

NEWSLETTER

INSPIRING ALL TO SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

CHALLENGE - CREATIVITY- CRITICAL THINKING-
COLLABORATION - COURAGE



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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a week it has been! Last night's talent show was a spectacular showcase of the creativity and courage within our school. We were absolutely blown away by the variety of acts and, most importantly, the incredible confidence of our children. Whether it was a first-time performer or a seasoned stage veteran, the children supported one another beautifully. Bravo to all our performers—you made the whole school community very proud! Huge thanks must go to our judges and Year 6 comperes. We can't wait to do it again next year! Today the children have dressed up for World Book Day - and what an incredible array of costumes we have seen, including Alice in Wonderland, Tinkerbell, Stig of the Dump and even Coco Chanel! It really has been such a happy day in school, with lots of laughter to be heard. One child from each class will be awarded a prize for the most creative costume; we know that the teachers will have a very hard time deciding on a winner. Over the weekend, our new birds mural is going up. We cannot WAIT to see the new display in the hall. It makes it so special that every single child in the school has helped to make it. It is also very exciting that works to our new playgrounds will be starting on Monday 30th March! We are delighted that our Year 6 pupils will be able to enjoy the new equipment before they leave us in the summer.

Finally, if your EYFS child's mum/auntie/grandma would like to come to our special lunch on Friday 13th March to celebrate Mothering Sunday, can you please book by **9am Monday morning**. This will give Mrs Sexton enough time to place her food order.

Ms Walker, Executive
Headteacher (NPQEL) &
Miss Bailey, Executive
Deputy Headteacher (NPQH)



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

EYFS - 90.4%
Year 1 - 89.1%
Year 2 - 91.1%
Year 3 - 90.7%
Year 4 - 92.2%
Year 5 - 89.6%
Year 6 - 88.6%
Total - 90.2%



WELL DONE KINGFISHERS!

REMINDERS

There are still some parents leaving messages on the school answerphone regarding pupil absence. Please ensure that all absences due to illness are recorded on the Studybugs app. Thank you to those parents who have been using it - I am sure you will agree that it is really quick and easy!

OUR DOWNHAM 5C AWARD WINNERS FOR THIS WEEK:

EYFS - Sienna for creativity
Year 1 - Nathan N for creativity
Year 2 - The Year 2 cross country team for courage
Year 3 - Victoria for challenge
Year 4 - Chanelle for critical thinking
Year 5 - Lukas for collaboration
Year 6 - Victor, Jack, Fletcher and Beth for collaboration, challenge and courage



IMPORTANT DATES:

10 March: Parents invited in for Science activity
11 March: Forest School session for new EYFS intake 9-10am
12 March: Cross Country Race 4 at Hylands Park
12 March: BAT Science competition at Felmores (selected pupils)
13 March: EYFS Invitation lunch for mums/grandmas
13 March: PTA Mothering Sunday craft afternoon
16 March: Chick-hatching project arrives
16 March: Year 3 & 4 Easter reflection workshops
17 March: Year 2 Infant Music Festival
17 March: Some of Worship Group to The Belfry
18 March: Book Fair arrives
20 March: Red Nose Day
21 March: Ghyllgrove Community Cup

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HEADTEACHER'S CUP

This week the award goes to Olivia in Year 4, for writing a brilliant poem about Downham School! You can read the poem on Class Dojo. We are so pleased that you are so positive about your school, Olivia!

