

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope the new term is going well for you and your family. You may have heard we have recently introduced a Pen licence system at school. Once children's writing has improved they get rewarded with a pen which they can use in their books. I am pleased with the large number of parents/carers who are invited to watch their children celebrate their achievements in the Friday celebration assembly. It was very pleasing to note the large number of families who were invited to the celebration assembly today (165). Let's hope we can keep up with these phenomenal numbers.

Mr Chetty

## Year 2 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 one of the following dates:

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> March 9:00 - 9:30 or 14:30 - 15.00

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> March 18:00 – 18:30

## School uniform

Every child at Downsell is expected to wear the correct uniform which consists of:

Grey trousers/skirt, white shirt or blouse, royal blue and white check dress, blue sweatshirt/fleece with school logo.

**Shoes must be plain black.**

PE kit consists of plain navy or black shorts/jogging bottoms, white t-shirt and black plimsolls/trainers.

**Please ensure that your child/children wear proper clothing which is clearly marked with your child's name.**

Sweatshirts and jumpers can be purchased from the School Shop on the school website. Please collect your order from the school office. The uniform shop is open between 9–10 am on Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri.

## School Dinner Charges

The Governors have agreed to increase the school dinners from £2.05 to £2.16 in line with charges by the catering supplier LBWF. This increase has become effective from Mon 13/2/17.

## Afterschool clubs

Some clubs are oversubscribed now and we are very pleased that so many children are interested in the activities. The current clubs will continue until Easter holidays, by then, we will have sent you information about the new clubs for the summer term.

## Playtime snacks

We are encouraging our children to eat healthily, however, we have noticed that many children are bringing crisps and sweets to have as a snack at the playtime.

**From Monday, only fruit will be allowed during playtime as a snack.**



## Dates for the diary:

### **Breakfast club**

Every morning from 7:30

### **EYFS Stay & Play** 9:15am

Tue 28<sup>th</sup> Feb & Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> March

### **ESOL course** 1:30 pm

Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> March

### **Trip to Kidzania**

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> March Year 3 & 4,  
Reception and Nursery

### **World Book Week**

28th Feb—3rd March

### **World Book Day**

Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar **non-uniform**

### **Science week**

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March

### **Trips to Science Museum**

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> March - Year 6  
Thu 16<sup>th</sup> March Year 5

### **Downsell's Got Talent**

Thu 16<sup>th</sup> March – Presentation  
to school  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> March – Presentation to  
parents/carers

### **Red Nose Day**

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

### **BHF Jump Rope Day**

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March

### **Parents Consultation**

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

### **The Great Egg Race**

Thu 30<sup>th</sup> March

### **...and more to come**

## 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.

We will also be inviting you during celebration assemblies to use the school computers in the ICT suite to complete the survey.

We need your help to make our school an outstanding one!

Thank you.



### **Women's football growing ...**

England women's football team is now ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the world and getting ready to compete in EURO 2017. Domestically, the biggest events of the season are the **SSE Women's FA Cup Final** on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May and **Non-League Finals Day** on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017.

Tickets for the Cup Final are £15 for adults, with children under 16 free of charge. Our school was offered a discounted price, £7.50 per adult, with booking of 10+ people and for the Non-League Finals Day £12.50 for adults and £1 for children.

If you would like to experience Wembley's unique atmosphere and be part of the crowd please do not hesitate and book your tickets in the school office by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017.



### **Breakfast clubs**

Spring brings in brighter, warmer days, please join us for breakfast on any/every morning Monday – Friday 7:30 – 8:45 for just £1. We offer cereals and toast Monday to Thursday and a full cooked breakfast every Friday. There is no need to book a place. All pupils and parents are welcome.

### **Cycling and the use of scooters**

We would really like to encourage our children to cycle and use their scooters to and from school (under adult supervision) however when they get to the school gates they need to push them whilst on the school site to the bicycle shelters. There are many young children and parents /carers around and it is very easy to hurt someone. Please join me in helping keeping our school safe.



