

**THE FEDERATION OF THE DOWNS & NORTHBOURNE  
CEP SCHOOLS  
Newsletter - End Term Six July 2019**

Another year is drawing to a close and it has been lovely to reflect back on the achievements of our children both academically, physically, creatively and socially. Our year 6 will share their memories of seven years at The Downs at their service on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019. It is with a sense of pride and honour that we send them on their way, confident that they are ready for the next stage in education.

We also wish other children, families and staff that leave us this year to move onto pastures new the very best of luck in their new ventures and new schools.

Thank you for your continued support of the school and our pupils. Have a lovely summer break and we look forward to seeing you all again in September for another exciting year.

We start back on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September except for our new reception.  
All classroom doors open at 8.45am ready for 8.55am registration.

**Teaching Staff September 2019**

Reception – Mrs Soules and Mrs Storey  
Year One – Miss Hollis and Miss Peerman/Miss Chantler  
Year Two – Miss Graham and Mrs Oram  
Year Three – Mrs Ewins and Miss McKenna  
Year Four – Mrs Byatt and Miss Gasking  
Year Five – Mrs Tysoe and Mrs Allcock/Mrs Underdown  
Year Six – Mrs Culver and Mr Thrower  
Mrs Anderson – Upper School support until Mrs Glanville returns  
Mrs Gaches – Music  
Mrs Reynolds - French  
Mrs Underwood – Reading Recovery

Team Leaders from September:  
Miss Peerman (Lower)  
Mrs Ewins (Middle)  
Mrs Tysoe (Upper)

**Year 6 Leavers Service**

The year 6 leaver's service will be held at St Mary's Church on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 6pm.  
The children will be sharing some of their memories with you and afterwards we invite you to join us for some light refreshments.

**Lost Property**

Any lost property will be on Goodwin playground on the last day of term. Anything left over will be bagged up ready for our next Bags to School collection.

**Sports Day**

The weather held for our sports day and so the children had an enjoyable morning working for their house team. The house cup for Years R, 1 and 2 was won by Willow and for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 by Sycamore.  
It was a lovely morning and thank you for your lovely feedback as you were leaving.  
If you would like to provide any comments about the format this year, both positive and constructive observations please email them to the school office.

**Last day of term – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019**

The children will participate in an act of collective worship at 1.10pm to say goodbye to year 6. When we have finished, all year groups will form a chain along the path outside the year 2, 3 and 4 classrooms leading to Goodwins. Once in position, Year 6 will travel along this corridor and be clapped on their way back to their classroom.

Parents are welcome to join us for this. The gates will be open only once assembly has finished and the children are gathering in position (this is likely to be around 1.30pm but may be later). We ask that parents gather on either the Blossom playground or the field near Goodwins so that the path is kept clear.

Once the children are back in class you are welcome to take them home. We know that not all parents will be able to join us to say goodbye to year 6 in which case normal home time is 3.10pm.

**Online Safety**

As the summer holidays approach, many children may be looking forward to spending their free time socialising or gaming with their friends online, so we feel that this is an appropriate time to highlight some simple online safety tips to help parents/ carers engage with and support their children online.

Please find attached 5 articles to support you and your family – these can also be found on our school website.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>School dinners - 2019-2020 - Year 3</b></p> <p>Children moving from year 2 to year 3 in September will now be required to pay for school dinners unless you have registered for free school meals. A school dinner costs £2.30 each day. It is quick and easy to check if you are eligible for free school meals. Visit <a href="http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals">http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals</a> before September.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Notable Achievements</b></p> <p>As part of our collaboration with the other Deal schools our last two events of this term were:</p> <p>DLA Swimming Gala – our team of four did us proud by coming third.</p> <p>DLA Summer Cup – we also came third in this event.</p> <p>Over the year we have taken part in a number of sporting and academic events both at DLA, QUAD and Dover district level with a number of successes.</p> <p>Our football team also experienced success this year too.</p> <p>We also had a musical event to celebrate talent with a range of instruments, a production of “Burning the Boats” with our choir and actors.</p> <p>We have celebrated individual successes achieved outside of school in a range of activities and club membership.</p> <p>I am very proud of the way our children participated and conducted themselves at all these events.</p> <p>We are looking forward to celebrating more successes next year.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Amazing achievement – well done</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dates for next Year</b></p> <p>We have announced our five training days in advance for next year. They are either tagged on to a half term or to create a long weekend. Please consider using these to plan holidays as no holiday is authorised in school time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019 Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020 Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Breakfast Club</b></p> <p>Due to the need to increase staffing as well as the general increase in the cost of groceries, it will be necessary to put up the cost of daily breakfast sessions to <b>£2.50</b> from September. This will still represent good value for the breakfast the children are able to have each morning.</p> <p>We will be reviewing our booking system and code of conduct for breakfast club and it is possible that places will be withdrawn should expectations not be met. <i>Details to follow in September.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Uniform</b></p> <p>Please see our website for a reminder of what school uniform is required. Generally summer uniform will be terms 1, 5 and 6 and winter uniform Terms 2, 3 and 4</p> <p><b>Earrings</b> have to be removed for all PE and swimming lessons. As such, if you are thinking of having your child’s ears pierced, then the start of the summer holiday is the only time that will not impact on your child’s ability to participate in PE lessons.</p>

