

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children in year 6 had a very successful trip to Moat Mount Open Space Centre. We experienced a number of team building activities including orienteering, shelter building, and trampolining. I would like to thank all teachers who came along on this trip and look forward to our next trip.

This week year 6 children have been taking part in Shaking Up Shakespeare workshops and working hard to prepare for performances throughout. The other children really enjoyed the performances and I look forward to the finale this evening.

Mr Chetty

Last week some children from year 6 went on a fantastic trip to Moat Mount where they took part in a number of team building activities. We asked some of the children how they found the trip and here's what they said:

- ◆ It was a fun experience we did loads of team building activities. (Raheem)
- ◆ We got to discover lots of new things it was so much fun. (Zayia)
- ◆ I had lots of fun exploring the forest and on our night walk. (Michelle)
- ◆ We experienced a variety of activities and had lots of fun working together. (Denny)



Last week we gave out some bags in order for you to donate some clothes to help raise money for our school. Please bring all your bags filled with all your unwanted clothes in on Wednesday 4th October .

Birthday Treats

As a healthy school we would like to encourage the children to eat healthily and therefore would discourage parents from bringing in sweets to celebrate their child's birthday. Children are welcome to bring in educational materials in order to celebrate their birthday.

No Pens Day!

On Wednesday 4th October, Downsell will be taking part in No Pens Wednesday, a national event to help children develop their speaking and listening skills. For the entire day, the whole school will be prohibited from using pens, pencils and crayons. Instead of writing, we will be performing, brainstorming, debating, creating and above all communicating with each other. To make sure everyone gets into the spirit, officers from the Pen Police will be patrolling the building, ready to catch any adults who

forget the golden rule of the day:

NO PENS!

We have noticed an increase in children play fighting whilst at school and would ask all parents to remind their children not to re-enact any violent moves which they witness on any television programmes. Whilst we understand that television programmes such as PJ Mask and Power Rangers are enjoyable for children to watch they do display some fighting behaviour which is not acceptable at school and can face serious consequences.

Homework - Gentle reminder

Homework is sent out every Thursday and should be returned on Tuesday. If we receive your child's homework on Wednesday, they will be marked as returning homework 'late'. Any late homework will not be marked, however we will still give out the next piece of homework.

Downsell Primary School

Winter Wonderland

Date: 9th December 2017

Stalls, games, rides and much more!

Nursery Curriculum Meeting

Please come along to our nursery curriculum meeting on Wednesday 4th October from 9.00am– 9.30am. It is an opportunity to find out about all the fun activities we will doing with your child.



PHOTOGRAPHER

The school photographer will be coming into school on **03/10/17** to take the children's individual photographs. Please ensure that your son/daughter comes to school in their school uniform.

The photographers will be in from 8-30 am to take photographs of siblings within the school; unfortunately we are unable to accommodate siblings that do not attend Downsell Primary. If you would NOT like your child to take a school photo please notify your child's teacher.

Do you have a child who was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014?

If so, they are due to start reception class in September 2018. You must apply for a reception class place for your child. To make an application please apply online www.eadmissions.org.uk.

For more information visit the Waltham Forest primary school admissions pages

<https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/applying-primary-school-place>, where you can download a copy of the Starting Primary School 2018 brochure which has full details of how to apply for a place. **THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 15 JANUARY 2018**

Transition to Secondary School

Workshop

We will be holding transition to secondary school workshops every Tuesday and Thursday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm in the ICT Suite. All year 6 parents are welcome to come along to hear more about the transition process.

Tapestry Launch

Nursery and reception parents are invited to our Tapestry Launch on Wednesday 4th October at 6pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents to learn about how we help children to develop and give feedback into the process.

Child Collection

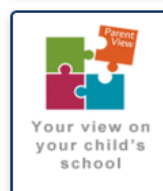
If your child is regularly collected by someone other than their parents please inform the office in writing, so that all members of staff can be notified.

What is Parent View?

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected.

Click on the link on our school website and complete a survey. You will need to register with your email address.

Thank you.



We would like to invite parents of children in reception to watch phonics teaching in class on Thursday 5th October from 9.00am—9.20am.