



8 September 2023

This Half Term's Value is - Ambition

## Message from Dr Mitchell...

Welcome to the new school year! The sun has come out to welcome us back, which means lovely outside learning opportunities, although it's a shame the weather wasn't better in the holidays.

We don't have any of the concrete that is causing problems in some other schools so we have been able to welcome all children in, and our Reception classes will join us next week, having had a successful 'stay and play' this week.

I hope that many of you will be able to join us for the FODIS (Friends of Downs Infant School) AGM next Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September in the school hall. There will be refreshments!

## Diary Dates

(New dates will be in red)

Tues 12/9 Year 1 Hedgehog visit  
Wed 13/9 FODIS AGM in the school hall 7.30pm  
Thursday 21/9 6pm and Friday 22/9 2-3pm  
Reading/Phonics meeting for Reception parents and carers – school hall  
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

## Before and After School Health and Safety

Our school staff spend a lot of time getting outside learning ready and so you must not touch or play with equipment that is set up on the way in to school. Please also prevent your children playing with equipment and leave the school site promptly at the end of the day so staff can get ready for tomorrow. We really appreciate your help with this. It is especially important that **NO CHILDREN ARE ALLOWED TO CLIMB ON WALLS AT ANY TIME.** Thank you.

## Learning Round-Up

This week everyone has been learning about their class animal, and learning about how to learn in their new year groups. Children have been learning the names of new people in their classes and getting to know each other. Everyone has also been learning how to use the resources in their classrooms and outside areas safely and appropriately and we have already seen some lovely play and some very creative work.

Everyone has been learning about how we will be behaving at Downs Infant School. We will be making sure that what we do is, 'Good for me, good for you, good for everybody'. And working on doing things the Downs Infants way, where we are: Ready, Respectful and Safe.

At Downs Infant School, we are...

We follow our school structures and routines

We actively take part in all learning

READY

We show we are ready with our whole body

Are prepared for what is next

We have good manners

We use a respectful voice

RESPECTFUL

We look after our environment

We listen respectfully

At Downs Infant School, we are...

We keep each other physically safe

We keep each other emotionally safe

SAFE

We use equipment safely

We follow adults' instructions