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# DOWNSEND SCHOOL

## DOWNSEND TIMES

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### Welcome from the Headmaster

I hope that you all enjoyed a restful half term break. As always it will be a busy end to the academic year, but one full of celebrations and fantastic opportunities. The Year 8 pupils spent the last week finalising their preparations for CE; they have acquitted themselves admirably this week and finished their exams this morning. I know that they will be rewarded for their hard work when they receive their results next week, after which time they will have the chance to wind down in France during the Upper School Residential Trip Week. Year 5 arrived safely at PGL on Wednesday, whilst Year 4 are in the midst of their first overnight stay at High Ashurst, and having great fun by all accounts.

On Wednesday I sent a survey on the subject of Early Birds provision. Within 24 hours, we have received over 100 responses – thank you for the speed of reply and also the valuable, constructive feedback. Sadly we are not responsible for roadwork programmes or train schedules, but we can respond to their impact on the Downsend community. Your responses have helped us to identify the right start times and nature of the provision. I will confirm, before the end of the month, to explain exactly what this will look like in

readiness for next year. Finally good luck to the boys and girls who are taking part in Rounders and Cricket Tournaments on Saturday!

*Ian Thorpe*

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## South Downs Trekathon



Miss Black and I just wanted to say an enormous thank you to everybody who sponsored us for our South Downs Trekathon.

You have helped us to raise over £1000 for The Royal Marsden and we can't thank you enough! We also wanted to take this opportunity to say another huge thank you to two people that we could not have done this challenge without. Miss Seivewright and Mrs Crow were our amazing support crew, providing us with snacks, water and some very much needed encouragement. This was a massive challenge for us both and there were times when we didn't think we would make it over another steep hill, but these two lovely ladies kept us going all the way to the end.



Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!

*Sally Temlett*

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## Great Outdoors Week

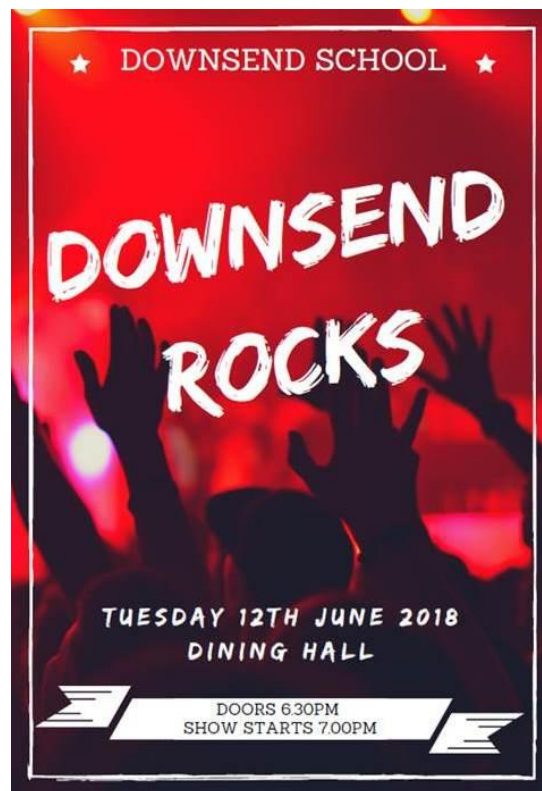
Year 3 have had a very exciting week celebrating 'The Great Outdoors!' The children have been immersed in a range of creative cross curricular lessons, including sensory poetry, a special Forest School session and measuring the perimeter of different areas of the school. On Tuesday we enjoyed an action packed day at Wakehurst Place. The children were immersed in a variety of exciting activities themed around our Science topic 'Plants'. We investigated plants growing in different conditions in Wakehurst's very own laboratory, created ephemeral art pieces based on Andy Goldsworthy's famous works and even had the opportunity to take away our very own 'story sticks' home. Well done Year 3!

*Marian Bayley*





## Music Update



### **Downsend Rocks – Tuesday 12 June, 7.00pm.**

Pupils involved in any of our Rock Bands will be taking part at the Rock Band Evening. More details will follow shortly.



### **Year 3 Musical Instrument Scheme**

All pupils need to bring their instruments in for both Music lessons until after the Summer Concert.

3PM Wednesdays

3MB Mondays and Wednesdays

3NL Tuesdays and Wednesdays

3EF Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Please remind your children that there will be awards at the end of the year for *Overall Progress* and *Effort During Lessons*.

### **Upcoming Events**

Monday 11 June - Informal Violin Concert (pupils of Mr Bayley) 5.00pm

Monday 11 June - Informal Flute Concert (pupils of Mrs Hart) 6.15pm

Tuesday 12 June - Downsend Rocks (Band Evening) 7.00pm

Monday 25 June - Informal Piano and Guitar Concert (pupils of Miss Rob and Mr Keer) 5.30pm

Wednesday 27 June - Informal Guitar Concert (Mr Smith) 5.30pm **\*Change of date please take note\***



### **Music Clubs and Ensembles**

For a full list of Music Ensembles please download [here](#).

### **Instrumental Lessons at Downsend School**

If your child would like to learn an instrument at Downsend with one of our tutors then please email the Head of Music at [nicole.allison@downsend.co.uk](mailto:nicole.allison@downsend.co.uk). For more information about how the music lessons work, please click [here](#). Currently we have tutors for the following instruments:

Flute, Recorder, Oboe, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Tuba, Electric Guitar, Acoustic Guitar, Mandolin, Bass Guitar, Drum Kit, Percussion, Ukulele, Violin, Viola and Piano.

