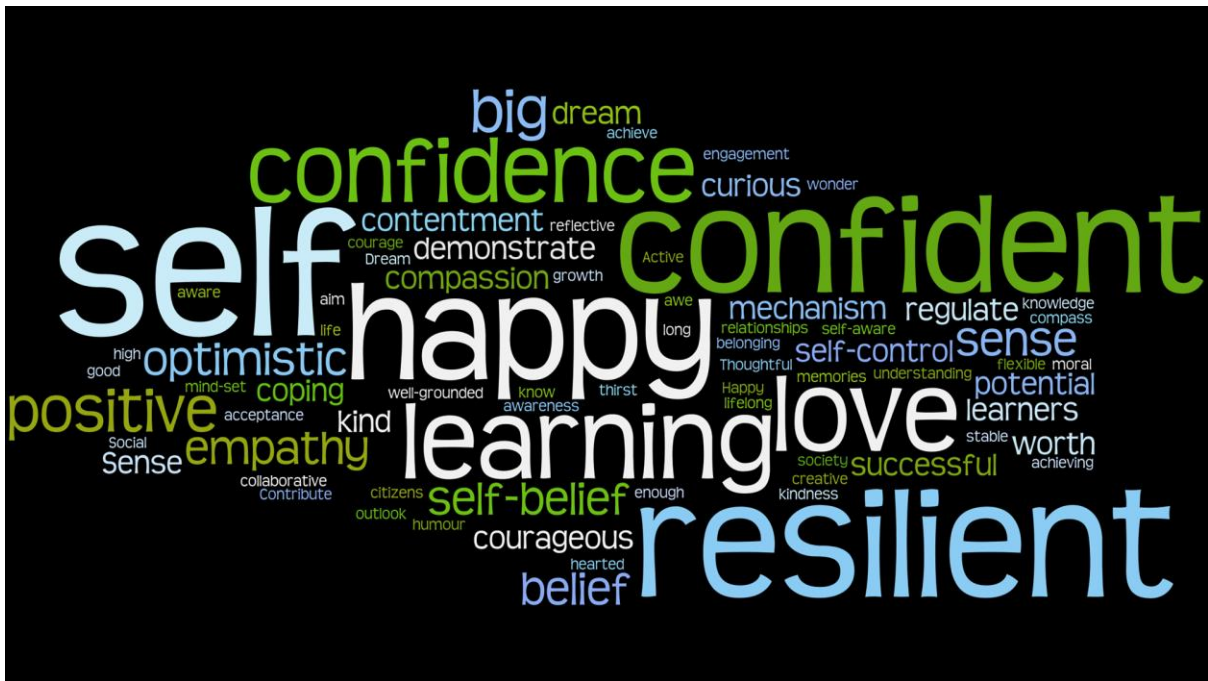




DOWNS WAY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

A belated Happy New Year to you all. Our Christian value at the moment is ‘Hope’ and it has been lovely to hear your children’s hopes and resolutions for the coming year. During one of our Acts of Worship Mrs Woodward shared the hopes that the staff had expressed for the children in our joint INSET day on the MindUp programme. I thought you might like to see them too.



The MindUp team are coming back to see how things are going on Wednesday 28th February. There will be parent workshops at both schools. The Downs Way workshop is at 9-10am in the school Hall. It would be helpful if you could please contact the School Office if you wish to attend so that we have an idea of numbers. This will be a great opportunity for you to find out more about what we are doing as a school.

In other news we were delighted to hear that Oxted Parish Council have awarded us £8,000 for the MUGA!! We are so grateful for their support. The children are thoroughly enjoying playing on it, and we’re starting to get requests for hiring it out – so things are continuing to move on.

We are looking forward to meeting with you and your children on 7th and 8th February to share their progress in their learning, and agree next steps. Look out for the letters which will be coming out on Friday next week – it really is first come first served!

Best wishes
Sarah Lewis



SCHOOL START

Please note that the **school day begins at 8.55am**. Children can be dropped off in the playground from 8.45am and be supervised by teaching staff or wait outside their classroom with their adult.

A small minority of children are still consistently late arriving at school and this disrupts the learning for their class and themselves.

DOWNS WAY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Wednesday 7 February	Parents Evening 3.30-6.00pm
Thursday 8 February	Parents Evening 5.00-7.30pm
Friday 9 February	Year 1 Cake Sale after school
Wednesday 28 February	9-10am MindUp Parent Workshop

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