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Dear Parents

February Newsletter

Dates for the term

Coffee Morning – 6th February
Valentine Disco & Magic Show – 7th February
Half-Term – 12th February to 16th February
First day back – Monday 19th February
Parents Evening – 20th and 22nd February
Year 6 Sats parent meeting – 28th February at 3.30pm
World Book Day – 1st March
Hooke Court parent meeting – 8th March at 3.30pm
Rainbow Theatre Year 2 and Year 4 – 9th March
Year 4 to Hooke Court – 19th to 21st March
Inset Day – Thursday 29th March

Children's birthdays

Please may we remind parents that children may come to school in non-uniform to celebrate this special day but we would ask that sweets are not brought into school to hand out to other children.

Book bags

Please may we ask that either water bottles are not transported in book bags or that reading journals and reading books are placed in a plastic wallet. This will help us greatly in keeping these items in as good a condition as possible.

School books

We would be very grateful if all parents can search book shelves, toy boxes and under beds and return any books to school. We seem to have a great many "missing" at the moment, particularly Oxford Reading Tree. If any children have read their own collection of Oxford Reading Tree books we would be extremely appreciative if these could be donated.

Arrival at school

For your safety children are not permitted and should not be on site until 8.30am at the earliest apart from our year 6 helpers who may arrive at 8.25am. There are increasing numbers arriving from 8am onwards. Should you require pre-school childcare please contact Blackbirds Fun for Kids. Contact details are 01243 824049 or 07961 824049.

Staffing News

Mrs Kara Luckin will be starting her maternity leave on 31st January. Mrs Docherty will take the class until half term when a new colleague will be joining the school. Mrs Rachael Ferris will be returning from maternity leave on 29th January and will be supporting children with SEN across the school.

Lunchboxes

It is great to see children eating healthy lunches on a regular basis. Thank you for ensuring lunch boxes do not contain any nut products at all (this includes nutella) or sweets of any description, including chocolate bars (mars bars etc.).



Cross Country

On 22nd January some of our year 6 boys and girls competed in a cross country race at Bishop Luffa School. Even though the weather was cold and the course muddy, the children who took part thoroughly enjoyed themselves, were very proud of their achievements and said they would all take part again.

Downview Boy's Football Team

Well done to our boy's football team who played in the National League Cup on 23rd January. The boys won 5 of their games, drew 1 and beat Bishop Tufnell 2-1 in the final. The boys are now through to the next round which will take place in March.

Staff Car park, Parking and Consideration for our neighbours

Parent's cars must not be driven into the car park in any circumstances with the exception of blue badge holders. We have noticed some parents are regularly dropping their children in the car park at the start of the school day and using the car park again at 3.20pm. Please desist from this dangerous practice.

Parking outside the School

When parents are dropping off or collecting their children from school please can we remind you to be considerate of the residents living close to us. Please observe private roads and do not use them to turn or to park and wait for children and please do not park across driveways, blocking entrance/exits for the residents. Residents and other parents are regularly complaining about inconsiderate and dangerous parking. If you observe illegal, dangerous or obstructive parking behaviours associated with the journey to and from school, please report this online using Operation Crackdown <http://www.operationcrackdown.org/> Alternatively you can contact the Police on 01243 642222. All you need is a vehicle registration, a brief description of the driver, what happened, where and what date and time.

The Friends of Downview School news

The Friends of Downview School are holding a special Valentines Disco and Magic Show on Wednesday 7th February. They are hoping to raise funds for new projects in school in addition to those they have already helped: the new Outside Area, Rainbow Theatre Productions, the upcoming Dancetime costumes and props, and the Christmas Craft activities.

Thank you to the parents, carers and teachers who have offered their time to help supervise the Disco and Magic Show. The Reception Magic Show will start straight from school at 3.20pm and finish at 4pm. This will be followed by the Key Stage 1 Disco from 4.15pm-5.00pm and the Key Stage 2 Disco from 5.15pm-6.00pm. The Disco and Magic Show will cost £2 per child. Please look out for further details from Parentmail which will include drop-off and pick-up details.

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

Yellow Star; Peighton Bradshaw, Daisy-Elise Chapman, Kiera Kent, Ibrahim Lubani, Milo Murray, Bella Paddick, Anton Penson, Jacob Fairey, Joshua Parrington, Bethany Smith, Lyla Barker, Owen Caswell, Otto Gettings, Callum Jones, Lexie Mills, Huey Anderson, Ibrahim Miah, Taylor Burch, Max Ghesmat, Isla Harbar, Dougie Probert, Jasleen Dwarika and Maya Membry.

Blue Star; Indie Twine, Lana Farrant, Alicia Akmenkalns, Ellie Green and Casey Ward.

Gold Award; Hannah Clarke and Remie Doran.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Williams
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