



Downs View

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have started getting ready for Christmas in school. Next week we have Mr Pineapple Head coming in to do performances. Our choir is busy practising for their concert at the Dome next week.

We've had high levels of student sickness this week, a reminder to please be extra vigilant with handwashing at this time of year! If your young person is not coming into school because they're ill or going to an appointment please let the office know by 8am on the day. Absences impact our staffing hugely, so the sooner we know the better so that we are able to adjust staffing accordingly.

A few reminders for your diaries:

- *One Voice* concert for the choir, Brighton Dome, 5pm, Weds 3 Dec.
- The Future of *Friends of Downs View* parent/carers meeting with a talk from Will Ellis, 12.30pm, Tues 9 Dec.
- Primary Christmas performance, 1.30pm, Tues 9 Dec.
- Primary Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day, Weds 10 Dec.
- Secondary Christmas performance, 1.30pm, Weds 10 Dec.
- Secondary Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day, Wed 17 Dec.
- Santa and Christmas disco, Fri 19 Dec (Primary - 1.45pm, Secondary - 2.15pm).

There is an Amaze group get together next week on Wed 3 December for parents of children and young people with complex health needs and/or PMLD. From 10.30am - 12.30pm at the Modelo Lounge, Church Road, Hove. You can see all the info here: <https://amazesussex.org.uk/events/complex-needs-coffee-morning-brighton-dec-2025/>

Next term our Communication Lead, Lewis Stanley, will deliver a one-hour session providing insight into how Downs View School supports the communication needs of its pupils, Weds 28 Jan, 10-11am. A reminder will be sent closer to the time.

Yours sincerely,

Vanessa Hickey
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An **aspirational** learning environment with dignity and **respect** at its core, where everyone reaches their potential through effective communication, building **resilience** and having fun.
