



Downs Barn Extra September 2020

Returning to School

Thank you to all our parents and carers for sending your children back to school, so that we can start catching up the learning they missed during Lockdown. Thank you also for not sending children in if they have a cough, temperature, or lack of taste or smell. So far, we have had no positive cases of Coronavirus for staff or children, so we appreciate all you are doing to keep your children as safe as possible.

We have had around 90% of children back at school, which is really positive and those who are not at school either with illness that children often get around this time of year, or because they are self-isolating, are all receiving home learning.

Totally Awesome Harvest Food Bank Collection!

Thank you so much for all the kind donations for Milton Keynes' Food Bank. We were overwhelmed by your generosity and it just shows how thoughtful our families are about other families that may be in need of help in these difficult times. Thank you!



Website

Don't forget our new website is now up and running and we'll be updating it in the coming weeks with a range of pictures. If there's anything you feel is missing from the website, please let the office know.

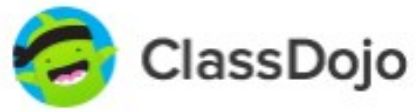
Parking

Please remember to park in a safe spot when dropping children at Downs Barn. Please don't park covering the pavement, or on the roundabout, as families need to walk past the cars safely.

Class Dojo

Instead of having a Class Blog on the Website, we are now using Class Dojo across the school to share learning with parents and carers and to reward children for positive behaviour and learning in class.

If you haven't yet signed up, please do so as it's a great way for you to see all the great learning taking place at school.



TLCs

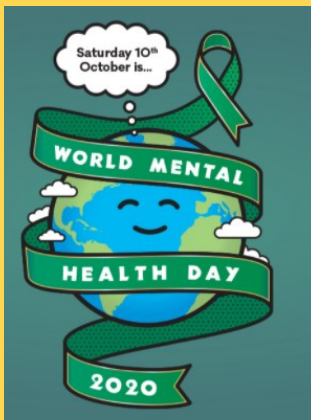
For those parents new to Downs Barn, TLCs are Termly Learning Conversations (similar to Parent's Evenings) and they are held in the Autumn and Spring terms.

Normally at this time of year we would be sending home letters all about TLC appointments.

This year, of course, TLCs will be different:

- Your child's teacher will telephone you to talk about how your child has settled into school since September, what your child's behaviour has been like and whether your child is performing around the expectations of the current year (at this point in the year), below the expectations, or above the expectations
- You will receive a letter giving an approximate time for your appointment, which will take place in the last two weeks of term
- Your telephone TLC should last no longer than 10 minutes. If you have anything to discuss that needs a longer appointment time, please call the school office and Mrs Mathews will contact you

World Mental Health Day



This Saturday is World Mental Health Day, so we will be talking to the children this week about Mental Health. Children will also be able to wear a yellow top on Friday as well, if they wish to show support.