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Dear Parents

Easter Newsletter

Dates for the term

27th March - FoD Tuck Shop after school
3rd April - End of Term finishing at 3.20pm
6th April – 17th April – Easter Holiday
20th April – Start of Summer Term

Corona Virus

I would like to reassure you that we remain in regular contact with West Sussex County Council and Public Health England to ensure we have the most up-to-date advice and information to send to parents. We will continue to send out daily updates via Parent mail.

Downview's Got Strictly Talent

We have taken the decision to postpone this and will look for a date in the summer term. We shall return any ticket orders and money sent in (further details to follow).

Sponsored Run

Congratulations to Luke Monk who guessed the amount of nearest miles ran for our recent event. The total ran was 681 and Luke guessed 680. He was awarded with a JW Sports voucher as his prize.

O2 Young Voices Concert

On Monday 3rd February 50 children from years 4 and 6 travelled into London to be part of the massed Young Voices choir at the O2. There were over 8,000 in the choir singing a wide range of songs that we have been learning at O2 club since September. On the night we performed with The Shires and Tony Hadley, as well as dancing along with Urban Strides.

The Big Sing

Last Thursday 38 members of the choir from Years 5 and 6 performed at The Arena as part of the Big Sing. There were schools from all over Felpham and Bognor, including The Regis and FCC. Each school chose a song by a legend or an icon - we taught everyone Proud Mary by Tina Turner, which got everyone up dancing. It was a great day, full of singing and dancing - even the Mayor joined in! Lana Farrant, Alicia Akmenkalns, Bella Wimberley and Ellie Green also performed with the All Stars choir, which was made up of pupils from all of the other schools. We can't wait for next year!

Football Tournament

On the 7th March Downview took two teams to the Felpham and Bognor Football tournament at the Regis School. The A team won all their matches in their group conceding just one goal. The stand out performance was a dominant display against the eventual winners Southway, 3-1.



The B team started their group stage matches with a narrow 1-0 loss to Southway C's however then went on to win the rest of their matches and actually topping their group. Both teams were through to the semi-finals! After a very competitive display the B team found themselves locked at 1-1 after extra-time. This resulted in a very nervy penalty shoot-out. All the children who stepped up to take a penalty, and Josh Thorne our goalkeeper should be commended for their bravery. They held their nerve to get themselves through to the final.

The A team also needed extra-time to overcome a strong Rose Green side. Both teams were through to the final something that had never been done before. Unfortunately both teams lost to Southway A team and Southway B team in the final. Throughout the tournament both teams showed great teamwork, dedication, effort and resilience and above all super Sportsmanship towards all the teams and officials. Everyone involved should be extremely proud of themselves!

Netball Tournament

On Saturday 7th March Downview entered two teams into the annual FAB school's tournament. Both teams were outstanding in their behaviour, sportsmanship and performance.

The A team were undefeated in their pool and therefore qualified for the semi-finals. The semi-final match was against Rose Green and we won 7-0- an incredible result. This set them up for a final against Bishop Tufnell. Unfortunately this was to be the only match they lost all day. They were runners up and they should be very proud of this achievement.

The B team (some of whom hadn't played in a tournament before) were outstanding. They were undefeated and therefore won their tournament and were presented with medals.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to the children who have regularly attended Netball Club, which has seen our biggest ever numbers ever and to the parents who have ferried their children to matches and tournaments. Finally I would like to thank Mrs Lovelock for her time coaching the Downview netballers.

World Book Day

Thank you to all parents and carers for your help with creating some amazing costumes and props for World Book Day. The children enjoyed a great day sharing stories and favourite books. We look forward to our book week in the summer term with a book sale, a book swap, a visiting author, a readathon competition and visits to the local library all planned! So keep reading and enjoying your stories and books at home and school.

Wear It Red

Thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting our valentines fund raising for The British Heart Foundation and computing equipment for Key Stage 1. We raised just over £300 for the BHF. In addition to the fundraising on this day we have received a donation from FoD which means we will be able to purchase additional netbooks. This is great news and thank you again to all our parents and carers for their support.

Ofsted Parent View

Ofsted Parent View allows parents and carers to express their views anonymously about the school at any time of the school year. As you may be aware Parent View has replaced the paper questionnaires that Ofsted inspectors used to circulate at the time of a school inspection to gather parents' views.

There is a link direct to this on our website. Each parent of a child attending the school are encouraged to submit their views. At the time of an inspection you can refresh or resubmit your views and the facility will overwrite your previous response so that only one 'view' for each parent, per school attended is held.

Inspectors consider parents' views alongside other evidence when making judgements @ the school. It is also useful for us because it gives valuable information about what you think of the school and helps us further improve.

The school governors send out a questionnaire with identical questions and space for additional comments between inspections so all data held on parents' views is as current as possible.

To complete the questionnaire at parent view ofsted gov uk login or via the school's website link you will need an email address and password to register.

Please remember that Ofsted and the school strongly encourage that the first point of contact regarding any concerns should always be directly with the school.

Car Parking

I am once again asking all parents and carers to request that those of you who use cars to drop off and collect your children think carefully about where you park.

The markings around the school are enforceable in law and should be adhered to at all times. The whole area is a NO STOPPING ZONE as well as a no parking one. Cars are continuing to pull up on to the yellow zig zags and are endangering the lives of children walking to school. It is NEVER acceptable to park on any of the pavements. This is illegal. Breaking parking or no stopping regulations are subject to a fine of £100. All instances brought to the attention of the police will be actioned.

We should also like to remind you that the driveway and staff car-park should never be used for dropping off nor picking up children at any time. The only exception to this is for drivers with a blue disabled badge and this should only be just prior to the start and end of the school day. Cars should never be parked on the privately owned land at the end of the driveway as this is considered trespassing.

As previously advised if anyone observes 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 101. All you need is a vehicle registration, a brief description of the driver, what happened, where and what date and time. Recent police reports indicate the success of this operation.

Yours sincerely

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