



# DOWNS WAY SCHOOL NEWS

APRIL 2017

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*I hope you enjoyed the Easter Break. We are certainly enjoying the summer term so far – especially since we have been able to get back onto the field to play! This newsletter is packed with information about all the exciting things we have been doing so far – and some of those we are looking forward to.*

*If you have time please do respond to the survey about putting an all-weather pitch on the St Mary's field – all our children will be able to use it! The survey closes on Tuesday <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7M5KS5P>*

*We're continuing to support the children with strengthening their learning muscles. This week the Collaboration Kid came to school (see below) please do talk to your children about her as well as Captain Resilience and the Questioner. See if they can explain to you which learning muscles they help them with.*

*We have welcomed Nicky Simmons to our office team on Thursdays and Fridays and are ready for a busy term ahead. Thank you for your ongoing support.*

*Best wishes*

*Sarah Lewis*

## *BRITISH VALUES*

**The value that we are focusing on is PEACE. The children in years 1 & 2 have thought about what peace means to them and how they can create peaceful environments. It would be lovely if you discussed this with them so that we share the values as a school community.**



## **TURTLES CLASS TRIP to the British Wildlife Centre**

Turtles Class visited the British Wildlife Centre on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and had a great day. Our guide for the day was Meg who told us a lot of interesting facts about the animals. We all learnt a great deal. We were shown around the centre and saw many different creatures; deer, otters, Scottish wild cats, ferrets, rats, owls and many more.

We followed the rules carefully; no poking fingers through the fences, no putting fingers near our eyes or mouths and washing our hands thoroughly. All the children behaved really well and did us proud in the way that they represented Downs Way School.



## **Quiz Night**

The Friends of Downs Way hosted an extremely successful fundraising Quiz Night on Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Great fun was had by all and the evening raised £860. A massive "Thank you!" to Mary, Paul, Christina and Luke for their hard work and organisational skills.

Please do let the Friends team know if you are able to help out with any forthcoming events, such as the Carnival. They do a fantastic job with fundraising and social events and which is invaluable for us as a school.

## COLLABORATION KID



The new Building Learning Power character is Collaboration Kid. Ask your child all about her and what she has challenged them to do. Here is her song. There are actions too!

### ***Collaboration Kid***

*Collaboration Kid's OK*

*Imitating others – she can learn their ways.*

*She makes sure that she listens so she picks up what they mean*

*She shares her skills with others so she strengthens any team*

*Learning on her own, or with more we say*

*Collaboration Kid's OK – Hey!*

### **Before & After School**

**Please ensure that your children do not play on or with the equipment in the outside areas before or after school.** (Climbing frames, monkey bars, walkers, construction blocks, etc.)

Accidents can happen and staff are not supervising these areas at these times.

Please vacate the site promptly at pick up time. The site manager locks the gates at 3.40pm in order to secure the site and often has to wait because adults and children are still on the grass.



### **Spare Clothing**

In infant schools 'accidents' can happen, including falling in puddles. Please help us by ensuring that your child, whichever year group, has a spare set of named clothing in a bag in school so we are ready for any eventuality!



### **Absences**

If your child is unwell or is going to be late to school for any reason, please ring or email the Office **BEFORE** 9:15am to let us know the reason for your child's absence.



## Contact Details

If you change your address and/or phone numbers, please remember to let the Office know. We have had a couple of instances recently where we have not been able to contact a parent because their phone number had changed.

## Lost Keys

A kind neighbour in Downs Way has handed in some keys he found just before the Easter Holidays, please contact the office if you think these may be yours.

## Newsletter by Email

If you have received this Newsletter as a paper copy and you would prefer to receive it by email please email the Office to let them know [office@downs-way.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@downs-way.surrey.sch.uk)

DOWNS WAY SUMMER TERM 2017 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Tuesday 25 April – Tuesday 27 June	Y2 Swimming at Tandridge Leisure Centre
Monday 1 May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8 – Friday 19 May	Y2 KS1 SATS weeks
Thursday 23 May	Angelfish and Starfish Heights & Weights Screening
Wednesday 24 May	Angelfish and Starfish Heights & Weights Screening
Friday 26 May	Last day before half term
Monday 5 June	INSET Day
Tuesday 6 June	Back to School

