



Downham Preparatory School and Montessori Nursery

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Newsletter to Preparatory & Nursery School Parents – Tuesday 30th January 2024

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Wednesday 31st January	U11 Mixed Netball v Fairstead	2:00pm (Away)
Wednesday 7th February	Paralympian Introductory Talk/Virtual Assembly	9:00am
Sunday 11th February	Cross Country Race at Shouldham	10:30am
Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February Half-term holiday		

Parents' Evenings

Thursday 1st February	Class 4	4:00pm onwards
Tuesday 6th February	Class 3	4:00pm onwards
Wednesday 28th February	Class KS1	4:00pm onwards

Nursery Parents' Meetings

Friday 8th March	Miss Richardson	1:30pm onwards
Friday 15th March	Mrs Hmaied	1:30pm onwards
Friday 22nd March	Miss Stannard	1:30pm onwards

Sports for Schools – GB Athletes who inspire kids

GB Paralympic Skier and Adventurer SEAN ROSE will be visiting our school on Wednesday 28th February. There will be a short introduction via video link in Assembly on Wednesday 7th February at 9:00am.

I hope you have all received and read the letter giving you all the information.

Reminder - Staff Car Park

Once again, we have to kindly ask that you do not park in the staff car park unless you are a parent with a Disabled permit or a Nursery permit (issued to parents with babies only.) Please do not drive into the car park or use it as a turning area. If a Nursery parent with a baby needs a permit, please see Miss Lovick (Nursery Supervisor). Staff are finding it difficult to park when there are other cars blocking access. The area around the office must be kept clear at all times, as we have to have 24 hour access for emergency vehicles. We kindly ask that all drivers drive very slowly and carefully at all times near the school entrance, and find a safe place to park and turn round, further down the road, or preferably in the Church Farm car park. We also ask that pedestrians use the footpath along the side of the car park, rather than walk through and across the staff car park. At the end of the day especially, please keep your child close to you at all times when leaving the school grounds. This will help to keep everyone safe. Thank you.

Sumdog Maths

The Sumdog Maths app has been recently updated, so you may need to update it on your devices. If you have lost your child's log in details please ask their Maths teacher, who will then reissue it.

Staff Training

Mrs Millard has recently completed a course on "Maths Mastery – How to Provide Both Support and Challenge when Teaching Whole-Class Maths".

No Smoking

Please note that our school and all its grounds are strictly No Smoking. This includes the car park and playground waiting area. Please do not smoke cigarettes, e-cigarettes or vapes anywhere on our premises. Thank you for your co-operation.

No Dogs in School

We realise that we have many new parents who have joined recently, and therefore you may be unaware that we have a "No Dogs" Policy on the school grounds. Please may we remind all parents that we do not allow dogs on our school grounds, including the car park, even if being carried, as we have some children who have a fear of dogs (or are allergic to dogs). We would like to thank you for adhering to this and respecting our rules.