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Dear Parents

September Newsletter

Welcome back to all our families, new children in Reception, 2, 4, 5 and 6. The children are settling in to their new classrooms exceptionally well, we are looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

Dates for the term

European day of Languages - 29th September

Coffee Morning - 10th October

Individual School Photographs - 19th October

23rd to 27th October Half term holiday

Parents Evening, Year R to 6 - 31st October, 3.30 until 6pm

Parents Evening, Years R to 6 - 2nd November, 3.30 until 8pm

Last day of term - 19th December

Inset Days 2017/2018

15th November

20th December

4th June

Uniform

Thank you for your support in ensuring children have arrived in full uniform looking smart and ready to learn. We would like this to continue throughout the year and would like to take the opportunity to remind you of the uniform expected:

- Plain navy blue/grey/black trousers/skirt.
- Plain navy blue sweatshirt/cardigan/jumper (preferably with school logo).
- Plain white or navy polo shirt/shirt/blouse.
- A blue/white checked dress can be worn in the summer.
- Shoes (low heels) or trainers - black or blue ONLY.
- Outdoor coat, shower or waterproof (essential to bring a coat in cold weather as the children will be playing and working outside throughout the year) No denim jackets please.

Leggings must not be worn in place of trousers or a skirt and appropriate footwear must be worn at all times.

Jewellery must not be worn to school, including heavy necklaces and chokers. Children will be asked to remove these. Small stud earrings and a watch may be worn but must be removed for P.E.



P.E Kit

Please also note that weather permitting all children participate in outdoor P.E. It is therefore essential they have a change of clothes for PE and warm clothing during the colder months, including jogging bottoms, sweatshirt and trainers. Your child should also have their named Book bag and water bottle with them in school. Would you please ensure that all children bring their P.E kits into school on a Monday morning, to be taken home on a Friday afternoon.

- T-shirt, round necked, preferably white.
- Shorts, preferably black.
- For indoor gymnastics in the school hall the children work bare foot.
- Trainers will be needed for outdoor PE.
- Outdoor PE wear is the same as for indoor, although children may wish to have plain blue or black jogging suits or jogging bottoms for the colder weather.
- Please make sure all clothing is named.

Thank you for your continued co-operation with this.

Collecting at 3.20pm.

All children in years R, 1, 2 and 3 must be collected by an adult at 3.20p.m. from their classroom door. If a child-minder collects your child (ren) please ensure they know where the classroom is. Please wait in the playground areas not too close to the building to ease congestion at the classroom doorway.

Only in occasional and exceptional circumstances should children be collected from our main Reception. This area becomes very busy at the end of the day and uncollected children cannot be accommodated.

Blackbirds Fun for Kids is available onsite for before and after school childcare. Contact details are 01243 824049 or 07961 824049.

We would request that in order to avoid confusion with children attending Blackbirds and especially when our outdoor clubs start we would appreciate if the children did not play in the school grounds and/or use the school equipment.

The play trail must be not be used before or after school. Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring the safety of your children at the end of the school day.

Dogs on school property

Please note that dogs are NOT allowed on school property. We appreciate your co-operation regarding this matter.

Absence line reminder

If your child is unwell and absent from school please will you either telephone the school to let us know or text the Absence line on **07845 999637** on the first day of absence. It is the policy of the education department that all absences must be covered by a note from the parent/guardian as soon as their child returns to school.



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Lunchtimes

If your child has a hot meal at lunchtime they may bring in a carton of juice or squash to drink with their meal should they wish to. Milk and water will of course always be available as an alternative. May we also remind you not to send in any sweets or chocolate in your child's lunchbox or any products containing nuts as we have children in school with severe nut allergies.

If you book a hot meal with Chartwells please update your child's/children's class for the new academic year.

Secondary Transfer

For our parents with children in Year 6, you can apply for a place at secondary school for September 2018 from now until Tuesday, 31st October. It is recommended to complete your application online where possible. Free Internet access will be available at all West Sussex libraries for parents who do not have access to a computer at home.

RRSA Level 1

Downview is a Rights Respecting School

The Rights Respecting Schools Award put children's rights at the heart of a school. Downview has been working closely with Unicef to create a safe and inspiring place to learn, where children are respected, their talents are nurtured and they are able to thrive.

Downview Primary has successfully achieved the Unicef UK Level 1 Award for our rights-respecting work across school.

We received the Level 1 certificate in the post a few weeks ago and shortly you will be able to see the Rights Respecting School Award Logo on our school website, letterheads and school displays.

House points - Congratulations to the following children who were awarded their badges recently:

Bronze Award: Theo Murray, Molly Evans, Caitlin Jones, Archie Searle, Rylee Newman, Imogen Curd, Jacob Kuszka and Aime Chiddle.

Silver Award: Remie Doran

Gold Award: Jack Apletree

Platinum Award: Lola Dines

Headteacher's Award: Samuel Shelton

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Williams
Headteacher

