

Downs Infant School Newsletter

September 25th 2017

Thank you all for your response to our request to keep dogs out of the school grounds. It's been a nice treat to say hello to them while they are tied up outside!

I met with FODIS this week to discuss upcoming events and fundraising – we are grateful for all they do for the school and I would encourage you to support their events. They are always looking for volunteers.

Dr Mitchell



Learning Round Up

The school has been full of singing this week. Not only have the whole of key stage 1 (including most of the teachers) now learned our 'Incy Independent' song, and sung it with great actions in assembly, but year 2 have been singing songs about the Great Fire of London. Some of them have enjoyed this so much that they want to perform some of their songs to other children in the school – so watch this space.

It hasn't all been music though. Year 2 have been developing their understanding of

place value in maths by using different equipment to really make sure they understand this important concept.

Year 1s have been using the theme of Superheroes to understand more about their bodies, and have used drama to play with ideas about super-powers. They've had some great ideas!

Reception have been practising their independence and are learning our routines very quickly. Well done!

Values Focus for Autumn



Many of our Bench of Brilliance certificates this week have been for children showing 'stickability' like Incy Independent. The children are rightly proud of how they have been persevering with things they find difficult at first. Next week we will also be learning about the 'British Value' of 'Democracy' as year 1 & 2 children stand for election for the school council. Please look out for a letter coming home.

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

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)

3/10 and 5/10 FODIS drinks for Reception parents

6/10 "Make some noise" charity day (see overleaf)

12/10 2.20pm Harvest assembly (Correction of date)

13/10 FODIS Halloween disco

HALF TERM 16-27 October (**TWO** weeks)

6/12 School Christmas dinner

TBC – FODIS Christmas Fayre – please look out for further information on their Facebook page

Make some noise!!

On the 6th October, please come to school in your craziest outfits. Bring a £1 donation to support Heart FM's charity and help raise money to support the families of children with special needs and disabilities.



School Equipment

Please note that the school cannot be responsible for children playing on equipment or in the school grounds outside of teaching hours. Please either prevent your child playing or climbing or ensure that they are adequately supervised to reduce the risk of accidents. Thank you.



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

