

THE FEDERATION OF THE DOWNS & NORTHBOURNE CEP SCHOOLS

"if you have faith as small as a mustard seed...nothing will be impossible." (Matthew: 17 v20)

Newsletter – Term Three February 2020

We had a busy start to this term: We celebrated 50 years at The Downs by exploring the 70's. Then our new theme of Horrible Histories began with a CBBC celebrity pirate visit to Year 2, an archaeology talk in year 3, year 5 outing to Dover Museum, a dinosaur visit to Year R and today year 2 recreated the Great Fire of London! Plus Year 1 and Year 4 are having parents in to make things and play games. There is a real buzz around school.

Reminder: Last day of this term for children is Friday 14th February at 3.10pm.

Back to school for children on **TUESDAY 25th February 2020**

Notable Achievements

A number of children have shared with the whole school their achievements in after school activities

Amelia K (Y3) – 50m swim award
Lucy D (Y3) - 100m distance swim award
Oliver D (YR) – Level 1 Learn to swim award
Preston B (Y4) – Award trophy from scouts
Vivienne C (Y1) – Rosebud Queen

Amazing achievement – well done

A Prayer (from our school prayer book)

Thank you for everyone we have around us.
Teach us to behave and respect everyone we meet.
We are very grateful for what you have given us.
Help us to learn every day, and to care about our families and friends.
Thank you for the opportunities we have in life, that make us all different and help us to value our own qualities.
Every day is a gift and for that we will forever thank you.

Ava Year 5

Midday Supervisor

Are you an enthusiastic and self-motivated person?

Do you think you would be interested in being a midday supervisor?

Our midday's work term time only, for 5 hours and 50 minutes per week and the position is subject to full DBS check, safeguarding procedures and a six month probationary period.

If you think you might be interested please contact Ms Luxford via the school office to discuss the role further.

Parking

Thank you to all those parents who always park considerately around Owen Square. We do appreciate your support in ensuring the safety of our children as they arrive and leave school. Please do continue to observe road markings and by not parking on pavements which block the children's safe passage. PCSO's and parking wardens have been in the area and any vehicles illegally parked can be subject to a fine.
We would encourage anyone who is not happy with the parking to contact Highways on parking.services@dover.gov.uk 01304 872459 OR 01304 821199 to report a "no waiting offence" (parking on zig zags).

SEVERE WEATHER

Let's keep our fingers crossed that there is no snow this winter.

However, in the event of the school having to close, information will be available via:

- KCC website www.kent.gov.uk/winter or www.kentclosures.co.uk
- the school website www.downs.kent.sch.uk
- by text
- local radio stations – Heart FM and BBC Radio Kent



What does nothing mean?

*Discuss, with your family, what this means to you.....
Share your best examples with your class teacher*

Dates for diary on the next page

DATES FOR DIARY

Dates for the new academic year: 2019 - 2020

Term One 2nd September 2019 – 18th October 2019

Half term break 18th October – 27th October 2019

Term Two 28th October – 18th December 2019

Christmas break 19th December – 5th January 2020

Term Three 6th January – 14th February 2020

Half term break 15th February – 23rd February 2020

Term Four 24th February – 3rd April 2020*

Easter break 4th April – 19th April 2020*

Term Five 20th April – 22nd May 2020

Half term break 23rd May – 31st May 2020

Term Six 1st June – 22nd July 2020

Staff Development Days when school is closed to children

Monday 2nd September 2019

Monday 28th October 2019

Monday 24th February 2020

Friday 26th June 2020

Monday 29th 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 Three

Friday 14th February

Last day of term three – normal finish

Term Four

Monday 24th February

School closed to children – training day

Tuesday 25th February

Children return to school

Friday 28th February

Year 3 swimming starts

Monday 2nd March

Year 1 forest school starts

Friday 3rd April

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

Term Five

Monday 20th April

Children return to school

Monday 20th April

Year 3 forest school starts

All of May

Year 2 statutory assessment month

4th-15th May

Assessment weeks for whole school

11th-15th May

Year 6 statutory assessments

Friday 22nd May

Last day of term five – normal finish

Term Six

Monday 1st June

Children return to school

Monday 1st June

Year 6 forest school starts

Friday 5th June

Year 6 swimming starts

Monday 8th June

Year 1 statutory phonics assessment

Monday 8th June

Year 4 statutory multiplication assessment

Wednesday 22nd July

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