

Dear Parents/Carers,

Science week has been great fun at Downsell Primary! It was lovely to see children throughout the school gaining a real love for science and engaging in a variety of scientific



activities. On Monday we took possession of chick eggs and incubators to explore the topic 'Life-cycles'. On Wednesday morning 6 eggs hatched and healthy strong chicks were hopping about. Children are very excited about the new arrivals to our school and they are always asking to visit the chicks. We have recorded all the live action from the incubators—you will be able to watch it all online on our school website.

There is a lovely buzz around our school with regards to the Great Egg Race and I am constantly hearing about the innovative ideas and designs. Please take some time to talk with your child about his/her egg mobile.



Don't forget to sign up for parents consultations, I look forward to seeing you at Downsell Primary School.

Mr Chetty

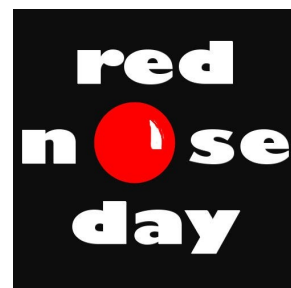
**Parents Consultation**

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> & Tue 28<sup>th</sup> March

**Red Nose Day 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**Please wear red non-uniform for a £1 donation.**

We will be doing lots of fun activities such as cake making & selling, making joke books and even a Funny Face contest! Please donate any cakes that we can sell to raise money for the day. All proceeds will go to the Red Nose charity. We have already sold nearly 600 red noses, so well done to everyone who bought one.



## **Year 6 SATS**

We would like to invite you to the parents/carers meeting about SATS, where we would like to discuss how you can support your child and help them to prepare for the national testing. Please join us on:

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> March 14:30 - 15:00 or 18:00 – 18:30 or**

**Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> March 9:30—10:00**

### Dates for the diary:

#### **Breakfast club**

Every morning from 7:30

#### **EYFS Stay & Play**

Tue & Thu 9:15am

#### **ESOL course**

Thu 1:30 pm

#### **Red Nose Day**

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March **non-uniform**

#### **BHF Jump Rope Day**

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March

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#### **The Great Egg Race**

Thu 30<sup>th</sup> March

### Safety Alert

It has come to our attention that some of our pupils are downloading '**Roblox**' on their personal devices at home. The content rating for this app is '**Parental Guidance**'. This means that the child should be using the game with parent supervision.

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



#### **Uniform orders**

When you order uniforms online in our Pay+ Shop, it normally takes 48 hours before you can collect your order from the school office.

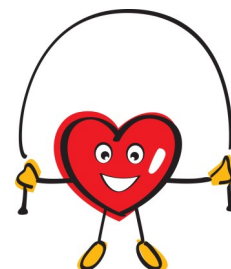
We have some uncollected items in the school, if you have ordered anything can you please come to collect it. Thank you.

#### **School dinners**

Can you please pay any outstanding amounts on your child/children dinner account. If you would like to use a computer in the school, you are welcome to do so.

### British Heart Foundation Skip Rope Day 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017 – We are joining

with the British Heart Foundation to raise awareness of how important heart health is and we are going to have a skip rope day on Wednesday 29th. Sponsor forms will be sent home with your child and we would like you to support them in gaining as many sponsors as they can to raise money for the Foundation when they all try to do as many skips as they can in a session. We will also be doing some work in school around keeping ourselves fit and healthy both in nutrition and fitness. This is a really important issue that affects many families across the country and we want to teach our pupils how easy it is to look after our own bodies. We will be holding a Parent Skipathon at 2.45pm so please come along and join in the fun with your children. We look forward to seeing you there!



**POD's Disco Year 1 – Year 6**  
**24th March 15:30 – 17:30**

### **Holiday Activity Programme**

Free activities during Easter holidays in schools for 5 to 11 olds.

Please visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/easter](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/easter)



### Year 6 trip to Moat Mount Open Space Centre

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

If you haven't paid the deposit for the trip but would like your child to take part, please speak to the school office as soon as possible.

**Payments can be made in instalments on our school website in the Pay+ shop, the full amount has to be paid by 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017.**

**End of term-Friday 31st March @ 1pm, children return to school on Wednesday 19th April**

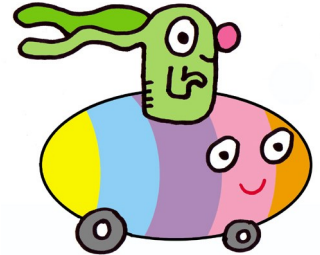
## **THE GREAT EGG RACE 2017**

As you know we are going to hold a great egg race on 30<sup>th</sup> March. Eggs will be carried on a mobile that your children design and build themselves. The mobile can be of any shape or size and we are encouraging children to be as creative as possible.

The egg-mobile needs to be able to roll/move, either battery powered or with the help of the force of gravity. Please see below the rules that have to be followed.

### **Rules of the Great Egg Race**

1. The egg-mobile must carry a chicken's egg.
2. The egg must be hard boiled.
3. The egg-mobile is to be designed and built out of school.
4. As far as possible, the egg-mobile must be made without help from grown ups.
5. You may work on your own, in a pair, group or family, but the egg-mobile may only be entered for one class race.
6. Each egg-mobile will have an independent run on the course.
7. No mains electricity may be used to power or move your egg mobile.
8. Batteries are allowed.
9. No living creature may be used as an egg-mobile.
10. If the egg-mobile uses its own source of power, it will be released from a slope. If it uses another source of power e.g. air, battery, it will start from a flat surface.
11. Once your egg mobile leaves the start, you may not push it, pull it, control it or re-start it.
12. Please do not use any glass in your design.
13. Each class has their own race. There are 3 winning categories for each class :
  - The most beautifully decorated
  - The most original design
  - The greatest distance travelled
14. The judges' decision is final.



If you need advice about your egg-mobile or a piece of equipment that you don't have at home, please ask a teacher.

## **Weekly Attendance**

Best Attendance Awards for the last week go to:



- Upper KS2 – America – 100%
- Lower KS2 – Pakistan & UAE – 99%
- KS1– Brazil & New Zealand – 98%
- Early Years - Italy– 99%

When a class receives 5 Best Attendance Awards they get a session on the school's bouncy castle!

**Malaysia class assembly  
changed to 23rd March**

### **Raffle tickets on sale**

POD's members are selling raffle tickets in the playground in the mornings and after school. There are lots of exciting prizes to be won. They will be drawn on 30<sup>th</sup> March after the Great egg race.

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