



Downs Barn Extra November 2019



Downs Barn Open Morning: 3rd December

We would like to welcome parents and carers into school on Tuesday 3rd December from 9am until 9.30am, so that you can see your child (or children) learning at school. We are very proud of all the work we have put into the teaching of Phonics at Downs Barn as well as the behaviour of our children, and we would like to share that with you.

Please come to the front of school at 9am, so that we are able to sign you in. You will then be taken to your child's class, where you will be able to watch their Phonics learning. Please do not take any photographs or videos whilst in school, just enjoy their learning and have a look at some of the work that is on display.

At 9.30am, you will then have the opportunity to leave the school, or to spend time in the hall looking at some phonics activities and resources until 10.15am.

St Marks' Meals

We know that some of our families find it difficult at times to feed their family and have needed to visit Milton Keynes' Food Bank, because of the cost of food rising so much in recent years. We wanted to let you know that we are now working with a charity called St Mark's Meals, who will provide Downs Barn families with FREE meal boxes, which we are able to give out to families in need. The boxes include all the ingredients (and instructions) to make an evening meal. There are four different meal options (a Bolognese, tuna pasta, curry, or taco meal).

We realise this is a sensitive subject, but please know that we are happy to help and these boxes are FREE for any family in need. If you would like a meal box, please feel free to chat to the LAB, or School Office and we will arrange for one to be available for you to collect (we will keep this private).



Children's Birthdays

We love to celebrate children's birthdays with them and the rest of their class, but unfortunately we are not able to share sweets with other children at the end of the day.

We are very mindful at the moment of the need to encourage healthy lifestyles and also about the allergies that some of our children have, so please do not send sweets, or cakes with icing (plain cakes would be acceptable) into school when it is your child's birthday.



Please remember that Downs Barn is a nut-free school (this means no Nutella).

Winter Fayre

Our Winter Fayre will be on Wednesday 11th December at 3.10pm. Please collect your child from their normal door and then come into the School Hall, where there will be stalls and lots of prizes.

If you have any items that you could donate to the Tombola, please send them into Downs Barn before Friday 6th December, thank you!

There will be a special Christmas visitor at the Winter Fayre too!



Christmas Events

**Nursery Singalong—9.15am on
Tuesday 17th December**

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**Year 1 and 2 Christmas
Performance—2pm and 6pm on
Wednesday 18th December**

Dates for your diary:

Wed 11th December:	Christmas Lunch
Wed 11th December:	Winter Fayre at 3.10pm
Fri 13th December:	Christmas Jumper Day
Tue 17th December:	EYFS Singalong
Wed 18th December:	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performances
Thu 19th December:	Colonel Custard
Fri 20th December:	End of Term

Attendance

The KS1 Attendance to the end of October was:

96.4%

That's a bit better, but still needs to improve to get to our target of 97%

BLOG!

Keep checking our blog site to see what each class has been doing recently: boulevardblogs.net

It can also be accessed by clicking the pencils link on the school website. Look for this picture:

Visit the school's website for general school information and copies of recent letters.

<http://www.boulevardprimarypartnership.org.uk/Home-db>

