

Message from Dr Mitchell...

This week was a challenging week in terms of staff absence as lots of us fell victim to various viruses and infections, but as always the team pulled together. I must thank parents and carers who offered and gave help and support, as always, the Downs Infants Community blows me away!

In the last two weeks we have had a very successful phonics/reading meeting for Reception - there will be one for Year 1 on Thursday 2 November (6pm) and Friday 3 November (2-3pm). We also had a workshop on 'Just Right', and the slides from these will be on the website by this weekend.

Please do check on Tapestry for information about your child's learning and to see who has been on the 'Chair of Champions'!

Diary Dates

(New dates will be in red)

Friday 6 October Class Reps meeting 2-2.50

Tues 10/10 Individual school photos

Thurs 12/10 Coffee morning for parents/carers of children with SEND

HALF TERM Mon 23/10 to Fri 27/10

INSET (school closed to children) Mon 30 Oct

Phonics meeting for Year 1: 2 Nov 6pm and 3 Nov 2-3pm

Parent/carer consultations: Mon 6 and Tues 7th Nov. Booking info to come.

Parking

We have been asked to remind you to park legally and responsibly around the school, if necessary, parking further away and leaving longer to make part of the journey on foot. Older children in the juniors walk to school alone, and double parked cars, cars parked at junctions etc. cause a real hazard.



Learning Round-Up

Reception

Reception have learned the sound S, A, T and P this week – look out for their sound books coming home and do try to practice. They have enjoyed learning and re-telling the story of Mr Wiggle and Mr Waggle, who went 'up the hill and down the hill...'. They are learning some lovely story language which we will build on throughout their time at Downs Infants. They have also been ordering 'naughty numbers' and enjoying physical Friday.

Year 1

Year 1 have been counting backwards, learning about 1 more and 1 less. They have been grouping animals according to their categories: amphibian, reptile, mammal and so on. They have been learning about our local area in geography and are preparing to go on their first year 1 trip: a local walk.

Year 2

Year 2 had a terrible experience! The handwriting pens all quit!! This provided the context for some amazing writing based on The Day the Crayons Quit (some of it in pencil!). In maths they are looking at fact families. In history they have been starting to look at the history of transport.

