

# Downs Infant School Newsletter

February 5<sup>th</sup> 2018

As you will have heard in the media, school funding is under increasing pressure for a number of reasons. There is information in this newsletter about the latest actions from SOS and the Worth Less? Campaign. I also met with FODIS last week who do a fantastic job supporting the school in fundraising for many things we could not otherwise afford. They are currently fundraising to help us get a new school library up and running so that we can promote literacy and a love of books. Please 'like' them if you are on Facebook, and support the events coming up.

Dr Mitchell



## Learning Round Up

Year two have been learning how to write an exciting adventure story and have written some openings for their own dragon adventures. They have thought about how to describe the setting and the characters and to make their story have a 'hook' to make you want to read on!

Reception children have been on a bear hunt!!! There are bear footprints all over the ocean and the classrooms and the children have been 'swishing' around hunting for where he or she might be! Year 1 classes have all been to Preston Manor this week, learning about how the Victorians lived.

## Values Learning

In Values Assembly this week Mrs Lean told the children a story about a rock in the road to help the children understand about 'taking responsibility'.

For more information about all our values go to

### This Week's Bench of Brilliance



Dolphin: Lovelle and Silas

Turtle: Imogen and Jamie

Starfish: Nora and Arthur



Otter: Iggy and Miya

Squirrel: Lily and Noah



Seahorse: Flinn and Evie



Badger: Vincent and Isabelle

Hedgehog: Lily and Tomas

Owl: Poppy and Finley

Kingfisher: Sadie and Charlie

Puffin: Dexter and Mathias



## Latest from SOS Save Our Schools and Worth Less? school funding campaigns

This week schools in Brighton and Hove sent the invoice below to the Treasury to draw attention to the inequalities in education funding. If you want to support the campaigns you can follow SOS on Facebook.

### Invoice to the Treasury from Brighton & Hove Schools

Dear Parent, Carers & Friends,

Collectively our children receive **£48,133,230** less per year towards their education than if our per-pupil funding were equal to that of schools in Westminster. **We don't think this is fair** so today, as part of the 'Worth Less?' Campaign, we have submitted an **invoice to the Treasury** for this shortfall.

This money would enable us to **reverse the cuts**

our schools have been forced to make and give your children the education they deserve.

Schools from 31 other 'Worth Less?' counties and unitary authorities all over England have submitted their own invoices.

Please look out for the news reports today and if you use social media please retweet, 'like' and use the hashtags **#schoolcuts** **#schoolsjustwannahavefunds** & **#fairfunding**

**Note:** The **catalogue of cuts** on this information sheet was produced by the Brighton & Hove parent lead campaign group 'Save Our Schools'. Check them out!



### Dates for your diary

(New/changed dates in red)

- 7 February Year 1 Victorian Day (Please speak to teachers if any questions)
- Monday 12 – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February, Half Term
- 6 and 7 March Year 2 trips to Lewes Castle
- Parents Evenings 12 and 14<sup>th</sup> March
- Lets Dance at the Dome 19 March
- **Sunday 18 March 10-12 'New Looks for New Books' pre-loved clothing sale FODIS**
- **Friday 23 March FODIS Quiz night**
- 27 March CD recording – info to follow
- 30 March to 11 April – Easter Holiday, INSET 12 April (School closed to children)
- **Wed 18 April – Class photos**
- **Friday 27 April – FODIS film night for children**

Follow FODIS on Facebook or on Twitter for up to date information about their events!