



DOWNSWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

As another busy year reaches its conclusion, we can reflect on a huge number of successes. It has been an incredibly rewarding time thanks to our superb staff and pupils, and the support and encouragement given by you, our parents and carers. In addition, our school Governors have given their time generously to support with the strategic operation of the school and Friends of Downsway who have been working hard to raise funds to create extra opportunities/resources for your children. A sincere thank you to you all.

All staff have worked relentlessly to ensure the very best outcomes for all our pupils and to ensure that our curriculum is fun and engaging. This has been shown in all the opportunities the children have had during this year – academic, sporting, creative arts, fundraising events, productions, School Council events, themed days/week, trips... to name a few!

I am delighted that our statutory data this year has been inline or higher than National 2019 data in the following areas;

- EYFS.
- Year 1 phonics screening.
- Year 2 SATs at both expected standard and greater depth standard in reading, writing and maths, plus RWM combined.
- Year 6 SATs at both expected standard and greater depth standard in reading, writing and maths, plus RWM combined.
- Progress scores from Year 2 SATs to Year 6 SATs in reading and writing.

I wish our fabulous Year 6 pupils all the very best and good luck as they begin the next part of their education at their chosen secondary school. They have been great ambassadors for Downsway and it has been a pleasure to be their Headteacher. I hope they will look back at their time at Downsway with fondness and happy memories.

We will be saying farewell to Mrs Powell and Mrs Spooner at the end of the academic year, and I would like to thank them for all their hard work and support. They will be greatly missed at Downsway.

Finally, I wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 4th September 2019.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K. Ayres
Headteacher

Staffing team for September 2019		
Year Group	Teacher	Teaching Assistant <i>Please note, not all TAs will be in the classroom every day or for full days</i>
Foundation Stage	Miss Rackley – PPA covered by Miss Gale	Mrs Saunders – all day Mrs Harman – mornings Mrs Green - afternoons
Year 1	Miss Watson – PPA covered by Miss Gale	Mrs Holder & Mrs Thomas
Year 2	Mr Bolton – PPA covered by Miss Gale	Mrs Green, Mrs Eydmann & Mrs Roberts
Year 3	Mr Edwards (Monday – Wednesday) Mrs Burnham (Thursdays & Fridays)	Miss Valentine & Mrs Preston
Year 4	Miss King - PPA covered by Miss Gale	Mrs Scott, Mrs Spooner & Mrs Farr
Year 5	Mrs Jones (Mondays & Tuesdays) Mrs Lloyd (Wednesday – Friday)	Mrs Thomas, Miss Valentine & Mr Scott
Year 6	Mr Grover – PPA covered by Mrs Huntington	Mrs Taylor, Mrs Green & Mrs Thomas
School Business Manager - Mrs Hobbs School Secretary (<i>whilst Miss Smith is on maternity leave</i>) - Mrs Fox Caretaker - Mr Clarke Lunchtime Supervisor – Mrs Deane Lunchtime Assistants – Mrs Prescott, Mrs Morgan-Russell, Miss Series, Mrs Azzabi, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Farr & Mrs Parker.		

Downsway Primary School - School Term Dates 2019-20

Autumn 1

Start of pupil term	Wednesday 4 th September 2019
End of pupil term	Thursday 24 th October 2019
Half Term	Friday 25th October – Friday 1st November 2019

Autumn 2

Start of pupil term	Monday 4 th November 2019
End of pupil term	Friday 20 th December 2019 (<i>Pupils finish at 1.30 pm</i>)
Christmas Holiday	Monday 23rd December 2019 – Friday 3rd January 2020

Spring Term 3

Start of pupil term	Monday 6 th January 2020
End of pupil term	Friday 14 th February 2020
Half Term	Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2020

Spring Term 4

Start of pupil term	Monday 24 th February 2020
End of pupil term	Friday 3 rd April 2019 (<i>Pupils finish at 1.30 pm</i>)
Spring Holiday	Monday 6th April – Monday 20th April 2020

Summer Term 5

Start of pupil term	Tuesday 21 st April 2020
End of pupil term	Friday 22 nd May 2020
Half Term	Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2020

Summer Term 6

Start of pupil term	Monday 1 st June 2020
End of pupil term	Friday 17 th July 2020 (<i>Pupils finish at 1.30 pm</i>)

Please note that INSET days will be held during the school holidays.

Public Holidays	
25 th December 2019	Christmas Day
26 th December 2019	Boxing Day
1 st January 2020	New Year's Day
10 th April 2020	Good Friday
13 th April 2020	Easter Monday
8 th May 2020	Early May Bank Holiday
25 th May 2020	Spring Bank Holiday