



Downs Barn Extra

December 2020

COVID-19 Update

This term has been very challenging for members of staff and for our families. We have had a very small number of coronavirus cases now and this has affected life at school, but we have been really impressed on the whole, with children demonstrating the home learning they have done, following the Class Dojo activities created by the class teachers (don't forget that it is a Government expectation that schools provide home learning, so if your child is isolating at home, they are expected to do the work set every day, so that they don't miss out on the learning).

Winter Holidays

If a Downs Barn child tests positive for Coronavirus during the holidays, please still telephone the school number (01908 604430) as we will need to let families and staff know if they need to self-isolate, in order to keep their families safe.

Thank you to all our families for your resilience over this term. We are very much hopeful that life will start to get back to normal in the not too distant future, however it is likely that we will have at least one more tricky term ahead.

Please remember to follow the Government Guidelines over the holidays to keep your family and others safe.

Downs Barn News

Breakfast Club

From January, we will not be running Breakfast Club at Downs Barn School. This is unfortunate, but because we have such small numbers of children needing it, it just isn't financially viable to run at Downs Barn now (we need to pay two members of staff for this role).

However, if you need to work and need Breakfast Club to provide early morning childcare, it will be possible to drop your child at Southwood School from January 5th from 8am. We will provide a separate area for the children to eat breakfast and play, and then two members of staff will walk the children to Downs Barn for the start of school. You will need to let us know the week before if you need a space, so we can make the necessary arrangements.

Office at the Front of Downs Barn School

Mrs Lansdowne, our Office Manager, has left Downs Barn to take up a new exciting position, so from January, the office at the front of Downs Barn School will not have someone on the front desk all the time. If you're in the office and can't see anyone, please ding the bell and someone will come to help. If you need to contact us urgently and don't get an answer, please telephone Southwood School on 01908 678366.

Christmas

These are some of the prizes for this year's Christmas Raffle. We will carry out the raffle in a similar way to the Children in Need raffle, where children can bring in £1 per raffle ticket. The money will be collected on Monday 14th December to Thursday 17th December and each ticket will be placed in a draw which will be carried out on Thursday 17th December at 3pm. Prizes will be given out to children in school, or parents will be telephoned if the child isn't in school on that day.



On Friday 18th December, children will be allowed to wear their home clothes. If your child has a Christmas jumper, they may wear it, but please don't go to the shops unnecessarily to get one—home clothes are fine!

ASDA

Kids can eat free in Asda cafes throughout December



Asda has today stepped up its support for families across the UK by offering children the chance to eat for free in its cafes throughout December.

Additional News



Asda named Retailer of the Year at 2020 Quality Food Awards

November 17, 2020



The new Free From price tag: Asda lowers prices on free from products with £6.17m investment

October 13, 2020



Asda Becomes the First UK Retailer to Launch Ambient Vegan Aisle

September 21, 2020

Dreamsai

Dreamsai are a local charity who helped some of our families over the first Lockdown period with fantastic hampers. If you feel that you are in need of a hamper, please call 07864 982635.



COVID-19 OUTREACH

DREAMSAI OUTREACH started on 16th March 2020 to give free essential food packs to elderly (over 65 years) who are in self-isolation in Milton Keynes.

In 27 weeks of continuous support, 2700 packs containing 110,000+ food items are distributed

The food hampers had profound effect on our most vulnerable communities.