

# Downs Infant School Newsletter

November 12<sup>th</sup> 2017

This week I was proud to be able to show prospective parents around the school as we held our open day for parents choosing a school for next September. It was a delight to take them into classrooms and share with them what your children are learning and doing. Many of them told us how impressed they were with the inclusive, happy feeling in the school. Thank you for your support as parents and carers in helping us create this.

Dr Mitchell



## Learning Round Up

Reception children have been carrying on with The Little Red hen and have been performing and writing the story. They have been using their phonic knowledge and their increasing understanding of writing to write what the hen, duck, cat and pig say in the story.

Year 1 this week have been doing some work on complementary colours, as well as thinking about

gifts that don't cost money.

Year 2 have been looking at shape; making their own 3-D shapes to really help them understand their properties.

Everyone this week has been doing creative PE but a special mention must go to Reception for their amazing Firework dances.



## Values Learning

This week we have learned about the Poppy. Year 1 and 2 thought about remembering both happy things and sad things and Reception watched a beautiful Cbeebies animation showing the battlefields through the eyes of the wildlife who live there. School council attended a Children's Remembrance Day service on Friday. It was a new and quite powerful experience for them, and our MP, Dr Caroline Lucas, told us they were a credit to the school. This work supports our understanding of all our school values and those of our community.

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

### CORRECTION

Please make sure your child is in their classroom by 8.55am and that you leave the grounds promptly in the morning so we can close the gates at 9.

We still have a problem with the main door being left open by visitors. Please shut it behind you – it doesn't close on its own.



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

- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November: sign up sheets for parent consultations will go up on classroom doors**
- Week beginning 13/11 Anti-bullying week 'All Different, All Equal'
- 16/11 FODIS AGM
- Week of 20/11 Autumn Term Parent Consultations
- **Nursery Rhyme tea party (Reception) 23 November**
- Week of 20/11 Year 1 trips to Toy Museum
- 26/11 FODIS Winter Fair
- 6/12 School Christmas dinner
- 13, 14 and 15 December, Christmas Performances – details to follow
- 20/12 last day of term
- 2/1/18 INSET – school closed to children

## Anti-bullying Week:

### 'All different. All equal.'

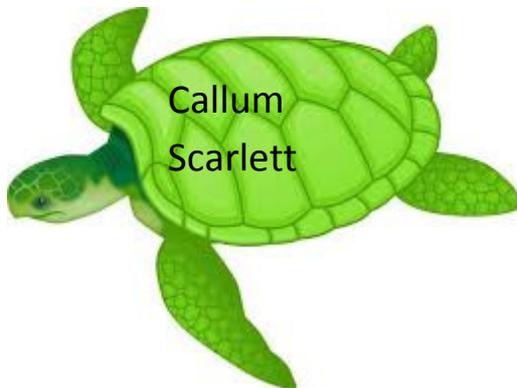
This week we will be joining many other schools across the country in learning the skills we need to get along together and look after each other. To kick things off we are asking everyone to come to school dressed in blue on Monday.

## Lunch News!

We are pleased to announce that we are now able to offer the children a daily choice of meal, rather than sticking to always 'vegetarian' or always 'meat'. If your child cannot eat meat or fish for any reason, please ensure that we have up to date information in the school office. Children who always need to have the vegetarian meal will be given a green wrist band to wear to lunch.

Don't forget we are on twitter @DownsInfants

From next week we will award Bench of Brilliance certificates to all the classes in the school. For this week Reception only had the chance to sit on the Bench of Brilliance.



We are delighted that so many of our children have been chosen for

## The Big December Advent Calendar.....



• Sunny Quickeden

• Sora Eghan

• Rowen Spencer-Mitchel

• Elliot Carter

• Marnie Watmough

• Freya Vallon

• Noah Murray

• Ben McCulloch AND

• Alexandra Owen, whose design, 'Sheep' will be used on the main banner thanking the event's sponsor, and will be on display all of December alongside the other banners. Look out for them all on the Phoenix Centre in December!

