



Newsletter No 29 Friday 26th April 2019

Dear Families,

Welcome back! After such a warm Easter weekend, the children have quickly engaged with their new topics. We have a range of exciting topics including: Sun, Sea and Sand; Ancient Egypt and Around the World in 63 days! The children have been busy decorating their classrooms and they are looking brilliant already – Well done everyone!

This is proving to be a busy half term for teachers and pupils with both Key Stage 1 and 2 undertaking their SATs. We try to make these as calm and stress free as possible but if you feel your child is getting anxious please come and let us know so we can further support them.

In the last week of this term, we will be holding our annual Health and Fitness week. However this year we have decided to rename it as 'Health and Wellness Week' to put a greater emphasis on mental health. A lot is already being planned for this week and more details will follow soon!

Looking forward to a sun-filled half term

Mrs Arrowsmith & Miss Hayes

W/C 29/04/19

- Tuesday 30th – Y6 Crucial Crew Packed lunch needed
- Fri 3rd – Pret a portrait Class Photos
- Sun 5th – Mini GEAR Run in Kings Lynn
- **No pupil Progress until w/c 20/05/19**

The Downham Games Event

The Downham Games is in its 8th year and this year we wanted to extend the Games to support the community in becoming more active and to also raise awareness of the benefit of exercise on mental wellbeing.

We are promoting a community event to start on the 9th May and end of the 9th June. The community Step Challenge is open to everyone and we hope to have not only people from Downham Market involved but people from the wider community - villages and facilities in West Norfolk.

Those taking part will record their steps on their own device or can purchase a pedometer from us for £1. Steps should be measured daily and recorded across the month. They can be reported regularly to us via our FB group page or reported to anyone within their team or organisation who is responsible. Steps can also be brought along to the Games on the 9th June.

Anyone who does come along to the Games can bring their steps with them and be entered into a draw. Adults £50 Arbuckles vouchers and for children there will be a prize of a fit bit or similar. Prizes are yet to be fully confirmed.

Enter a team of max 6 to see who the champion step team is. A trophy will be awarded for the winning team.

Many organisations around Downham Market are already involved and looking forward to joining in the challenge starting the 9th May.

Our overall objectives are to

* step our way from Downham Market to Tokyo the home of the 2020 Olympic Games. 14,500,000 steps are needed so please get involved.

* To help people increase the amount of physical activity they do throughout the month of May

* To support people in improving their mental wellbeing through physical activity.

Please get involved and encourage everyone around you to get involved as well.

Wimbotsham School will be taking part in a sponsored walk Friday 24th May – More details to follow.

Coming into school

We would like to encourage children to be as independent as possible - when children arrive at school we would ask that **parents do not accompany them into the school building. Any messages can be passed on to the office.** Of course we are happy to meet with parents on request.





SCHOOL TIMES

- 7.45am – Breakfast club opens
8.45am – Children start coming into school
8.55am – Registers are taken
12.10 – 1.00pm – Lunchtime
3.15pm - School Finishes
4.30pm – Afterschool Clubs/Childcare ends

April

Tue 30th ~ Y6 Crucial Crew

May

- Fri 3rd ~ Pret a portrait class photos
Sun 5th ~ Mini GEAR Run Kings Lynn
Mon 6th ~ May Day Bank Holiday SCHOOL CLOSED
W/C 13th ~ SATS Week
W/C 20th May ~ International Health and wellness week
Mon 20th ~ The Bridges Sportsday @ LynnSport
Wed 22nd ~ Year 6 Leavers Trip to London
Fri 24th ~ Downham Games Sponsored walk
Fri 24th ~ Break up for Half Term

June

- Mon 3rd ~ Back to school
W/C 3rd ~ Y6 Cycling Proficiency
Sun 9th – The Downham Games 10.30 – 2pm Memorial Field
Mon 10th ~ Kingfishers Infant Musical Festival am
Mon 10th – Herons Class SRE Session
Tue 18th – Sports day (pm)
Fri 21st ~ Harry Potter Day Year 5 @DMA
Fri 21st ~ Make Music Day (Details to follow)

July

- Fri 5th ~ Maths Masterclass @ DMA
Fri 5th – Summer Fayre FO
Thur 11th ~ Area Sports @ Hillcrest
Fri 12th ~ Reports to parents
Wed 24th ~ Last Day of Term