

The Downs Primary School and Nursery

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The Downs School News – Friday 19TH June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a fairly settled week with few changes and the children just getting on with being here. You would have seen a letter from the PCLC Trust explaining the decision to continue with our youngest children being sent video lessons through Tapestry and not being invited back to school. We have however, invited back our Year 5 children. We very much look forward to having more children in school and will continue to review our procedures weekly and update them accordingly to ensure safety for all and to maximise the number of children we have in school.

Our website will not store as many videos as we are currently making. We have therefore managed this by creating our own YouTube channel where all videos will be posted. Please go to https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_WcWfYKMDwbz2PHZj9I6IQ You can also go to YouTube and type in the school name and look for our logo. Thank you to Mrs Clark. Please remember that children need to be monitored closely when going on YouTube as other suggestions come up which might not be appropriate for your child. Our story telling staff have also had their videos uploaded on here so you and your child can enjoy hearing a story being told by going to this channel. Please keep an eye out for more videos as it gives your child a chance to see school staff.

As we cannot hold our usual Sports Day Event this year and next week is National School Sports Week, Mr Esteves has arranged a remote Sports Day/Week this year. This will start on Monday 22nd June for the whole week, ending Friday 26th June. Activities have been posted on the website from today to give you all a chance to practise.



<https://www.downs.essex.sch.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=1045>

In addition, videos showing each of the 12 activities are now on our YouTube channel with Mr Esteves modelling all activities - really worth watching! This is the direct link to the videos.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLLe2GYPg02PVXWYjHATUXwo_IdluFt4Z2

House points are awarded for taking part, one per activity, so please let your child's teacher know by email which activities have been completed, along with some photos if possible. For this year we will also award House points for any household member who also completes an activity and joins in. This includes staff as you are ALL in a House. Children, your job is to get

the whole family involved! The House winner from Sports Week will be announced the following week. There is an attachment with the 12 activities posted with this letter.

As part of National School Sports Week the following link will also direct you to a week of fun resources and challenges which the children are able to complete at home – no specialised equipment will be required and the videos will explain each challenge. Active Essex will release each challenge, on a daily basis, throughout the week. <https://bit.ly/NSSWEssex>



As we have all been part of a historical event which will be spoken about for years to come, Mrs Brannon is organising a Time Capsule activity. A flyer is attached with this newsletter giving more details about this activity and what you can do to be involved.

We continue to think about our Year 6 who will be leaving the school in July. We will update you with anything we plan and any arrangements we make for a leavers' event when it is safe to do so. We have loved seeing them in their leavers' tops.

As always, stay safe and well.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Allen', followed by a horizontal line.

Ms Jeanette Allen
Headteacher

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It is your responsibility to monitor your child's use of any of these websites and their suitability for your child.