) – Crazy Krew Activity award.

*Amazing achievement – well done*

### Burning the Boats

Last week, a number of children from the choir auditioned for a part in the “Burning the Boats” production. Evie Brown and Jakob Taylor shone through and have been offered the parts of Betsy and Big Mickey. Simon Yadoo, a professional actor will teach them their roles, supported by Mrs Gaches and choir members. It is a great show and will be performed on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at Northbourne Park.

### Bike and scooter safety

If your child is riding a scooter or bike to school please do ensure that they have good road safety awareness and are sensible road users. We have had reports of unsafe riding and near misses and would wish to avoid an accident.

### Site safety

At the start and end of each day children are in the care of their parents and are to be supervised appropriately whilst waiting to go into class or leaving the school site. For their own safety, the children are not allowed to climb the banks, trees or fences.



## “Why does Easter matter to Christians?”

*Discuss together as a family....share your best examples with your class teacher*

**Dates for diary on the next page**

## DATES FOR DIARY

### Dates for the new academic year: 2018 - 2019

**Term One 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

*Half term break 19<sup>th</sup> October – 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018*

**Term Two 29<sup>th</sup> October – 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

*Christmas break 20<sup>th</sup> December – 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019*

**Term Three 3<sup>rd</sup> January – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

*Half term break 15<sup>th</sup> February – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019*

**Term Four 25<sup>th</sup> February – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

*Easter break 6<sup>th</sup> April – 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019*

**Term Five 23<sup>rd</sup> April – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

*Half term break 25<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019*

**Term Six 3<sup>rd</sup> June – 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019**

### Staff Development Days when school is closed to children

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

### Term Four

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Parent Consultations

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Parent Consultations

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Last day of term four – children can be collected from 1.30pm

### Term Five

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Children return to school = SUMMER UNIFORM

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Year 1 Forest School starts

### May

**Year 2 (KS1) assessment term**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May**

**SATS week for Year 6**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Year six swimming (session one)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Last day of term five – normal finish time

### Term Six

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Children return to school

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Year 6 forest school starts

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Year 6 swimming (4 more sessions)

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June

**Year 1 Phonics assessment week**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June

Training day – school closed to children

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Burning the Boats production (choir and actors from The Downs CEP)

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Training day – school closed to children

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Transition day – year 6 to new schools

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July

DLA Summer Cup

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Reports Home

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Sports Day / Open Afternoon

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Reserve Sports Day / Open Afternoon

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Year 6 Leavers Service TBC

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Last day of term - children can be collected from 1.30pm

**Sports Day** – we are reviewing our current format for sports day and one of the suggestions is to have three sessions throughout the morning, one for each of the teams. We would welcome any feedback on this idea. Please send any communication in by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

### Summer Uniform

- Plain white polo neck shirts
- Black/grey shorts/skirts
- Blue check summer dresses
- Sun hat/baseball cap (*optional*)
- Black school shoes or substantial sandals (no 'jelly' shoes')

*Trainers are not allowed, unless for genuine medical reasons where parents can produce evidence. Hair should be neat and tidy and long hair should be tied back for health and safety reasons and to prevent the spread of head lice. Hair accessories should be small and discrete in blue, grey or black. No fancy hair accessories.*