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Dear Parents

March Newsletter

Dates for the term

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
Start of Summer Term - 16th April
Bank Holiday - 7th May
Class Photographs - 22nd May
Half term - 28th May to 1st June
4th June - Inset Day
Last day of term: Friday 20th July

O2

On the 31st January 50 members of the school choir took part in the annual Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena, London. The children had been rehearsing since September so were very excited to finally perform the wide range of songs and dances that they had learnt. We had lunch at Garfunkels before the afternoon rehearsal and then waited to spot the parents in the audience. The show was amazing and the children (and adults!) sang their hearts out. We were part of over 7000 children from around the country. Everybody was very tired when we arrived back at school at midnight, but we can't wait to go again next year!

Valentines Disco

Thank you very much to all the parents, teachers and team from Friends of Downview for a successful Valentines Disco and Magic Show. Lots of children came along to join in the fun and the event raised an amazing £703 which will be put towards a fire pit and minibeast kit for our outdoor classroom.

Quicksticks

On Tuesday 20th February some of our children took part in a Quicksticks event at The Arena. The children were put in mixed ability groups to learn new skills and tactics with the sports leaders from the local high schools. At the end of the session they played two taster matches against the other schools and our team won both! A great team effort from all five children.

Staffing

I am delighted to inform you that Bhodi Luckin arrived safely on 19th February. We wish Mr & Mrs Luckin and Jesse all the best as they welcome their new son into their family.

I am also delighted to welcome Miss Louise Moss who has joined our staff team to cover Mrs Luckin's maternity.





School Council news

On Friday 26th January, our Year 6 School Councillors went to visit the Food Bank in Bognor Regis. It was a great opportunity for the children to see how food donations help and support families in Bognor. During the visit we found out what Food Bank does, how it helps people and how Downview Primary can get involved. Many food donations are needed throughout the year to ensure that the Food Bank can continue to help support local people. It was very inspiring to meet the Food Bank volunteers who are driven by love, compassion and the willingness to help. The Year 6 School Councillors are now very keen to work with all of the School Councillors at school on an initiative to raise donations for the Food Bank.

Funky Socks day

Thank you all for supporting Funky Socks day on Friday 23rd February. I am pleased to let you know we raised £352.14 which will enable us to purchase 11 goats through the WE charity for families across the world.

Year 2 and Year 6 School Attendance in May

As you know the children in year 2 and year 6 are required to sit National Curriculum Tests during May. No absences from learning will be authorised during this month for any reason other than illness. We would ask that holidays are not booked during this time, these will definitely not be authorised and parents run a high risk of being issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice should an absence from learning be unauthorised.

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

Yellow Star; Ethan Hedge, Albie Skinner, Olivia Nicholas, Iyla Rayner, Leo Dillingham, Macie Halliwell, Maisie Pye, Oliver Thompson, Amelia Windell, Henry Stimpson, Nadim Miu Asghar, Allegra Mihaylov, Adela Baran, Charlie Bamford, Kelly Priest, Samuel Gatehouse and Adem Gundogdu.

Red Star; Tia Embleton, Imogen Juniper, Athena Maltby, Laura Dalley, Maddie Porter and Emily Luc.

Blue Star; Finlay Burke, Freya-Louise Muers, Grace Peckham, Ethan Smith, Sophia Cummings, Bella Wimberley, Millie Hayden, Louie Cornell, Kiki Glanville, Oliver Maddocks-Lofthouse and Joel Makinson.

Bronze Award; Jack Taylor, Jacob Shrubbs, Lennon Pye, Jaydon Lee-Muers, Emilia Haines and Scarlett Heasman.

Silver Award; George Gibbens, Alex Ashment, Finley Clark, Jacob Kuszka, Daisy Abbot, Alfie Burtenshaw, Amy Panov, Oscar Seal, William Clarke, Gemma Lunn, Finlay Cook, Jacob Muldowney, Daisy Docherty, Theo Murray, Caitlin Jones and Stan Dixon.

Gold Award; Annabelle Chapman, Emma Newman, Oliver Zhang, Jake Roby, Eleanor Carney, Rylee Newman, Sophie Mole, Charlie Towers, Sarah Tyacke, Ella Porter and Saifan Malik.

Platinum Award; Oliver Bridgeman-Hills, Maddie Mills, Jemima Dewey, Grace Sole, Kieran Apletree and Isaac Glanfield.

Diamond Award; Matthew Dobbin, Nathan Crichton, Jamie Arnell, Megan Enticott, Lizzie Harte-Hudson and Jake Bright.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Williams
Headteacher