

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new term at Downsell and a very Happy New Year to you all!

This term begins with sad news for Downsell's Community—the tragic passing away of Mr Steve Browne. He has been our sports coach, friend, member of staff and colleague for many years and he will be greatly missed by the staff and children. May he Rest In Peace. You will be informed as soon as information regarding funeral arrangements is made available to us.

Kind Regards,

Mr Chetty



Careers Week 16.01.17

Please contact us if you wish to be part of our school Careers Week. We are looking for people to come into school and talk to the children about their jobs and what they involve. We really want the children to understand what the world of work is about and what they might need to achieve to reach certain professions. This is part of our aspirational approach for all our children.

" Learning Today Leading Tomorrow"

Spring Term Calendar

First Half Term: 4th January – 10th February

Half Term Holiday: 13th – 17th February

Second Half Term: 20th February – 31st March

Easter Holiday: 3rd – 13th April

Good Friday: 14th April

Easter Monday: 17th April

Staff Training Day: 18th April

Summer term starts for children Wed 19th April

Attendance Awards

Well done to the following classes who have received 5 certificates for either best or most improved attendance, or best punctuality:

Norway, South Africa, UAE, Italy, Greece, India , Kosovo, Egypt and Morocco.

Some of these classes already celebrated by enjoying a Pizza Party! Classes Kosovo, Egypt and Morocco have opted for a Pizza party next week.

India will have their turn on the Bouncy Castle next week. Thank you for putting lots of effort into coming into school every day and on time! Keep it up! We are looking forward to more classes achieving Attendance Awards this term.

Reception places for September 2017

If your child was born between **1st September 2012** and **31st August 2013** you will need to apply for a Reception place for them for September 2017.

If you live in Waltham Forest you need to apply to Waltham Forest School Admission

If you have any questions, please contact the Service on www.walthamforest.gov.uk

Or email admissions@walthamforest.gov.uk or by phone on 020 8496 3000

If you live outside Waltham Forest, you will need to apply to the local authority in which you live.

Even if your child currently attends a nursery attached to a school you must apply for a Reception place for them by 15th January 2017.

Follow us on Twitter

Did you know that you can now follow 'nice-to-know' information about Downsell Primary School on Twitter @DownsellPrimary?

All essential information will obviously be communicated by other channels (text / letter home) but on Twitter we will post interesting things happening in school. Our Twitter name is @DownsellPrimary. Please do follow us.

This new additional communication method will enable us to get exciting information out and help us promote the school and the achievements of our children and staff. We are committed to demonstrating safe, positive and responsible use of social media and encouraging the use of 21st Century technology.

We are using Twitter as a one way "broadcast" account, so will not reply to tweets. Please use the traditional methods of contact if you have something which you want to discuss with the school.

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.

After School Clubs

Please visit our website where you can view the list of all the clubs available for this Spring Term 2017. If your child would like to attend any of the clubs you can pay for it online on our Pay+ Shop. All the clubs will start the week beginning 16th January.

Film night 13.01.17

We will be hosting another film night in school next week, so please sign up either online or with cash payment in the school office. All tickets must be purchased by Tuesday 11th January 2017, as no tickets will be sold on the night. The films on offer are Fantastic Mr Fox, James and the Giant Peach and Angry Birds. £2.50 is the charge and the club will run from 3.30 to 5.45pm. All are welcome!

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Hussain (Class India & UAE) on the birth of their new baby boy!



Breakfast Club

Mon – Thu

Cereals and Toast

Friday

Cooked breakfast, eggs, bacon, sausages and baked beans, spaghetti, Mushrooms & hash browns

£1 per child

£1 per adult

No need to pre book 7:30 - 8:30

Children can also enjoy various activities in the sports hall

