



# Downs Barn Extra January 2020



## Reception and Nursery Outside Area Renovation Project

**We need  
you!**

On Monday 3rd February, we will be launching a massive fundraising campaign to raise money so we can develop our Early Years garden and outside area. We have plans to zone the area into different sections and to buy some amazing new resources to support both the children's physical, academic and mental development, but we need your help!

We will be using a considerable amount of this year's Sports Premium to help purchase some equipment to help develop physical skills, and we will be using some money that we have saved from previous fundraising events, but we need to raise a lot more money to make the area look the best it can!

We have contacted our local Councillors and other possible charities and businesses who may support us and we will also be doing several fundraising activities at the school.



### Silverthon!

Do you have any 10ps, 5ps, or even 20ps lying around your house (down the side of the sofa, or in a jar)?

If so, we will be having a Silverthon next week, where children will lay their coins one after the other, to see which class has the longest coin chain. We will be doing this every day, so we hope that the chains will be really long by Friday! The winning class will get a new game too.

### Business Pledge!

Do you, your partner, your family, or anyone you know work for a small or large business who may be willing to contribute £50 or £100 to our Project?

For every family who donates from a business, we will create a lovely letter to say thank you to the business that has donated, we will put all the names of the businesses in the Newsletters and we will also put one ticket if you donated £50 and two tickets if you donated £100 into a raffle and when the winning ticket is drawn, a family will receive

**£50 worth of vouchers of their choosing.**

### Website Update

The school website is now in the development stage and as you know, we had a photographer in school last week to take photographs to make it look perfect. We will let you know as soon as the website is ready to launch!

### Healthy Lunch Boxes

The children in reception have been talking recently about healthy eating and we have been really pleased with the efforts some parents have made with their child's lunches—keep it up!

Don't forget though, all children at Downs Barn are entitled to a **FREE hot, or cold dinner**, so if you would like to consider this option for your child, please pop into the school office, so we can explain how to order the meals. The school meals are nutritious and there is plenty of choice. We also have a great system in our lunch hall where the Lunchtime Supervisors sit down at the tables to have lunch with the children,

### Dates for your diary:

Tue 4th February:	TLCs
Thu 6th February:	TLCs
Fri 14th February:	End of Half Term
Mon 24th February:	Spring Term 2
Fri 3rd April:	End of Spring Term
Mon 20th April:	Start of Summer Term

### Parent Governor

A couple of parents had discussions with members of staff about the possibility of being a Parent Governor. We haven't had any nominations so far, so if you are still considering the role, please pop in for a chat with me (Mrs Mathews) as we are really looking forward to welcoming a new Parent Governor into the team.

### Attendance

The KS1 Attendance to the end of December was:

**94.9%**

We know there's a lot of coughs and cold around at the moment, but if you're in doubt, send your child to school and we'll call if they need to go home!

### CityFibre

Thank you to all parents for their patience during the installation of the fibre cables around the school. It has made parking and walking along the pavements quite tricky.