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Dear Parents/Carers,

The children continue to settle into the Spring term with enthusiasm to work hard and do lots of new activities and explore other areas of learning.

We are excited about Careers week due to commence next Monday 16th January 2017. This is expected to be a very comprehensive week where children will meet many professionals who will come into school to talk to children about their careers and what they do. It will also give the children an opportunity to explore hands on, what the professionals get to do on a day to day basis in their roles. The purpose of this is to expose children to different careers so that they can begin to think about what they would like to do.

If you are able and willing to come to share your experiences with the children please let us know. We are still keen to let more volunteers to talk to our children.

Kidzania

During careers week we have also organised an educational visit for all the children of Downsell, nursery to Year 6, to go to Kidzania in Shepherds Bush on Thursday 19th January. Kidzania is designed to empower children and gives them the confidence to challenge themselves and inspires them to explore the world of opportunities. We would like our children life skills blended with enjoyable entertainment.

We are planning to leave at 9.30am and return at approximately 3:30pm, dependant on traffic.

Non-uniform day – Friday 20th January

To finish off the exciting week will have a non-uniform day. Please encourage your child/ children to dress up as the professional they would like to be when they grow up.



Staff Vacancy

We have **Midday Assistant** posts available. If you are interested or would like more information, please ask in the school office or look on our website.

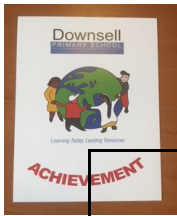
Closing date is 20th January 2017.

Cold weather

Due to the severe weather warning countrywide, we are asking parents and children to be cautious.. Please ensure that children are wearing warm clothing and shoes.

Please remind children to be careful when walking outside due to the stagnant water and frozen ice on roads and pavements.

Deadline for applications for Reception places for September 2017 is 15th January 2017.



WELL DONE TO ALL BRAVO, ACHIEVEMENTS AND GOLDEN AWARDS WINNERS THIS WEEK!

Class	BRAVO CARDS	ACHIEVEMENT CARDS	GOLDEN AWARDS
Italy	Hajar	Syed	Selma
Scotland	Younis	Ionut	William
Greece	Maesha	Edward	Rayan
Jamaica	Haajra, Umaiza Jawad, Mia Cyenne	Kayo, Ruqayyah Mia, Linnlatt	Jawad
India	Karis	Noha	Hassan
Brazil		Mathew	
Gibraltar	Muhammed	Imade, Sophie	
Ireland	Maramaka	Owais	
Norway	Daniya, Jathusika Kashish, Yavor, Jin		
France	Haniya, Maximilian Ali, Vithusika, Alexi	Khadija	Madison-Leigh
Malaysia	Daniela, Aneesha Samir, Eden	Hamid, Haris Atiya, Hadeeqa	Shaun
Egypt	Sara	Lashaun	
South Africa	Nojus	Hawalul, Finnlay	
Spain	Patrik	Aisha	Haider

Dates for the diary:

Breakfast club
Every morning from 7:30

Careers Week
Mon – Fri 16th – 20th Jan

EYFS Stay & Play
Tue 17th Jan 9-10 am

Trip to Kidzania
Thu 19th Jan
All day, whole school

ESOL course
Thu 19th Jan 1:30 pm

Non-uniform day
Fri 20th Jan

Bingo Night
Fri 20th Jan 3:30—5:40 pm

Attendance

We are pleased to see that many children have improved their attendance. We know that there is still room for improvement and we can work together to achieve this.

The Educational Welfare Officer is working closely with the school to further improve attendance.

To help us in this matter please try and book appointments outside school hours. If this is not possible and you have to take your child to the hospital or GP e.t.c. please bring them to school first and collect them later so they miss as little learning time as possible.

Please also remember to call the school in the morning if your child is unwell.

After School Clubs

Please visit our school shop; Pay+ Shop, to view , choose and pay for all the clubs available in your child’s year group for the Spring Term 2017.

Places are limited and are on a first come first serve basis. All clubs will start next week.

Please remember that as the whole school will be on a school trip on Thursday 19th January 2017 there will be **NO CLUBS** on that day.

The children will go to their clubs straight from their classroom, you will need to collect them at 4:30 pm. We will display list of collection points for all the clubs on the main office window.



FREE course.....

Good Children, Great Parents!

If you are interested in a free parenting course organised by Waltham Forest Adult Learning Service please email:

adult.learning@walthamforest.gov.uk

The course runs for 4 weeks, from 17th January to 7th February, every Tuesday 6:30 pm– 9pm in Rushcroft Foundation School and is to support parents of children 5-10 years old.

New Downsell Primary School website

Register on the new school website

WHY REGISTER:

Once you register you will have the option of receiving the following messages:

- Up to date news and information on school events and activities.
- Regular school newsletters.
- Messages from your child's teacher.

Also you will be able to:

- Provide information about yourself and your children.
- Edit this information if and when necessary.
- Send "Absence Notes" when your child cannot attend school.
- Send "Late Notes" when your child is going to be late.
- Book a time slot for parents' evenings

NOTES

- All registrations are subject to approval.
- Data obtained will be used only for school purposes and kept according to Data Protection Act 1998.
- Parents/Carers can register together or separately.
- If you are already registered and want to add a new child/children please login and select "Add a new child".
- If you have any questions about registration please click on our 'contact us' page. Please do not call the school.

IMPORTANT: Do not use browsers' back or forward buttons during registration. Buttons to go forwards and backwards are provided where necessary.

Please visit our new website and let us know what you think.

Breakfast club

Our Breakfast club is open every morning from 7:30. There is a variety of food available and you don't need to pre-book. If you need to bring your child to school early any day you can do so. The charge is £1 per child and if you would like to join us as well, it will cost you £1. Children can also enjoy various activities in the sport hall.

Behaviour policy

We are launching a new Behaviour policy and we would like parental involvement. We would to invite you for consultation meetings as shown below:

Tuesday 24th January 9:30 am and 6 pm for KS1

Thursday 26th January 9:30 am and 6 pm for KS2

Your attendance will be highly appreciated.



It has come to our attention that some of our pupils are downloading the following games on their personal devices:

-G5 Entertainment games
(developer and publisher of a wide range of games from causal to shooting)

-Call of Duty: Black Ops
(Shooting game)

-The Walking Dead
(Horror video game)



These games are unsuitable for pupils under the age of 18.

Whilst our school strives to empower your children with the knowledge to stay safe, it is very important that you encourage this at home and monitor what they are doing on their devices.

Thank you.

