Downs Infant School Newsletter

10 November 2023

This Half Term's Value is - Belonging



Message from Dr Mitchell...

Thank you for your understanding about my decision to leave our lovely school at the end of term. You have embodied our school values, and I feel reinvigorated for the final few weeks! The governors will write to you soon with details of how the school will be led after Christmas.

Diary Dates

(New dates will be in red or blue this week!)

BLUE MONDAY – wear blue for antibullying

Phonics meeting for **Year 1**: Thursday 16 Nov 6pm and 1.50-2.50 pm (2 options)

FODIS AGM extension 17 November 8pm

School Xmas dinner Wed 6 December

FODIS Santa's Grotto and Mulled Wine 10 December

Year 2 Xmas Performance Thursday 14 December – other performance dates coming very soon!

Resources Shout Out

We need some spare trousers and leggings ONLY. If you have some to donate, please check with the office before bringing in. We have a finite storage space!

Learning Round-Up

Reception

Reception learned a new story: Humpty Dumpty. They are getting really good at retelling it, and have explored lots of the language in this text. They have started learning handwriting, with the long ladder family. They also had a visit from the Word Wizard!!! The Word Wizard only comes when the teacher has gone for a cup of tea, which is very odd. They bring new words to learn – what a strange wizard!

Year 1

Most of year 1 have now started learning Phase 5 phonics – if you want to know more about this please come to next Thursday's meetings. They have been learning the Three Little Pigs, and understanding the story structure so they can write their own versions. In PE they have been astronauts, flying in space!

Year 2

In Geography, year 2 have been learning about the UK. Some of them had lots of fun pretending to be Mr Jones from Wales! They have learned a text about the sighting of the Loch Ness Monster. In the text they learned lots of new words and phrases and as a result all week they have been 'intrigued' and have been trying to 'catch a glimpse' of things. Someone made a monster catcher in COOL time.

Everyone has been learning about Diwali.







