



# Downham Preparatory School and Montessori Nursery

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## **Newsletter to Prep & Nursery School Parents 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a very enjoyable Christmas and wish you all a happy and healthy New Year. Many thanks to you all for the cards and presents that you sent to the staff and myself.

### ***Jungle Gym***

During the holidays, work was completed on the new Jungle Gym and it is now ready for the children to use.

### ***Swimming***

Swimming lessons start again this Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January for classes 2, 3 and 4.  
Classes 5, 6 and 7 will start on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

### ***Clubs***

Clubs start again next week, commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

### ***Santa Fun Run – Raising funds for EACH (the East Anglian Children’s Hospice)***

In the Sports lessons at the end of last term, all pupils took part in a Fun Run to raise money for the new Children’s Hospice. EACH supplied a hat or antlers for every child who brought in a donation. It was very busy at the end of term and only a few children brought in a donation. We still have the hats and antlers in school. If you haven’t yet contributed, but would like to do so, please send the money in an envelope with your child’s name and the word ‘EACH’ written on it, and put it in the office post box. We will then send a hat (antlers) home for your child.

We have supported EACH for many years now and raised several thousand pounds. Building work on the new larger hospice has now been completed and I have been invited to tour the new facilities, together with representatives from other organisations who have also helped to raise funds. After my visit, I will send home more news about the new facilities. This very worthwhile charity is now able to offer so much more to support very sick and terminally ill children and their families. Your continued support will help to provide the excellent resources and equipment needed to furnish this new hospice.

### ***Christmas Cards***

A grand total of £171.60 was raised from the sales of Christmas cards, which has now been passed on to the Friends of the School to add to their funds.

### ***Cross Country***

The next race in the Ryston Runners Cross Country Grand Prix takes place this Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January. The first race starts at 11am. If you or your child would like to enter, please speak to Mr Lane or Mrs Law in the school office. The entry fee for children is £3.00 and adults who are not members of Ryston runners is £7.00. There is also more information on the Ryston Runners website, [rystonrunners.org.uk](http://rystonrunners.org.uk). If you have entered, Mr Lane will meet you there at 10.30am, to collect your number. He also does a warm-up with the children before the race, and shows them the course. New runners are always welcome.

### ***Parking***

Please may we ask parents to be considerate when parking near the school, especially at the end of the day. Please do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines as this may cause an obstruction or restrict other drivers' view of the road and entrance to the school. Please may we also remind you that parking inside the school grounds is for staff only, or parents with a permit. (These are issued to parents with babies or young toddlers only.) Unfortunately, we do not have enough spaces for other cars. Thank you for your co-operation.

### ***Animals***

If you have any outside leaves from cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce, etc. or carrot peelings, please could you save them for our school animals. Please put them in the animal bucket, which can be found under the Pergola, in front of the main double doors, where the brick planter is.

The **battery** collection box is also in the same place. This now full and will be emptied very soon; so please continue to recycle your old batteries here.