



As well as lots of learning news, I am attaching information about Take Shelter, the old infants' air-raid shelter museum under the playground at DJS – see page 2 for what we were up to there this week.

I am also delighted to attach the most recent governor newsletter. The governing body of the school provides oversight on strategy, budget and ensuring the children at Downs Infant School get the best possible education. We are fortunate to have such a well informed and committed governing body, who are all volunteers. It is a privilege to work with them, and we are grateful for all that they do.

Finally – Happy Easter to all who celebrate it, and good luck to any of our community taking part in the Brighton Marathon weekend.

Dr Mitchell

Diary Dates: *(New dates will be in red)*

•11 April – 22 April inclusive – Easter holidays

•Wed 27 April, class photos

•Thurs 5 May Relationships Education workshop

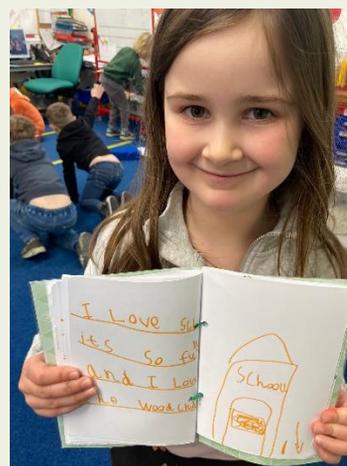
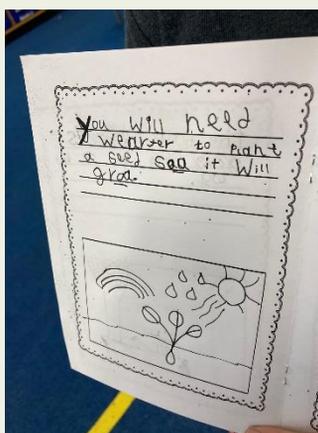
•Fri 27 May INSET

•Mon 30 May-Fri 3 June Half Term

•Fri 17 June Jubilee baton arrives!

Learning Highlights

Year 1 have been learning about the environment and as part of their science curriculum explored what plants need to grow.



Reception celebrated the end of their space topic with a huge alien party!



Year 2 have been learning how to work with clay, and made clay tiles depicting dragons. In music they used tuned instruments to compose their own music.





After School Health and Safety

Please ensure you leave the school grounds by 3.10. School meetings begin at 3.15 and we would like the site to be secure so that teaching staff can concentrate on our work developing the curriculum, engaging in staff training, completing assessments and planning the learning.

Please also supervise your children. **We tend to have more serious accidents at the tail end of the day than we do during school hours.** **Do not let your children climb on walls, railings and fences.** They are not allowed to do any of these things during the day – for their own safety and to prevent damage.

We appreciate your support. Kind regards, the Premises and Office teams

School Council Trip to 1940!

We were asked to provide some children for some filming to add to the museum at Take Shelter. The school council, plus a few additional children, went with Dr Mitchell and Mr Button to re-enact some scenes from WW2. The children learned about how our local families would have sheltered from danger during aircraft raids, as well as a little about life at the time. Mr Button was impressed at the things that they learned and remembered about the period and Dr Mitchell was impressed by how sensitively some of them made parallels between this and what is happening elsewhere in the world right now – really demonstrating our school value of 'Empathy'.



Chair of Champions

Dolphin – Martha and Bali; Seahorse – Finn, Belle; Puffin – Caitlin, Finlay; Kingfisher – Leon, Otis, Willow;
Squirrel – Jake; Hedgehog – Olive, Jessica;
Turtle – Albert, Wren; Fox – Seth; Starfish – Edie, Zachary, Rudy, Tallulah-Belle;
Fox - Zsombor



Good luck to any children running the mini-mile – you are all champions!