If your child would like to play an instrument that is not listed above, please let me know and I will try to source a tutor for you.

We **currently have spaces** for anyone who would like to learn **recorder, clarinet or saxophone**. Please contact Mrs Allison if you would like to find out more.

*Nicole Allison*

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## **Upper School Charity Day – Monday 2 July 2018**

During the morning we will be holding a 'Marsden March' so the children will need to wear suitable footwear i.e trainers. We will be sending home a sponsorship form soon, you can choose to sponsor your child per 1km lap or for the whole one hour walk. Please can sponsorship money and forms be returned to Form Tutors by Wednesday 4 July.

In the afternoon we will hold our annual 'Charity Afternoon' where the children will set up stalls to try and raise as much as they can. They will need to bring in a maximum of £5.00 IN CHANGE to spend.

Full details of the day will be sent home shortly.

*Jenny Graham*

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### **News from the DPA**

**Downsend  
Parents'  
Association**



Registered Charity No. 1116557

## **DPA SUMMER BALL 2018**

### **TICKET SALES CLOSE FRIDAY 8 JUNE**



If you are still contemplating coming to the ball, the ticket sales close on Friday 8th June, please email me at [events@dpaschool.org.uk](mailto:events@dpaschool.org.uk). As I've explained you do not need to make up a table as I can allocate you onto a table with parents in the same year.

We would really love this to be an entire Downsend School event but without your support it cannot be. We know that having the event on a Friday night is not the easiest with work finish times but, if any of you want to come along but cannot make the 7pm welcome drinks just join us for the dinner and dancing. The Ball has always been a great sociable event and this year I guarantee will be one of the best.

Tickets are priced at £85pp and include: 2 glasses of fizz pp welcome drink, three course meal with wine, disco with light up dance floor, live auction, silent auction and photographer all in the most beautiful walled garden setting at Painshill Park.



A few of you have mentioned the price of the tickets, normally for the package we have at Painshill the charge would normally have been £100pp we negotiated them down to £85pp, this is without a doubt the best venue we have ever booked, and those that are coming along on the night will see just how special it is.

If you would like to come along a support this great night out, please email me at [events@dpaschool.org.uk](mailto:events@dpaschool.org.uk) to request your place.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the night.

## **Live Auction Prizes**

We have had a great outcome from you all regarding auction prizes for the live auction, thank you so much to those parents that have donated.

So far we have:

- Signed Irish Rugby Shirt
- Celebration Package – with cake, private flight , flowers and Silent Pool hamper and tour
- Luxury Apartment in Croatia for 5 nights
- The KIA Box at the KIA Oval for 12 people
- Luxury Golf package with Lunch

## **Other DPA News**

### **Sports Day refreshments**

Every year we set up a drinks station offering tea, coffee, water, juice and pimm's for a donation at the Pavilion for all Downsends sports days. We need some volunteers to help our small committee drinks serving.

Dates we need volunteers are:

- 27th June from 1.30pm - 5pm UPPER SCHOOL SPORTS DAY
- 28th June from 1.30pm – 5pm Yr 4 & 5 SCHOOL SPORTS DAY
- 29th June from 1.30pm – 5pm Yr 2 & 3 SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

If you can help with any of these please email me at [admin@dpaschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@dpaschool.org.uk)

### **New Committee Members**

Urgently needed from September 2018 – if you are interested please email me at [admin@dpaschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@dpaschool.org.uk)

I hope you all have a restful half term and many thanks for reading.

*Maxine Homewood, DPA Chair*

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## Next Week @ Downsend

### School Events



Date	Time	Event
Monday 11 June	All Day pm 5.00pm 6.15pm	Yr 8 After Common Entrance programme begins (ACE) Yr 8 Sports Leadership (CE pupils) Yr 4 New Pupil's Event Informal Violin Concert, Music Room Informal Flute Concert, Music Room
Tuesday 12 June	All Day 2.15-3.15pm 7.00pm	ACE Box Hill Hike Yr 5 transfer to Yr 6 afternoon Downsend Rocks, Dining Hall
Wednesday 13 June	6.00pm	Informal Guitar Concert, Music Room
Thursday 14 June	All Day All Day	Yr 4 Charity Kindness Workshop ACE The Two Day Play
Friday 15 June	Assembly All Day 7.00pm	Yr 5 Downsend's Got Talent ACE The Two Day Play DPABall, Painshill Park
Saturday 16 June		Yr 8 residential trip to France departs

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[Contact Form 2017-2018](#)

[Summer 2018 Description](#)

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*Rebecca Peek*

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# School Notices

## Contact Details

Please email [office@downsend.co.uk](mailto:office@downsend.co.uk) if any of your contact details change. Most communication regarding school matches, meetings and other general school information is sent via email or text message.

## Medical Details

Please email [nurse@downsend.co.uk](mailto:nurse@downsend.co.uk) if any of your child's medical details change or return a hard copy to the School Office.

## Downsend Times

Should you wish to add any additional family members to the weekly distribution list then please email their details to [editor@downsend.co.uk](mailto:editor@downsend.co.uk)

## Downsend Sports Bulletin

If you do not already receive the Downsend Sports Bulletin on a Wednesday and would like to start receiving it then please email your details to [editor@downsend.co.uk](mailto:editor@downsend.co.uk) to be added to the distribution list.

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