

# Downs Infant School Newsletter

September 18th 2017

I can't believe two weeks have gone by already! Mrs Arthur and I have been getting to know the children and Mrs Arthur has had the opportunity to teach many of our classes this week. She will continue to do this to allow the teachers to do some focussed work with individual children. We are both starting to feel we really belong, so thank you all for your help and warmth.

Dr Mitchell



## Learning Round Up

This week we have been delighted to have our Reception classes stay for lunch. The children have been helped by the adults who work in their classrooms as well as the Mid-Day Supervisors and kitchen staff. They are learning how to collect their trays and also tidy up after themselves, and of course, how to enjoy the social aspect of lunchtimes.

Year 1 have been looking at super-heroes; drawing their own super-heroes and labeling them with their super-powers.

The superheroes have also been labeled with body parts as the children begin their science learning. Mrs Brewer has continued teaching them musical notation and singing.

Our year 2 children have begun their history topic on the Great Fire of London. They have learned about the plague which was killed off by the fire, and they have used music and dance to explore the way fire moves.



We are mindful of the recent events at Grenfell and the teachers are adapting some of what they have done in previous years to ensure the children are not frightened.

## Values Focus for Autumn

In assembly this week we read the story 'Dot'. In it, a child learns first to appreciate her painting (even though it is 'only' a dot), and then to work on making the best dot painting she possibly can. We asked the children to think about using their **resilience** skills to make their learning the best they can.

For more information about all our values go to <http://downsinf.schooljotter2.com/>



We have some children with **SEVERE** nut allergies. We are a **NUT FREE** school. Please do not send in food containing nuts.



## Dogs

It is Brighton and Hove policy that we cannot have dogs on the school grounds, even if carried. They are not covered by our insurance should they hurt someone or cause damage. School dogs, reading dogs and therapy dogs have special insurance. Please leave your dogs outside and away from the gate.

## Dates for your diary (New/changed dates in red)

- 27/9 7pm Reading meeting for Reception parents
- 27/9 9.15am Reading meeting for Reception parents (alternative time)
- 22/9 FODIS Teddy Bears' Picnic (Reception)
- 3/10 and 5/10 FODIS drinks for Reception parents
- 3/10 2.20pm Harvest assembly
- 13/10 FODIS Halloween disco
- HALF TERM 16-27 October (**TWO** weeks)



Each week we will be celebrating achievements in the 'Bench of Brilliance' assembly. This week we gave certificates to:

