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Dear Parents & Carers,

### **Newsletter**

#### **Dates for the term**

Last day of term – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April finishing at 3.20pm  
Start of Summer Term – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
Bank Holiday – 6<sup>th</sup> May  
Class Photographs – 21<sup>st</sup> May  
Half term - 27<sup>th</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> May  
3<sup>rd</sup> June – Inset Day

#### **Red Nose Day**

Thank you for supporting Red Nose Day on 15<sup>th</sup> March. We raised an amazing £649.20 by holding a non-uniform day and cake sale.

#### **Friends of Downview**

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to join the committee and the fundraising team at FoD. We were pleased to see so many new volunteers and FoD will be contacting you all very soon. If you are considering volunteering and wish to find out more please e-mail [volunteers.friendsofdownview@yahoo.com](mailto:volunteers.friendsofdownview@yahoo.com) During March money raised by all our families through FoD has helped to support visits to Year 5 and Year 4 from Rainbow Theatre, and costumes for the Dancetime event at the Alexandra Theatre. Photos of these events have been added to the noticeboard outside school. This week we are holding an Easter colouring competition and prizes will be awarded to winners in each year group on Friday. Next term, look out for the Key Stage 1 and 2 Spring Disco and Reception Magic Show. These events will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Details will follow soon.

#### **St George's Day**

To mark this special Patron Saint Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, children belonging to the following associations may wear their club uniform to school for the day: Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

#### **Cross Country and Corporate Challenge**

A massive well done to all the Downview runners this term, it was great to see so many participate in the cross country at Bishop Luffa school and the 3 Corporate Challenge races around Chichester town centre. We were able to enter 16 children into both events. All the Downview runners ran a fantastic cross country race completing the course in an outstanding time. Isaac Glanfield impressively won the race and qualified to represent West Sussex West 2019 in the Cross Country finals in Brighton. On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March Isaac competed at this event and finished 4<sup>th</sup> out of 136 runners. An amazing achievement Isaac, well done!

In the Corporate challenge Downview came first in the boy's event with Isaac Glanfield winning each of the 3 races with a confident lead. All our runners did their very best and all thoroughly enjoyed this event and atmosphere.



### **Swimming Gala by Annalise Towse**

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, Downview took part in a high standard swimming gala. The girls had an awesome day with five 1<sup>st</sup> places being won by Amelie Nicolson, Annalise Towse, Hannah Clarke, Millie Smith and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place being won by Eleanor Carney, awarding Downview 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the girls' gala. Well done to the boys' team who also had an awesome day. Thanks to Lewis Arnold for stepping in last minute for the boys relay race. Well done to all our swimmers who represented Downview School finishing 5<sup>th</sup> out of 14 schools overall!

### **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. If your child is being collected by someone else at the end of the school day please let their class teacher know.

### **Medicine in school**

Please may we take this opportunity to remind parents that in line with our Downview Medicine Policy and West Sussex County Council guidance, prescribed medication e.g. Anti-biotics will only be administered during the school day if required more than 3 times a day.

### **Administering Paracetamol in School**

We have recently sent out medical forms for parent's consent to administer short-term non-prescribed medicines such as Paracetamol or Anti-histamine. The intention is that poorly children have access to their education, to ease pain and help them throughout the school day or waiting for a parent to come and collect them if they are too poorly to remain at school. The medicine will only be administered after making contact to obtain verbal permission and confirm whether your child has taken any medicine before attending school. Please note paracetamol will not be issued without written and verbal consent. **The school will NOT administer paracetamol as a preventative, i.e. in case the child develops symptoms during the school day.**

### **MMS Vacancies**

We are seeking to appoint two highly motivated, enthusiastic, caring and friendly team players to join our effective and supportive staff. The role is a Grade: 2, Point 2 – 3, term time only, 8 hours & 20 minutes per week, salary: £17,711 - £18,065 pro-rata (£9.21 per hour). Closing date for applications: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April @ 12 noon and the interview date is to be advised. Full details including the job application form are on the West Sussex County Council website under job adverts.

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

**Yellow Star;** Max Porter, Leo Voigt, Hayden Napier-Raikes, Harriett –Lily Soloman-Warne, Ruby Pollard-Horwood, Louis Webber, Harry Robinson, Riley Fairway, Nadia Miu-Asghar, Sol Donovan, Eva Peat, Molly Muldoon, Tyler Sherrington, Poppy Charles, Derren Piner, Annabelle Mawbey, John Harker, Ansica Rajamurali, Azaleah Francis, Freddie Hatton and Oliver Savage.

**Green Star;** Keir Charles

**Red Star;** Albie Skinner, Maisie Pye, Lucy Evans, Holly Bannatyne and Anastastia Trestianu.

**Blue Star;** Amy Peart, Theo Moorcroft, Heidi Thompson-Smith, Indi Whelan, Jack Reddie, Sophie Clarke, Lucas Saunders, Mazie Shine, Jack Redman, Molly Smith, Archie Spinner, Jacob Wright, Luke Monk and Isabelle Turner.

**Platinum Award;** Jacob Muldowney

**Diamond Award;** Michael Kearns

**Headteacher Award;** Jack Apletree

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy your Easter break.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Williams  
Headteacher