

# Newsletter

Dear parents,

I hope everyone had a fantastic break and that everyone has had a positive start to 2018!

This term our Years 3, 4 and 5 have the opportunity to order their school dinners at the beginning of the day – this has started well and the children are happy with this latest initiative. As a reminder to all parents, children are not able to have jacket potatoes every day – this would not be in keeping with the School Dinner Food Standards, which we have to follow. I am aware that, in all year groups, some children are coming home saying they were not allowed a jacket potato – even when they can see they are on offer - this is because the staff are monitoring what the children are having. I trust parents understand that we have nutritional standards which need to be followed. Please have a look at the menu with your child, so you can support them in making their choices.

This term, the focus continues to be **READING** across the school. At the end of term, parents were given 'recommended reads' for each year group; we hope you find these useful. Some parents ordered the books and these will be sent home soon.

This term, we will also be inviting parents in to class to **take part in a reading lesson** – the dates are as follows:

Reception – 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
 Year 1 – 8<sup>th</sup> February  
 Year 2 – 24<sup>th</sup> January

Year 3 – 7<sup>th</sup> February  
 Year 4 – 7<sup>th</sup> February  
 Year 5 – 5<sup>th</sup> February

Year 6 – 6<sup>th</sup> February

Mrs Garrett will also be leading some **Reading workshops** for parents – to support you in supporting your child:

Year 2 – 23<sup>rd</sup> February @ 9am – Maths / 2<sup>nd</sup> March @ 9am – Reading

Year 3 – 9<sup>th</sup> March @ 9am – Reading

Year 4 – 16<sup>th</sup> March @ 9am – Reading.

Further details will follow about the above events and we hope they support parents' understanding of how reading is taught.

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### Important dates:

7<sup>th</sup> February – Year 5 trip to the British Museum

8<sup>th</sup> February – Inspirations Day

9<sup>th</sup> February – End of term

19<sup>th</sup> February – Teacher Training day

20<sup>th</sup> February – Children return to school

### Attendance 30/10/17 - 20/12/17

		Lates
Year R	92.3 %	66
Year 1	90.5 %	100
Year 2	92.3 %	121
Year 3	93.9 %	72
Year 4	94.4 %	167
Year 5	93.2 %	96
Year 6	94.8 %	139

**Best class attendance:**

**Humboldt  
with 97.6%**

## Attendance

### Should my child be in school?

- ✓ Cough, cold, temperature, sore throat, headache or other minor illness - we would encourage parents to give the child appropriate medication and send them in to school as soon as possible
- ✗ Vomiting and/or diarrhoea - NO. Children should stay at home for 48 hours after the last incidence of vomiting or diarrhoea

### How can I tell the school about my child's absence?

- EMAIL [attendance@downside.primaryluton.co.uk](mailto:attendance@downside.primaryluton.co.uk)
- TEXT 07537436350
- RING 01582 587160 and press option 1 to leave a voicemail
- VISIT the Main Office to tell us in person

### Top tips!

- ✓ Keep the school informed and up-to-date
- ✓ Always state your child's FULL name, class and the reason for their absence
- ✗ DON'T say sick, not well or ill - we need more information than this
- ✗ Please be aware that we cannot administer non-prescription medicines in school
- ✓ Most importantly, if you have any concerns about your child's health, seek the advice of a medical professional

## Value of the Month for January is **Trust**

### Headteacher and Teacher Commendations

Hafsah AHMED	Hussain HAIDER	Sayida KHALID	Tahira MEHMOOD
Wadud AL ADAB	Fathima HANOOK	Muhammad KHALIFA	Noor MIRZA
Ali ALI	Haseeb HASEEB	Aisha Khan	Dominik PIOTROWSKI
Amirah AMIRAH	Ambreen HASSAN	Ansaah KHAN	Atta QURESHI
Ayan AMMER	Aima HASSAN	Inam KHAN	Kashaf REHAN
Humza AZEEM	Omar Refaat HASSANIN	Mohammad KHAN	Erfan SANAYEE
Zainab BIBI	Halima HUSSAIN	Saad KHAN	Usman SANAYEE
Liyana CHOUDHURY	Adam HUSSAIN	Yusaf Raffay MAHMOOD	Karren SARFO
Daria DUDAU	Waaniya HUSSAIN	Zaeem MAJEED	Samee SHARIQ
Kiswa FAHAD	Hafsah ISHTIAQ	Ibrahim MALIK	Muhammed Yahya SULTANI
Bareera FAISAL	Ihsan JABER	Sana MALIK	Halimah WAQAS

# School Crossing Patrols



## We need School Crossing Patrol Officers

Anyone can be an SCP. We'll provide training, clothing and support.

**SCPs work term time only**

For more information, please contact the Road Safety Team on **01582 546820**

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### Location of Vacancy:

Chaul End Crossing / Downside Primary School

### Site Times:

08.25 - 09.10 15.15 - 15.50

### Salary:

£8.45 per hour (incl Living Wage)

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