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Dear Parents & Carers,
December Newsletter

December 2018

Dates for the term

10th December – Blueberry Christmas performance @ 2.15pm
11th December – Strawberry Christmas performance @ 2.15pm
12th December – Blackberry Christmas performance @ 2.15pm
13th December – Christmas Lunch for children
13th December – Christmas Fair @ 3.30pm followed by Carols by Candlelight @ 4.30pm
14th December – KS2 Christmas Day and Christmas Jumper Day for whole school
17th December – Year 6 Fashion Show to KS2 and parents @ 2.45pm
19th December - Last day of term
3rd January - First day of new term
15th February – Inset Day
18th February to 22nd February – Half term
25th February – First day back
5th April – Last day of term
8th April to 22nd April – Easter Holiday
23rd April – First day of Summer Term
3rd June – Inset Day

Staffing news

Peach Class teachers

I am pleased to inform parents of Peach Class that Mrs Kara Luckin will be returning from her maternity leave after the Christmas holiday to resume her job share with Mrs Docherty. I am sure you would like to join me in thanking Miss Moss who has covered the maternity leave and also wish her well as she prepares for her new arrival too in the New Year! Mrs Luckin has been meeting with Miss Moss & Mrs Docherty to ensure a smooth handover and will also visit the class before the end of term.

Miss Judith Bruce-Hay

It is with great sadness that we are saying farewell to Miss Bruce-Hay who has worked in the school for over 11 years as classroom assistant and HLTA. Miss Bruce-Hay was also a governor for many years. She will be sorely missed I know many of you will join me in wishing her well in her new adventure at Chichester Festival Theatre.

Mrs Charlotte Edwards, classroom assistant in year 2 also left us earlier in the term and we should like to wish her well too.

I am delighted to inform you that we have two new colleagues joining this team; Miss Laura Weston and Mr Craig James. We are also welcoming Miss Sammy Mobbs to our Midday Meals team. We wish all 3 colleagues a long and happy association with us at Downview.

Sussex Sports Awards Finalist

It is with great pleasure that I am able to inform you that Downview was nominated for the “Create Development Active Primary School of the Year 2018” and we were one of the 3 finalists. Although we were not successfully in winning the final award, we are very proud to have been finalists, as this award recognises the hard work put in to support and encourage the children’s physical well-being; through in school PE and Sport; our Sports days; the numerous clubs offered; the wide range of competitions entered and the children’s many sporting achievements.

Match report Year 5/6 Football by Jake Bright, Luca Franzini and Isaac Glanfield

Previously Downview played in the FAB area tournament and came second which meant we were through to the area finals held on 29th November. In the final we were up against the 5 best teams in the area! Our first game was a tricky game against a very impressive Southway team. The weather didn’t help our passing game and we struggled to get into our normal rhythm. However we scraped past them with a 1-0 victory. Our next game we beat Barnham easily with a



comfortable 6-0 win. It gave us a real boost as we were playing our biggest rivals, Rose Green. They lived up to their name as they were playing some great football. We had to really defend well! With 30 seconds left we scored and won the game! Next we were up against Parklands, which was a game where we showed great passing and we won 2-0. The last game of the day was against North Mundham. We found out after the game, drawing would have made us champions however Mr Wojcik didn't tell us as he wanted the win! We won the game 2-0 so we won all our games without conceding a single goal. We are now through to the Regional Finals at the FA Headquarters in Lancing on Thursday 6th December.

Maths Challenge

Well done to all our children who completed their Maths Challenge this term.

Year 3 – Around the World Fayre

We would like to say a huge **thank you** to all the families that came to our games afternoon, despite the awful weather, last Tuesday. The children are really enjoying this topic and absolutely loved having the opportunity to share the games they had designed and made, with so many people. All your feedback comments were incredibly helpful and kind. Our year 3s smiled their way through reading those on Wednesday morning. Thank you. A super successful (soggy) Around the World Fayre!

Poppy Appeal & Children in Need

Thank you all for your generosity in supporting this year's Poppy Appeal, £306.62 and Children in Need 2018, £441.75.

Amazon Wish List

I would like to thank parents for their very swift and generous donations to the Amazon wish lists set up by our Governors. Staff and children are extremely grateful and overwhelmed to receive so many presents on a daily basis.

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

Green Star; Alfie Vickery, Anastasia Trestianu, Alexis May, Holly Bannatyne, Amelia Windell, Nadim Miu Asghar, Tiffany Manville, Stanley Milinczuk, Rosie Barnes, Bailey Walder, Oscar North and Abigail Caswell.

Red Star; Dougie Probert, Jessica Arnell, Maya Membry, Imogen Kerridge, Callie Burnley, Lily Connor, Imogen O'Boyle, Daisy-Elise Chapman, Yasmin Pollard and Isla Robinson.

Blue Star; Jessica Hall-Tongprapai, Molly Smith and Emily Luc.

Bronze Award; Kian Gosnell, Eleanor Buckley, Joel Makinson and Ethan Smith.

Silver Award; Scarlett Heasman, Jacob Shrubbs, Jack Taylor, Elliot Stemp, Emily Lovelock, Tilly Kuszka, Lloyd Shearer, Indie Twine, Elsie Brown and Mihad Miah.

Gold Award; Lola Roby, Ryan Jackson-Owen, Oliver Zhang, Frankie Williams and Theo Murray.

Platinum Award; Harriet Winter, Ayrial Munn, Gemma Lunn, Louis Turner-Cross and Lewis Arnold.

Diamond Award; Sophie Mole, Eleanor Carney, Albert Dewey, Millie Stimpson, Molly Evans, Daisy Abbot and Oliver Zhang.

Headteacher's Shield – Congratulations to Samuel Shelton who is the first pupil at Downview School to be presented with this award for achieving over 1250 house points.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Williams
Headteacher