## Term Dates for 2017

### Summer Term 2017

Term Dates	Tuesday 18 April to Friday 26 May
MAY DAY HOLIDAY	Monday 1 May
HALF TERM	Saturday 27 May to Sunday 4 June
INSET DAY	Monday 5 June
Term Dates	Tuesday 6 June to Friday 21 July
Summer Holiday	Saturday 22 July to Sunday 3 September

## Academic year 2017/2018

### Autumn term 2017

Start of term	Half term	End of term
4 September 2017	23 October–27 October 2017	21 December 2017

INSET Day                      Monday 4 September  
INSET Day                      Friday 6 October  
INSET Day                      Monday 30 October

### Spring term 2018

Start of term	Half term	End of term
4 January 2018	12 February–16 February 2018	29 March 2018

### Summer term 2018

Start of term	Half term	End of term
16 April 2018	28 May–1 June 2018	23 July 2018

INSET Day                      Monday 4 June  
INSET Day                      Monday 23 July

## **YEAR 1 and 2 CRICKET @ Oxted and Limpsfield CC**

*Dear Parents*

*Due to popular demand OLCC are offering additional 10 weekly (45 minute) sessions for budding young cricketers. These will run on a Saturday morning from 6th May to 7th July at Master Park, Oxted. The sessions will be from 9.45 to 10.30am.*

**The sessions will cost £55.**

*The opportunity to take the (sadly) limited number of places will be on a first come first served basis. If you are interested please follow this link, register and make payment online as instructed.*

<https://goo.gl/forms/E8RLuP6qw3l3lCqI3>

*We welcome everybody: boys, girls, regular players or complete novices. Sessions will be fun and engaging.*

*Regards Ian*

*OLCC Junior Coordinator*



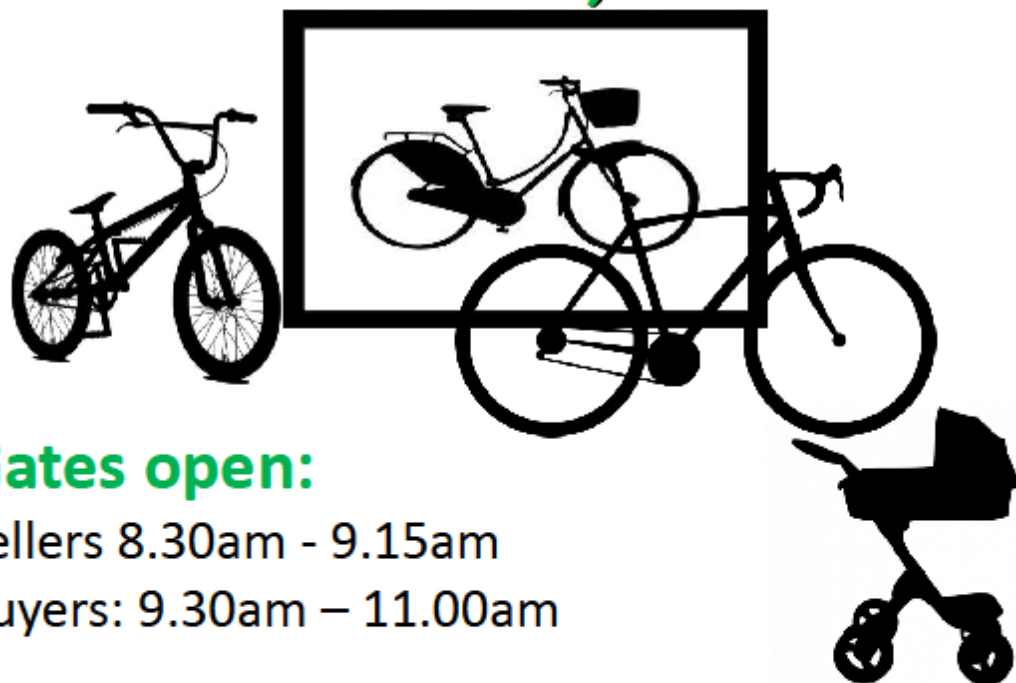
**1<sup>st</sup> Oxted Scout Group**

**Second-hand**

# **BIKE & PRAM SALE**

**Saturday 20th May**

**Master Park, Oxted**



## **Gates open:**

Sellers 8.30am - 9.15am

Buyers: 9.30am – 11.00am

**Drinks and bacon rolls available**

Sellers can visit [www.1stoxtedscouts.com](http://www.1stoxtedscouts.com)

to print off a form and save queuing time

