

Downs Infant School Newsletter

Weeks 13 and 14 ending 6th December 2019



Polling Station Reminder

A reminder that we are being used as a polling station on Thursday 12th December. All children should have ordered a school packed lunch or bring their own, for a classroom picnic.

Key Stage 1 will vote for their school councillors on this day!



Wednesday 11 December

Christmas Dinner and 'Elf Yourself' day: come in festive gear for lunch and make a donation to charity if you can.



Friday 13th December

Christmas Jumper Day: comedressed in a festive top/clothes and make a donation of chocolate to the school fair.

Learning Round Up

Reception have celebrated Busy and Buzz's birthday and made cards and presents for them. Year 1 have been working hard on maths and learning how to work together during guided reading. Year 2 have begun their geography and DT focused topic of Father Christmas and his sleigh and **everyone** has been learning Christmas songs!!



Dates for your diary:

(New/changed dates will be in red)

- 7 December (Sat) Christmas Choir at the Market
- Wed 11 December, Christmas Dinner and Rocking Horse Dress as an Elf Day (fundraiser)
- Thursday 12 December, General Election. School will be used as a polling station but will remain open to pupils as a trial. **LUNCH CHOICES IN ADVANCE EVEN IF YOU ARE BRINGING A PACKED LUNCH.**
- Friday 13 December, Christmas Jumper Day and bring chocolate for the Fair
- 15 December Christmas Fair 12-2pm
- Mon 16 & Tues 17 Dec Reception Performance 9.30am
- Wed 18 and Thur 19 Dec Year 1 Performance 9.30am
- Thurs 19 Dec Year 2 Performance (5pm, children to arrive 4.45pm)

Please book tickets on Event Brite. We welcome donations towards the cost of the lights, and our Christmas charity of the Martlets.

FODIS Fundraising

If you shop with Amazon, please consider buying through 'smile' using this address:

smile.amazon.co.uk

And select 'FODIS' Friends of Downs Infant School as your nominated charity. We receive funds on almost everything you buy.

Values

We will be learning about the British Value of 'Democracy' when we see our school being used as a polling station next week.

We have also learned more about Belonging, this half term's school value, and thought about how Christmas is important to different people in different ways, and how this can bring us together.

Health and Safety

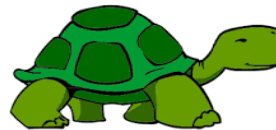
When you send your child's packed lunch on polling day please remember we are NUT FREE!



The Sun Books for Schools

We are collecting tokens from The Sun for free books for schools. Please bring them to school until 18th January.





Bench of Brilliance!

These children have been recognised for their achievements in school.

Badger: Alma and Indi **Fox:** Milla and Naiya
Hedgehog: Jaywa and Illia **Squirrel:** Peggy



Kingfisher: Woody **Puffin:** Ben **Owl:** Flinn and Tyler
Swallow: Ella and Eva



This half term all our certificates are linked to our 'Real PE' assessment focus of 'Social Skills': sharing, taking turns and helping others.



Thank you to our wonderful 'Reading Army' who are making such a difference to so many children. We love having you in school!