

Downs Infant School Newsletter

October 2nd 2017

We have been enjoying the change of seasons this week. Although it's warm, the weather is changeable, so please ensure your child brings a waterproof coat to school, as we like to go outside to play whenever we can. The rain can also make the journey to school take a bit longer, so try to allow extra time so that your child(ren) can be at their classroom doors by 8.55am. When children drift in late it disrupts their learning and that of others. I appreciate your help in giving all our children a good start to their day, and of course, your smiles and best wishes on the gates in the mornings.

Dr Mitchell

What's been happening this week?

Last Friday FODIS organised a wonderful Teddy Bears' Picnic for all the new Reception children and their families (see photos). A good time was had by all, and all the Reception classes now have a FODIS rep. Look out for their photos on the classroom doors.

Year 1 and 2 have been learning about democracy through preparing to vote for their new School Councillors. This is an important way in which the children are able to have a voice in the organization of the school. Thank you to Miss Cornish for organising. The first meeting will be this Thursday lunchtime.

Values Focus for Autumn

We have been learning that you sometimes need to ask for help when you are stuck, and that even Incy Independent needs a hand sometimes!

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



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

- 3/10 and 5/10 FODIS drinks for Reception parents – see the FODIS Facebook page for more information
- 12/10 2.20pm Harvest assembly
- 13/10 FODIS Halloween disco
- HALF TERM 16-27 October (**TWO** weeks)
- 9/11 Information meetings for prospective parents
- Week beginning 13/11 Anti-bullying week
- 16/11 FODIS AGM
- Week of 20/11 Autumn Term Parent Consultations
- 26/11 Winter Fair
- 6/12 School Christmas dinner

Message from SOS ('Save Our Schools')

Update and Actions from the Save Our Schools (SOS) Campaign

Despite government reassurances in September, 90% of schools around the country are facing real time cuts per pupil. The SOS campaign wants the government to find more money for education in the Autumn budget in November. To that end the campaign is organising two actions.

Please join the campaign on Wednesday 4th October at Downs Juniors School at 3.20pm for the 'Arms around our Schools' action. The campaign would like as many parents and children from both Infants and Juniors to come for a photo outside the school which will be sent to the media. Children might wish to choose a superhero outfit to wear on the day and/or make brightly coloured placards or banners in advance.

On Tuesday 3rd October the campaign will be sending a poster out in book bags. We would like children to colour in the poster and put it in a window at home to raise the profile of the campaign. Your child can also enter a competition to meet our local MPs at the Houses of Parliament by taking a selfie of themselves with the poster - details on the reverse side of the poster.

This week's Bench of Brilliance awards went to:

