

# Downs Infant School Newsletter

Weeks 5 and 6 ending 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020



Thank you for your feedback via the school survey. You can add your views until the end of this half term: <https://forms.gle/rCGHhZXsAFN3JrN19>

We know that there are continuing challenges and we don't always get things right, and there are many things outside of our control at the moment, but the staff and governors are doing their absolute best for the children and the school community. I want to say yet another thank you to them, and to all of you for your patience and support!

Enjoy half term when it comes and please be safe as the clocks and weather change!

Dr Mitchell



## Birthday Party News!

We are all missing out on so much at the moment, so one of our teachers had a brilliant idea to help the children feel more 'normal'. We will hold a 'birthday party' in class on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October for all the children who have birthdays in the Autumn Term (if we are still under Covid restrictions next term, we will do the same for Spring children just before February half term).

Wear party clothes or fancy dress to school and join in games with your classmates! **Please do not send food or treats.**

## FODIS

Please join FODIS (Friends of Downs Infant School) for the AGM on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm. Our usual fundraising events cannot happen, so all ideas for alternatives are welcome!

You are also invited to join in with the Halloween activity – 'stomping' all the way to Transylvania to raise money for covered areas in the playground.



## Dates for your diary:

*(New/changed dates will be in red)*

- **School council elections next week!**
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October, FODIS AGM 8pm
- Wed 21 October Consultation on LA proposal to reduce pupil numbers, 10.30am and 6.30pm, link at <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-applications/school-admissions-consultation>
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct, Real Play PE Workshop via Zoom: 82539284941, passcode 183853**
- **Autumn birthday parties and dress up day: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**
- Half Term – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October – school closed
- **FODIS Halloween STOMP Half Term**
- INSET day (school CLOSED to pupils) Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November Individual School Photos
- **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Dinner and 'elf day'!**
- INSET Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January School CLOSED to pupils.

## Health and Safety

Please send your child with warm and waterproof clothes to school as we are outside as much as possible!



## Amazing learning spotted by Dr M!

Reception have been reading 'Leafman' and making their own leaf people, animals and even mermaids!

Year 1 have been using the Woodland to explore the senses.

Year 2 have created collaborative fire art: both visual and in the form of dance.

EVERYONE has been using their phonics learning and trying hard at handwriting and mark making!



## Golden Tickets have been awarded to...

Sadia, Ewan, George KB, Reenie, Isla F, Percy, Willow S, Henry A, Daisy B, Eddie, Cleo, Naiya, Lily C, Arthur G, Peggy

*The Flushed Away award for clean toilets went to...*

*Staff and Year 2*