



Newsletter 16

18/06/2024

Dates for your diary!

SUMMER TERM 2024

Home clothes for Royal Signals Charity - 19th Jun

Home clothes in exchange for a colour item - 21st Jun

Sports Day (see separate email for more info) - 25th Jun

Downlands Family Picnic - 25th Jun

Home clothes in exchange for a bottle for the tombola - 28th Jun

Yr5/6 Cumulus Residential - 3rd-5th Jul

Transfer day/Move up morning - 9th Jul

Summer Fayre (timings tbc) - 11th Jul

KS2 production (timings tbc) - 16th Jul

Downlands Dance Festival (timings tbc) - 18th Jul

Year 6 Leavers Speeches & BBQ - 17th Jul (new date)

Last day of term - 19th Jul

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Inset days - 3-4th Sept

Registration morning 0900-1200 - 3rd Sept

Autumn term starts - 5th Sept (phased start for FS2 pupils)

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to our latest newsletter – slightly later than planned!

D-Day 80 Commemorations

Thank you to all the parents who provided food for the children to share at the D-Day street party held on the 80th anniversary of this significant moment in history. We were also exceptionally grateful to Major RJB Luke for allowing several military vehicles to be driven onto the school field and for armed forces personnel to show great patience and enthusiasm in allowing children to explore the vehicles, answering their questions in the process.



The school were also visited by a veteran poet who volunteers for the charity 'Never Such Innocence'. With his guidance and inspiration, all Y6 pupils wrote poems with a D-Day theme, many of which were read aloud at assemblies and special events during the week, but below are presented some more examples of this excellent work:

The ten thousand paratroopers

Making sure the time is right
It's almost time to fight
In the dead of night
Only black in sight
As they jump into the night
Through the dark night sky
Ten thousand paratroopers glide and fly
All they can do is try
Not being afraid would be a lie
Unsure if they will survive or die

By Aashma Y6

Respect to the fallen

The array of Allies that have died,
Even with the help of their fellow soldiers,
The fatalities are countless,
But victory is carried on their shoulders.

By Ethan Y6

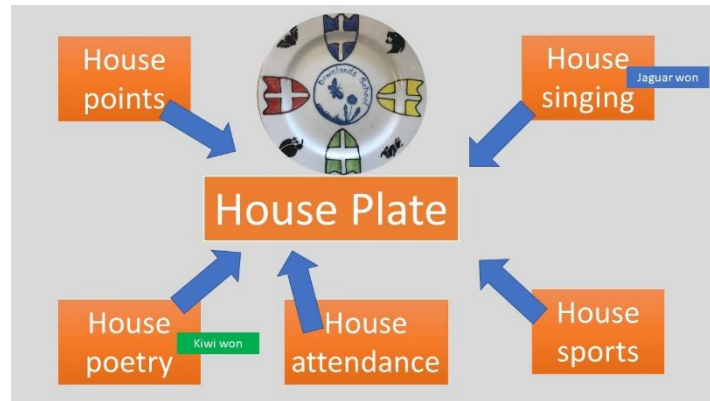
Lost Helmet

As soldiers rushed by the helmet, too busy to grab it as it gets washed away by the strong and cold waters – to be forgotten by the vast world.
But as soldiers left the beach to fight in the war, the helmet is gone – no traces to be seen. Whilst the soldiers' lives could be taken in one blink, the helmet has gone on its own journey.
As the soldiers fight for everyone's sake, the helmet is gone and not to be seen. But as the soldiers drop, more helmets are lost to the current of the sea.

By Jessica J Y6

House Plate

At the end of the year, we will award the House Plate to the House which has accrued the most points across the year as indicated by the diagram below:



Attendance

As we near the end of the year, it is all to play for in terms of the House Attendance overall winners. Falcon House have achieved a stunning recent uplift, but all children can improve their attendance quite significantly with 5 weeks still remaining.

96.2% (↑1.1%)	95.6% (↓0.1%)	95.6% (↑0.6%)	95.3% (↑0.1%)

House points for Values Awards

The House point tally is very close between Kiwi and Falcon, but a late surge of values certificates in the last few weeks of school could really change this competition too.

247 House points	181 House points	256 House points	210 House points

Uniform price increases

Due to the fact that our suppliers have raised their costs, we will need to increase school uniform price ranges as follows:

Sweatshirt - £12 to £16
Cardigan - £14 to £17
Polo Shirt - £8 to £10
Shorts - £4.50
T-shirt - £5.50 to £6.50
Book Bag - £4.50
P.E Bag - £3.50

Bold Voices assembly

Following feedback received from some parents, we have decided to make the Bold Voices assembly to mark Pride Month to be KS2 children only. The assembly will take place on Wednesday 26th June.

Parent behaviour courses (north Dorset flyer)

Please see the attached flyer from Dorset Council which highlights parenting support for behaviours that challenge.

Online safety advice (from NSPCC)

This is a useful source of information for parents about online safety for their children:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/my-child-is-gaming-with-strangers-what-should-i-do>

Sports Day

Whilst the long range weather forecast looks good for next Tuesday's planned sports day, our reserve day will be Monday 24th.

Thank you for reading.

Mr J Rielly
Headteacher



DOWNLANDS DANDELIONS PRE-SCHOOL

Dandelions has spaces for 3 and 4 year old's starting in September 2024.

All 3 and 4 year olds are eligible for 15 hours of government funded childcare starting the term after the child's 3rd birthday.

Must be 3 by	Eligible for funding from
31 st December	1 st January (Spring Term)
31 st March	1 st April (Summer Term)
31 st August	1 st September (Autumn Term)

Working parents may also be able to get an additional 15 hours a week making 30 hours of funded childcare each week. Full eligibility criteria can be found [here](#).

There is new funding available for working families of 2 year olds from 1 April 2024. This means that 3 year old's may be eligible for 15 hours funding earlier than the dates above. Further information can be found [here](#).

For more information or to book a visit please contact Julie on 01258 489914.