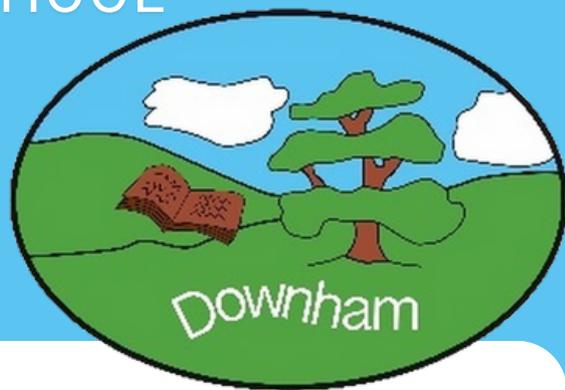


NEWSLETTER

INSPIRING ALL TO SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

CHALLENGE - CREATIVITY- CRITICAL THINKING-
COLLABORATION - COURAGE



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Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our ongoing mission to freshen up the school, our large animal display in the hall is being replaced after many, many years! Over the next five weeks, the artist, Matt Mackman, will be working with every pupil in the school, to create a mural based on our school vision: Inspiring All To Soar To New Heights. Each class will be making a giant bird, based on the name of their class. This week, it was the turn of Year 5, who made a very impressive owl! Next week it is the turn of Year 2, who will be using their creative skills to create a beautiful nightingale. We cannot wait to see the finished display!

The Year 5 boys football team took part in a tournament at Mayflower School today and demonstrated collaboration! They won two matches, drew three and lost two. Well done boys!

Thank you to everyone who has visited our Book Fair and purchased books and stocking fillers this week - it is on again after school tonight, and for the final time, next Tuesday after school. If you took books from the Book Fair and we made a note of your purchases, please settle up over the weekend so that Scholastic receive all payments before the books are collected.

We are really excited for our SIAMS inspection on Thursday and showing the Inspector how wonderful our school is! We wish you all a lovely weekend.

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

PTA CHRISTMAS FETE

We cannot wait to see as many of you as possible at our PTA Christmas Fete tomorrow.

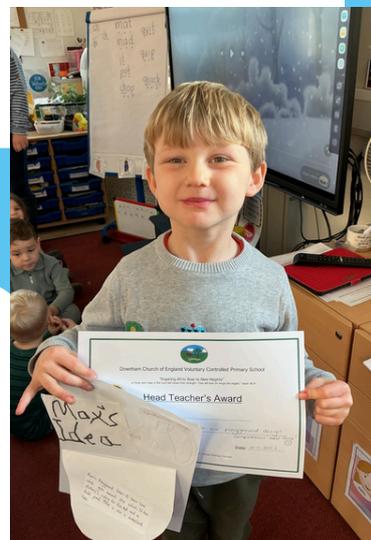
Please join us between 1 and 4pm for a festive afternoon filled with lots of stalls, games, crafts, treats and plenty of Christmas cheer. We are especially delighted to share that Father Christmas will be visiting, so children will have the chance to meet him too! We will also be having a big Christmas sing-a-long at 2.30pm in the hall!

We look forward to seeing you there!



HEADTEACHER'S CUP

This week, the cup is awarded to Max in EYFS, for his fantastic playground design...and for explaining it so confidently in front of the whole school!



WORSHIP GROUP

Worship Group are going to visit the residents of The Belfry Residential Care Home on 7th December to take them cards and spread some festive cheer! Here they are, making cards to give to them.



ATTENDANCE:

Here is the attendance for each class for this week:

Ducklings - 95.0%

Robins - 93.2%

Nightingales - 99.6%

Woodpeckers - 94.0%

Kingfishers - 97.5%

Owls - 99.3%

Eagles - 94.0%

Whole School - 96.1%



Well done Nightingales!

Well done to Aida who has soared to new heights by completing over 100 Park Runs!



LOST PROPERTY

We have accumulated a lot of lost property this half-term! Please check the boxes in the office and claim anything belonging to you!



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP NEWS!

This half-term in Collective Worship we have been exploring the theme of Challenge through well-known Bible stories. The children have been learning how different people in the Bible faced difficult and sometimes frightening situations with courage, faith and perseverance. We looked at Esther, who bravely spoke up to protect her people; Daniel, who trusted God even when he was thrown into the lions' den; and David, who showed confidence and determination when he confronted the giant Goliath. Each story has helped us think about how we can face our own challenges—whether big or small—with resilience, kindness and a belief in doing what is right. As we move into Advent, we will be learning about how Mary and Joseph faced challenge as they travelled to Bethlehem to prepare for the birth of their baby boy.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 22 Nov: 1.00-4.00pm 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
- 27 Nov: Cross Country race 2
- 27 Nov: SIAMS inspection
- 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
- 9 Dec: Worship Group to go to Belfry Care Home
- 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
- 17 Dec: 2.15pm Front Row Music performance to parents
- 19 Dec: Last day of term



A PRAYER FOR COURAGE

Dear God,
Thank you for being with us every day.
When we face challenges, big or small,
please help us to be brave.
Give us the courage to try our best,
the strength to keep going,
and the kindness to help others who are struggling too.
Help us remember that we are never alone
and that you are always beside us.
Amen.