

DOWNSELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 15

10th January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

I hope you all enjoyed the well deserved break and that you are looking forward to Spring Term at Downsell Primary School. This is sure to be another amazing term as we prepare for our annual talent competition 'Downsell's Got Talent', along with dress up day for world book day and our regular reading breakfasts.

I look forward to seeing you all at upcoming events scheduled during the spring term at Downsell Primary School.

Mr Chetty



DOWNSELLS GOT TALENT!



GREAT NEWS, Downsell's Got Talent is Back! This exciting opportunity will allow children to demonstrate talents/skills they possess and take a step forward toward achieving their goals and ambitions.

Children must sign up before Friday 18th January 2019 with Miss Rukhsar if they wish to be a part of the competition.

We look forward to seeing many children signing up!



From Friday 11th to Sunday 13th January Waltham Forest will be celebrating being the first ever winners of London Borough of Culture with a winter carnival and party. Please feel free to join other members of the community at Waltham Forest Town Hall and Lloyd Park as they celebrate 6pm—9.30pm.



Kindly note there will be several road closures in the surrounding area of the event including Forest Road and Shernhall Street

Spring Term Calendar

First Half Term: 8th January—15th February 2019

Half Term Holiday: 18th February—22nd February 2019

Second Half Term: 25th February—5th April 2019

Easter Holiday: 8th April—18th April 2019

Good Friday: 19th April 2019

Easter Monday 22nd April 2019

Summer Term Starts: 23rd April 2019



Stay & play!



We would like to welcome all parents of children under 3 to the first stay and play sessions of 2019 on Tuesday 15th January at 9.15-10.45. These drop in sessions are a great way for families to meet each other, children to experience play in a new environment and parents to exchange ideas about learning through everyday activities.

Applying for a Reception place for September 2019

If your child was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 they are due to start in Reception class at a primary school from September 2019.

You must apply for a Reception place for your child even if they attend a school nursery or have an older brother or sister at your preferred school. If your child currently attends a nursery attached to a school this does not give them any priority for a place in Reception at that school.

The [eAdmissions website](#) for online applications opens on 1 September and the closing date for on time applications is 15 January 2019. If you apply after 15 January your application will be considered as late and will be processed after all the on time applications.

If you and your child live in Waltham Forest you must apply through us. If you and your child live outside Waltham Forest, you must apply to the local authority in which you live.



METROPOLITAN POLICE

Working together for a safer London

On Tuesday 15th January at 10:30am there will be a team conducting a weapons sweep on Langthorne Road, E11 outside the St Patrick's Cemetery.

The Metropolitan Police are hoping to get members of the community involved in this search so if anyone is interested please go along. The point of the exercise is to recover weapons that maybe hidden in the shrubbery and to send out a message that the community are actively supporting the local police to stamp out weapon related violence.

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After School Care

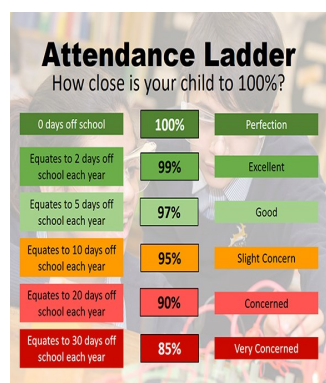
3.20 –7.00pm

To register for FUN KIDS after school care, please pop into the school office, and collect an application pack. Spaces are on a first come first serve basis, so please complete and return the form as soon as possible, to avoid disappointment.

FUN KIDS runs from 3.20pm—7.00pm and costs £10 per session, a healthy snack and a drink are also included.



Attendance



It is pleasing to know that attendance continues to improve throughout the school however, we still have families who take leave during the term time and this is unacceptable. The Education Welfare Officer from Waltham Forest is working closely with the school to further improve our attendance. Thank you very much to families who are helping us to make this possible.

Please ensure that you always call the school in the morning if your child is unwell. If you need to take your child for an appointment please try to make these outside school hours. If this is not possible and you have to take your child to the hospital or GP please bring them to school in the morning first and collect them later so they miss as little lesson time as possible. Thank you.

Spring Term 2019 (Tuesday 8th January—Friday 5th April 2019):

Please see below a list of the clubs which are on offer this term at Downsell Primary School. In order to secure a place for your child at one of our clubs please log in to the school shop and make payment. Clubs available are listed. The closing date for booking will be **Sunday 20th**

January 2019:



	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Monday	Indoor games	Multi-sports Indoor games Arabic	Multi-sports Cooking Arabic	Puzzles & games Cooking Arabic	Puzzles & games Arabic	Football boys Puzzles & games Arabic	Football boys Puzzles & games Arabic
Tuesday	Multi-sports	Multi-sports Art	Multi-sports Art	Street Dance Singing Chess	Street Dance Singing Chess	Football girls Street Dance Singing Chess	Football girls Street Dance Singing Chess
Wednesday	Baking	Baking Activity Games	Multi-sports Activity Games	Athletics Multi-sports Gardening	Athletics Multi-sports Gardening	Cricket girls Gardening	Cricket girls Gardening
Thursday	Cooking	Cooking Multi-sports	Multi-sports	Tag rugby Story time Drama	Tag rugby Story time Drama	Tag rugby Athletics Story time Drama	Athletics Drama
Friday	Board games	Athletics Karate Board games French	Athletics Karate Board games French	Football Karate French	Football Karate French	Netball Cricket boys Karate French	Netball Cricket boys Karate French