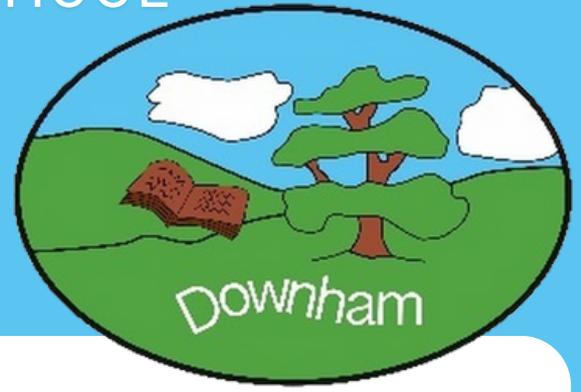


NEWSLETTER

INSPIRING ALL TO SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

CHALLENGE - CREATIVITY- CRITICAL THINKING-
COLLABORATION - COURAGE



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Dear Parents/Carers,

The stage is now up for the nativities and there is definitely a sense of excitement and anticipation in the air! Reflecting on this past week, two things stand out: the outstanding efforts of our pupils and the incredible support of their families.

To the children: We are genuinely proud of the way you have represented the school this week in our Trust maths competition, at the Remembrance Service at the War Memorial and cycling around the village for Bikeability. You have all soared to new heights this week! Well done for the entries we have received so far for the 'Design A Playground' competition - we have loved seeing them!

To our families: We have been overwhelmed by your thoughtful generosity this week. Your willingness to give to Children in Need, make shoeboxes for those in need, and donate items to the PTA Christmas Bazaar, demonstrates the strong, supportive community we are lucky enough to have. Thank you for your commitment to the school and for helping us provide such wonderful opportunities for the children. Please visit our new website and our new social media account on X for more photos and news!

We wish you a safe and restful weekend.

Ms Walker, Executive Headteacher & Miss Bailey, Executive Deputy Headteacher

THANK YOU!

This week, our pupils helped to load the truck with shoeboxes packed with gifts! The boxes will be distributed to children, teenagers and adults who live in poverty in other countries in time for Christmas, Thank you to everyone who contributed!



CHILDREN IN NEED

We raised the grand total of £303.65 for Children in Need today! Here we are, looking great in our spots and stripes!



ATTENDANCE:

Here is the attendance for each class for this week:

Ducklings - 100%

Robins - 99.1%

Nightingales - 95.7%

Woodpeckers - 96.0%

Kingfishers - 98.3%

Owls - 96.8%

Eagles - 90.8%

Whole School - 96.6%



Well done Ducklings!

WELL DONE!

On Thursday, Joshua, Mya, Ben and Isabelle went to Whitmore School to take part in the Berlesduna maths competition, against pupils from 11 different schools. We are absolutely delighted to announce that Downham came first! We are very proud of the children for showing courage, challenge and collaboration. Here are the champions with their impressive trophy:



IMPORTANT DATES:

17 & 18 Nov: Bikeability Group 2

20 Nov: Year 5 boys football match at Mayflower

20 Nov: 3.00-4.00pm Book fair in hall after school

21 Nov: Non-uniform day in return for donations for Christmas Bazaar

21 Nov: 3.00-4.00pm Book fair in hall after school

22 Nov: 12.30-4pm PTA Christmas Bazaar

24 Nov: Choir at Royal Albert Hall

25 Nov: 9.30am Tour for EYFS intake for Sept. 26

25 Nov: 3.00-4.00pm Book fair in hall after school

1 Dec: Christmas postbox opens

1 Dec: Christmas tree arrives

1 Dec: 2.00pm Blessing of the Christmas tree

2 Dec: 1.30-3.00pm Choir to sing at Village Hall

3 Dec: Whole school panto trip (am)

3 Dec: 1.15-3.15pm PTA Christmas activities in hall

8 Dec: 9.30-10.30am EYFS Nativity

9 & 10 Dec: 9.30-10.30am KS1 Nativity

11 Dec: 10.00am Tour for EYFS intake for Sept. 26

12 Dec: 3.15-5.15pm PTA Christmas Magical Movie Night **NO CLUBS**

14 Dec: 4.00pm Choir singing at Baptist Church

15 Dec: 5.00pm Y6 Christingle Service at St Margaret's Church

16 Dec: 11.00am Year 6 singing at The Belfry

16 Dec: 2.30pm Choir singing in Village Hall

16 & 17 Dec: 4.30-5.30pm KS2 Christmas Concert

17 Dec: Christmas Jumper Day

17 Dec: Christmas Dinner Day

19 Dec: Last day of term



Here are Worship Group, with some of our Governors, at the War Memorial this week. Thank you to Caitlin, and one of our Prefects, Beth, for reading prayers so eloquently.

