



# Downham Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School

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## Assembly

This week we have continued our theme on the disciples.

## Parental Concerns

It has come to our attention recently that some parents are being misinformed about incidents in school by speaking to other parents in favour of contacting the school. Can we remind you that we operate a policy here at Downham whereby teachers make themselves readily available after school by appointment to discuss any areas of concern. Should you have a genuine concern regarding your child please be reminded that the correct channel for support is to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. Should further support or advice be required you are able to make an appointment to discuss the matter with the Headteacher or a member of the senior leadership team.

## Skipping Days

The hall was filled with laughter and great fun when all the children had the opportunity to take part in the skipping workshop. We do hope some more of these games will now be happening in the playground. This supports our school development priorities on healthy lifestyles and happy playtimes.



## Author in School

Yesterday we welcomed the author Denis Bond into school to work with our KS1 children on storywriting and storytelling. This was a fantastic success and it was exciting to see the children so animated about this area of literacy. The children have been busy writing their own stories following the visit.

## Maths Masterclass

We are very proud of our 4 mathematicians who attended yesterday's maths masterclass and won! Well done Alena, Kieran, Jessica and Amelia.

## Children in Need

Today we have supported Children in Need by wearing spots, taking part in competitions and learning more about what this important charity does to support those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you to all parents and friends for the generous donations.

## Health and Safety

Please do park in appropriate places when bringing and collecting your child from school. This is very important for the consideration of our neighbours and the safety of the children crossing the road.

### Shoe Boxes

Thank you to all children and parents who brought in a shoe box filled with gifts. We sent 39 boxes today.

### PTA News

Winter is fast approaching, as we have had the hottest November so far for 300 years, you can bet that the rest of winter will be the worst in 300 hundred years! Don't forget School Closure Insurance, see the web site [www.schoolclosureinsurance.co.uk](http://www.schoolclosureinsurance.co.uk), for £30.00 per child if the school closes because of snow, flood, boiler breaks down you could earn £100.00 per day (see terms and conditions). Please mention that the School PTA informed you of this as we can earn £2.00 for our £8,000 target for new computers this year. Any questions please see Frances Foley.

Please see the attachments with this week's newsletter.

### Kitchen assistant Required

7.5 hours per week between 12 and 1.30 Mon - Fri. For more details or to apply please contact Teresa Dando on 07799896583

### Tables in Key Stage 2.

Well done to all the children who are working so hard to learn their tables so well. This is a high focus in our school development plan. It is super to see so many children with their names on display. Please do support your child at home as often as possible in learning their fast recall.

### 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:

- .Matthew McSweeney who was 'Man of the Match' in his football game.
- Charlie Collis who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in a London and SE regional karate competition
- Charlie Bailey who was 'Man of the Match' in his football game
- Jacob Fells for achieving his level 6 swimming award
- Samuel Baisden for achieving his orange belt in karate

### 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:

- Jacob Wearn for fantastic English work
- John Golding and Matthew Clow for division skills in numeracy
- Bryony Bywaters-Smith for a good story
- Evie Walker for completing her writing sticker chart
- Isabella Hancy for some excellent work at home.

### Star of the Week

<b>Headteachers' Award</b>  <b>Coby Maynard</b> <b>For always being polite to adults and cheering everyone up</b>	<b>Class JA</b>  Poppy Collins	<b>Class KN</b>  Lucas Williams	<b>Class LB</b>  Georgia Murrells	<b>Class MM</b>  Hannah Pitt
<b>Class G/E</b>  Rosie Britton	<b>Class ES</b>  Bailey Gibson	<b>Class CW</b>  Leah Gulutu	<b>Class VB</b>  Emily Green	<b>Class RP</b>  Annabel Crease

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

**Parent Questionnaire form**

**Barleyland Carol Concert Evening for Class CW**

**Victorian Christmas visit in school for Classes VB and RP**

**Road Safety Walk for Year 6 children**

**11+ for Years 4 and 5**

**Minibus Competition**

**PTA - Empty cartridges and Sugarcane Billericay.**

Yours sincerely,

*Helen Craig / Sue Wilson*

Mrs Craig and Mrs Wilson  
Headteachers



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