**Join The Big Friendly Read this summer!**

The Summer Reading Challenge returns to all Kent Libraries. This year’s theme is Space Chase, and runs all through the summer holiday. It’s **free** and it’s **fun!** This annual activity is a fun incentivised way of encouraging children to keep reading over the long summer break.

*Meet the Rockets! This super cool family lives on a satellite station in space. They love spending time at their local library on the Moon. But wait! All of a sudden books have started to disappear from the Moon Library, and soon there won’t be any left...*

*A mysterious ship has been spotted on the radar – could these naughty aliens be behind the trouble at the library? The Rockets are going on a very important mission to save the missing books from these alien bandits, and **they need your help!***

*Take part in the Summer Reading Challenge and join the Rockets on a chase through space to find the aliens and save the Moon Library.*

You’ll receive your very own Space Chase mission folder to get you started.

Read six library books (or more!) over the holidays to collect special stickers to add to your folder.

Collect all the stickers to find the aliens, save the missing books and complete the Challenge.

Grab your space suit and take a giant leap into the library this summer!

Find out more at <http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> . Contact your local library to join the challenge

**Dates for diary on the next page**

## DATES FOR DIARY

### Term Six July 2019

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Year 6 Leavers Service 6pm St Mary's Church

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

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

### Dates for the new academic year: 2019 - 2020

#### Term One 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Half term break 18<sup>th</sup> October – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019

#### Term Two 28<sup>th</sup> October – 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Christmas break 19<sup>th</sup> December – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020

#### Term Three 6<sup>th</sup> January – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Half term break 15<sup>th</sup> February – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

#### Term Four 24<sup>th</sup> February – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020\*

Easter break 4<sup>th</sup> April – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020\*

#### Term Five 20<sup>th</sup> April – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

Half term break 23<sup>rd</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020

#### Term Six 1<sup>st</sup> June – 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020

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

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020

**Please note the date for the Federation Easter break is different to the published Kent Term dates by two days either side.**

### Term One September 2019

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

School closed to children – training day

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Children return to school

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Year R Home Visits

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Year 2 Meet and Greet for parents in hall at 2.30pm

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Year R Home Visits

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Year 6 Meet and Greet for parents in hall at 2.30pm

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Year R Home visits

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Year 3 Meet and Greet for parents in hall at 2.30pm

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Year 2 Forest School starts

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Year R play and stay sessions

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Year 6 Meet and Greet for parents in hall at 2.30pm

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September

Year R play and stay sessions

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September

Year 1 Meet and Greet for parents in hall at 2.30pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Year R in all morning (until 11.30am)

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Year 4 Meet and Greet in hall at 2.30pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Year R in all morning (until 11.30am)

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Year 6 Kent Test all day

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Year R in until 1pm (to have lunch)

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Year 3 swimming to start

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Dover Girls and Boys Grammar – Year 6 Tests for Secondary entrance

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Year R in all day from today

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Year 6 Residential Trip

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Year R Meet and Greet for parents in hall at 2.30pm

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Oct

Parents evening 3.30pm-6.30pm

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Last day of term – normal finish time

### Term Two

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October

School closed to children – training day

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Children return to school

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Flu Vaccinations Years 1-6

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Year 3 swimming starts

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Year 4 forest school starts