



# Downham Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School

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## Autumn Term 2011

### Friday 14th October 2011

#### Assembly

We are looking at the theme of saying thank you. We have looked at the story of the healing of the lepers where only one returned to thank Jesus. Please take this opportunity to remind the children about the importance of saying thank you and how it makes us feel if we are not thanked.

#### Life in school

We were very proud of CW this week who completed a piece of handwriting and compared it to their handwriting at the start of term. The results were fantastic. All children could see an improvement. It was wonderful to share their successes with them.

#### School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on the morning of Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October. This is an opportunity for your school aged child to have an individual photograph and a photo of them with their siblings. If you would like a photograph of your preschool child with their school aged sibling please complete the slip below and return by TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER. You will need to arrive in school at 8.30am

#### Aquila Magazine

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 have been provided with a leaflet about Aquila magazine this week which you may wish to subscribe to. This is a magazine designed for children in Key Stage 2 which follows a different theme each month. Themes for this forthcoming academic year include The Moon, The London Olympics and Great Apes! The magazine is designed to inspire more able children as well as developing their thinking skills. Some of the features included are on maths, science, design and technology, literacy as well a puzzle and a readers' page. There will be some copies available for parents to view at parents' evening if you are interested.

#### Tennis for Free

Billericay Tennis club are offering taster sessions free every night of the week for children. Come and receive your first session free - rackets provided. For more details contact Nicki Waring on 07771 808291

#### PTA News

The PTA are raising funds this year to buy more laptops for the school and one of the ways you can help is by the way you shop online. If you register as a Giver on [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk) and set Downham C of E Primary School as your Beneficiary, then every time you go through that website to shop with any of the retailers listed, we will receive a donation from the retailer. There are currently 378 shops on the website including Amazon, Next, Argos, ELC, iTunes, Sainsburys, Comet and many more! It costs you nothing so please try to remember to use the website when buying your Christmas presents. For more details, please see the flyer attached to today's e-mail or visit the website detailed above. If you are still unsure how it works, please speak to a member of the PTA committee or leave a message for them to contact you with the school office. . For those of you who have been using 'buy.at' until now, we have moved to The Giving Machine as 'buy.at' no longer gives commission from major retailers like Amazon.

#### School Closure Insurance - Important Information

By now you should have received a leaflet with regards to School Closure Insurance, for every policy purchased where the policyholder identifies the Schools PTA as the introducer a payment of £2 will be paid to the PTA. If you decide to purchase this policy please **QUOTE: Downham School PTA as the Introducer.**

If this is not quoted at time of purchase we will not receive the donation.

Out of School Successes:

Please continue to inform the school if your child achieves an out of school success. We would love to celebrate their achievements with them. We share out of school successes in our whole school assembly on Monday.

Congratulations this week goes to:

- Nancy Stewart for swimming 25 metres.
- Connor Lesurf for swimming 5 metres
- Matthew McSweeney for being 'man of the match' following his football match on Sunday
- Charlie Collis for achieving his yellow belt in karate.
- Georgia Pease for walking 4 miles in aid of 'Help the Heroes'
- Lucy Stokes for taking her dancing exams in ballet and modern.
- Isabel Beadle for competing in a tag rugby competition over the weekend.
- Poppy Collins for achieving her turtle swimming award
- Jessica Lewin for achieving her first gymnastic award.
- Bella Carrasco for achieving her 'Starfish' swimming award.
- Francesca Warrior Derrin Tiller and Annabel Crease for winning in their 2<sup>nd</sup> football match.

Green book entries

Staff send children to us if a child has produced an especially good piece of work, tried very hard or shown very good behaviour. They receive a Headteacher sticker and they write their name into the 'Green Book'. This week the entries are:

- Joe Thistlethwaite and Daisy Mundy for making superb models of the solar system . (See photo below)



- Jessica Hornsby for very neat sentence all on her own
- Charlotte Nisbett and Morgan Knell for producing a brilliant fact file about the planets
- Alena Panaghiston, Daisy Mundy and Abigail Brown for superb homework.
- Emily Flood for a great art project
- Katie Barrett for being so engrossed in her reading - laughing out loud and then wanting to read it all again!
- Todd Brand for good writing
- Annabel Crease for writing a good story about space
- Jacob Fells for very good instructional writing with fantastic handwriting too.
- Megan Baker, Morgan Knell, Francesca Warrior and Peter Roberts for an outstanding group story about Space.

Star of the Week

Each class has a star of the week. This is a different child or adult every week. The class share what they believe are the qualities of that child. Congratulations to the children who are 'stars of the week'.

<b>Headteachers' Award</b> <b>Brayden Redgrave and Archie Clark for collecting up playground equipment after lunch without being asked.</b>	<b>Class JA</b> Emily Coleman	<b>Class KN</b> Summer Hicks	<b>Class LB</b> Finn Foley	<b>Class MM</b> Elisia Robinson
<b>Class G/E</b> Billy Cole	<b>Class ES</b> Brooke Salter	<b>Class CW</b> Ella-May Smith	<b>Class VB</b> Jai Felstead	<b>Class RP</b> Alex Dobson

Yours sincerely,

*Helen Craig / Sue Wilson*

Mrs Craig and Mrs Wilson  
Headteachers

**Letters that have been emailed this week:**

**Parent/Teacher Consultation Evening.**

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**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER**

**WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER. Return by Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> at the latest**

**I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN WITH MY PRESCHOOL CHILD**

**Parents name:**

**Signed**



DOWNHAM SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity Number 1104105

**PTA CURRY NIGHT  
AT  
AZUMA**

**FANCY A GREAT NIGHT OUT WHILST RAISING  
FUNDS FOR DOWNHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL?**

**COME ALONG TO OUR CURRY NIGHT ON**

**OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> AT 7.30PM**

**WHY NOT ORGANISE A TABLE OF FRIENDS?**

**TICKETS ONLY £14 EACH**

**(DRINKS NOT INCLUDED)**

**RAFFLE ON THE NIGHT**

**MAKE YOUR CHEQUE PAYABLE TO 'DOWNHAM  
SCHOOL PTA' AND HAND INTO THE SCHOOL  
OFFICE NO LATER THAN 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER. PLEASE  
PUT IN AN ENVELOPE LABELLED 'PTA CURRY  
NIGHT' AND THE NUMBER OF TICKETS YOU  
REQUIRE.**

**SEE YOU THERE!**



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# Golf Day – 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 2011

## Raising Funds for the PTA



- Arrive from 9:30am
- Coffee and Bacon Roll
- Tee opens 10:30am for 18 Holes
- 19<sup>th</sup> Hole.....
- Ham Egg & Chips
- Raffle & Presentations
- Back to Nags Head Pub for Live Band

For more information / to book you place either as a team or individual please contact:

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Cost of day £40 (£10 deposit required)



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