



Newsletter 20

Headlines 01/07/2022

Dates for your diary!

Summer Term 2022

Transfer Morning - Tues 5th July
 New FS2 parents afternoon - Thurs 7th July 1:30pm
SUMMER FAIR - Friday 8th July
 Non-uniform in exchange for bottles Fri 8th July
 EYFS Sports Morning - Weds 13th July 9:10 - 13:00
 KS2 School Production - Thurs 14th July
 Yr 4 Samba Concert - Fri 15th July - 9.15
 Year 6 Leavers BBQ - Fri 15th July
 Country Dancing - Thurs 21st July - 9am
 End of Term - Fri 22nd July
SUMMER HOLIDAYS
 25th July to 31st August

Autumn Term 2022

TRAINING DAYS
 Thurs 1st Sept- Registration Morning for new families 9:30 - 12:00
 Fri 2nd September Training Day
 First day of term - Mon 5th September
 Training Day - Fri 30th Sept
 Fraser Portraits school photo- Fri 7th Oct
 HALF TERM 24th - 28th Oct
 Training Day Mon 31st Oct
 End of Term Fri 16th Dec

Spring Term 2023
 Training Day Tues 3rd Jan 2023
 First day of term Weds 4th Jan

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family are well.

It's a great pleasure that we were able to carry out **Sports Day** for Y1 to Y6 children on Thursday this week – my first proper sports day in my 3 years at the school. All the children applied themselves very well and showed great fairness and support with one another. Special mention also to the Y6 Sports Leaders who helped to guide the infant sports morning. Everyone on the Downlands Team got involved in order to make the day a success and it was wonderful to welcome so many parents as spectators.



The rescheduled EYFS sports day is Wednesday 13th July, 0910 to 1030hrs.

During **Refugee Week**, the school welcomed members of the Blandford Welcome Group (BWG) who spoke to the children about the plight of refugees and how BWG help to rehome and settle families seeking refuge in the local area. Thanks to the support of parents and children, the Downlands community raised £376 for this local charity. I was also proud to lead 8 Y6 pupils, who are aiming to achieve a citizenship award, on visit to Archbishop Wake Primary. Arriving on foot, the children were asked to think about the experience of refugees in travelling long distances to places unknown, in order to seek safety. The children carried with them items of personal value which they spoke about with the children at our neighbouring school.



At this time of year, every week is busy and next week is no different. On Tuesday 5th July, Y6 children moving on to The Blandford School will have their **transfer day**. On the same day, here at Downlands, we will be having our **'step-up' morning** and the office has already communicated with you on this matter.

Friday 8th July will be out **Summer Fayre**: they will be another non-uniform day with children bringing in bottles for another stall. Please do support our Summer Fayre which runs from 1500 to 1700hrs on 8/7/22 within the school grounds. All proceeds used in support of children attending Downlands Community School.

We are still committed to issuing final year reports to children on Wednesday 13th July: this year we will revert to printed paper copies. We will issue early reports when families are leaving before this date. On the subject of parent consultation, the rearranged **New FS2 Parents Information Meeting** is on Thursday 7th July, from 1330hrs, in the school hall.

Finally, at **Gold Book Assembly**, we wished Mrs House well with her maternity leave which starts next week: Mrs Heydon will be taking full responsibility for Cedar class till the end of the year. We also wish Mrs Messer well and thank her for her service as a TA in support of children and Downlands School.

Have a super weekend and see you all next week.

Have a good weekend.



James Rielly
Headteacher

