



# DOWNHAM PREPARATORY SCHOOL AND MONTESSORI NURSERY

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## **Newsletter to Prep School & Nursery Parents – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021**

*Dear Parents,*

### **END OF TERM DATES**

Please note that Homework will finish during the week beginning Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

The last Spellings will be on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

There will be no more after-school clubs after Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, although After-school Care will continue until the end of term.

Reports will be sent home on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Please sign and return your child's report to school when you have read it.

### **REMINDER – PARKING**

Please may we remind you that you should park your car in the farm car park opposite, or safely at the side of the road. Please do not park on or near the zig-zag lines, as this can be dangerous and block the view of other drivers. The car park is only for staff cars, or parents of babies (under 2yrs) down the side. Please do not use/block the disabled space, as we do have parents who need to use it. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **REMINDER – SPONSOR FORMS**

Please return your sponsor forms, with any sponsor money, ASAP. Please put it in an envelope with the child's name and "Sponsor form/money" on the outside, and hand it in to the office (post box). The sponsor forms will be sent off to the "Happy days" charity to enable gift aid to be claimed. PLEASE return by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you.

### **SPORTS DAY – Y1-Y7 – POSTPONED**

Unfortunately, with the weather forecast of rain for Friday this week, we have decided to postpone our Sports Day until next week, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

### **SCHOOL SHOW**

Costumes – please make sure your child has all their show costume in school now.

It should be in a named carrier bag, so that we can hang it on the class costume rail.

Face painting – please complete the form below, or confirm by email, to let us know if you give permission for your child to be face-painted for the show.

### **END OF TERM PARTY (PREPARATORY SCHOOL)**

On the last day of term, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July, it will be party day. The children can wear their own 'party' clothes, but please ensure their footwear is suitable for playing games and running in the playground/ on the field.

Instead of our usual party food, we shall have our lunch 'Street-Party' style. The trestle tables will be set out on the playground in three separate groups, one for each 'bubble'. As we cannot ask parents to donate food, as we usually do, due to Covid regulations, our school cook will cook a special lunch of Pizza and chips, salad, ice-cream and jelly.

If your child normally has school lunch, you do not need to do anything; they will automatically be given the 'party' lunch. If your child normally brings their own packed lunch you can pay for them to have the party lunch, or if you prefer they can still bring their own packed lunch. They will still sit with their class and join in all the fun. After lunch the children will play their usual party games within their 'bubbles'.

If you would like to order an end-of-term lunch for your child, please complete the slip at the bottom of this letter. Please put the payment, **£3.30 (primary)**, cash please, in an envelope with the booking slip. Please write your child's name and class on the envelope and post it in the office post box. If we do not hear from you, we will assume you will be sending in a packed lunch.

**NURSERY LUNCH – WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JULY**

If your child attends Nursery on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July, please note there will be a change of lunch menu. As it is party day for the Preparatory School, the school cook will be cooking pizza and chips for all children that day instead of the usual menu.

**SCHOOL LUNCHES – SEPTEMBER**

Our school meals are currently cooked on site, but the food and the cook are provided by the LunchTime Company. However, we have noticed that over time, the quality and quantity of the food they supply has declined. Therefore, from September, we will be buying our own provisions and employing the cook to prepare the meals ourselves. The meat will be purchased fresh from a local butcher and fresh vegetables will also be delivered by a local company. This will enable us to focus more on quality and quantity, giving better value. We also hope this will encourage more children to enjoy a hot meal, especially during the colder months. We are working on a new menu with the cook, which we will send home as soon as it is ready.

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**END-OF-TERM LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JULY.**

Child's name.....Class.....

Please find enclosed payment, £3.30 (primary) £3.05 (nursery), for the school lunch.

Signed..... Date: .....

**Reminder.** *Only fill in this form if your child normally brings their own packed lunch and you would like to order a party lunch for them. Please also let us know if your child has any special dietary requirements.*

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**FACE PAINTING FOR THE SCHOOL SHOW**

Child's name.....Class.....

**Please tick one box:**

I am happy for my child to have face paints applied for the school show.

I do not want my child to have face paints applied for the school show.

Signed..... Date: .....

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