



Downs View

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back and welcome to new families that have started with us. I hope you had a nice summer. It has been lovely seeing the pupils coming back and getting settled into their new classes.

On Monday 15 September we will be celebrating *Jeans for Genes*, pupils are welcome to wear jeans to celebrate all our differences, and especially those living with a genetic condition. There will also be a Primary disco at 1.45pm and Secondary at 2.15pm on the day. Donations to the *Jeans for Genes* charity are welcome all week (to Reception).

On Friday 24 October we will be holding our annual Macmillan coffee morning fundraiser. If you or anyone you know would like to donate raffle or tombola prizes that would be amazing. They can be left in school with Angie and Leonie at Reception. If you'd like to donate directly, then our just giving page is <https://cm25.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/CM25057588>

We will be taking part in the local *One Voice* concert with Create Music again this winter. The performance will be on 3rd December at 5pm, at the Brighton Dome - stay tuned for an in-school performance date as well. It's for KS2 pupils and letters will come out to the choir members soon with more details.

Over the summer we've had some amazing work done to continue to develop the school grounds. A wheel chair accessible sensory garden has been built. We have also replaced the pergola with an updated outdoor learning space. See pics below.

Important – if there have been any changes to your child's medical needs over the summer, please let us know ASAP. Our staff undertook a lot of medical training at INSET to ensure that we cover a variety of different needs, but it is vital that we are kept up to date with your child's specific requirements to ensure staff in their classrooms have the appropriate training.

I look forward to seeing many of you in school or college over this half-term. If you have any questions especially if you are a new family then do get it touch.

Yours sincerely,

Vanessa Hickey

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