## **Weekly Attendance**

Every week classes with the best attendance receive an Attendance Award. This week winners are:

Upper KS2 – the winner is Spain – 97%

Lower KS2 – the winners are Gibraltar,  
UAE & Pakistan – 98%

KS1– the winner is Brazil – 97%

Early Years - the winner is Italy – 98%

**Congratulation to all.**

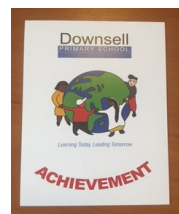


### **Returning borrowed books**

We are undertaking an audit of all our book stock. If you have any outstanding books borrowed from the library, could you please return them as soon as possible

Year 5 & 6 children went to Kidzania today, watch this space next week for the feedback from them about their experience.

And these are our Bravo, Achievements and Golden Awards winner, as well as the first Pen licence holders for the week before the half term break and for this week. Congratulation to all!



Class	Child's Name			
	BRAVO CARDS	ACHIEVEMENT CARDS	GOLDEN AWARDS	PEN LICENSE
Italy	Lenira	Kristina	Yassin	
Scotland	Emilija, Ionut	Maria, Nikolay	Marcel, Raemaine Aaliyah	
Greece	Salina, Stefani	Robyn, Usman	Andrei , Iman, Hifsa	
Jamaica	Diego, Nawaf, Doshinka Mia, Ruqayyah, Alex, Haajra, Linnlatt	Jawad, Abdullah Jawad, Umaiza, Cyenne	Nathalie, Cyenne	
India	Tia	Karis, Mykolas, Tia	Banush	
Morocco	Viktorija, Patrick Amna, Yasabelle	Muzzammil Ibrahim	Ibrahim	
Kosovo	Mariana, Edward Zakariya, Affan	Kelly, Zakariya Mei-Juan		
Brazil	Elise, Mihaela Erion, Halima	Rehman, Salar Raya, Halima, Azaan	Daniyal	Halima, Elise Imani, Merveille Nabeel
New Zealand	Sara Ali			
Gibraltar	Nathan, Dominiq, Timi, Ali, Cem, Dominiq, Rayane Macie, Evin, Niki, Kevinas, Imade, Laaibah, Hassan Sophie	Shane Jasmine Shane		Tristan Kevinas
Ireland	Labia, Zirwa, Abid	Falak, Ali, Mehmet	Mariam	
Norway	Sayo, Adilah, Riley			Jin
UAE	Abenayanie, Nina			
Pakistan	Donte-Elijah	Elena	Amal, Victoria	
France	Jia Jun, Pricilla, Taybah	Faateh, Leandro	Ismail	
Malaysia	Tahiya, Samir, Eden Matilde, Daniela	Aliza, Hadeeqa Yahya, Michelle	Haris, Aliza	Tahiya, Michelle Eden, Daniela
Egypt	Uzair	Thasnim, Aliza		
America	Praise, Dhruvik, Berk, Jawad, Junaid, Alisha, Rosina	Aryan, Denny Simon, Rohaan	Aya	
China	Ali, Isa, Sukaina, Erika Vikki, Nisha, Zahir Admir, Ayesha	Jenniffer		Erika
South Africa	Sachin, Tasfiya	Sumayyah, Fatima		Sachin, Fatima Ethan, Leonard
Spain	Dionisijo, Kenneth	Tamika, Miruna		Hunzelah, Magarit, Miruna-Cristina

## World Book Week

World Book Day is nearly upon us (Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>) and to celebrate the occasion the school is going to hold world book week!

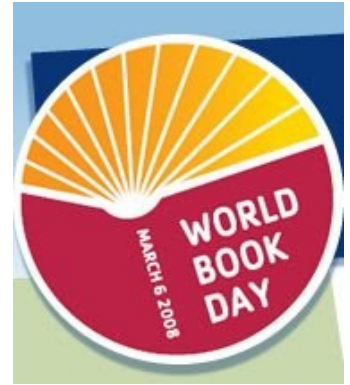
The whole school will be holding a series of events and activities during the afternoons, which will range from creating potato book characters to comic book making and character collages.

On Wednesday 1st March, the school will be providing all children with a plain t shirt and fabric pens, which they will use to create a design of one of their favourite book covers.

This can then be worn on World Book Day itself, though if the children wish to wear an outfit of one of their favourite book characters, they can do so.

There will be a celebratory presentation of the week's work on Friday for parents and carers to come and view all of the work produced by the children throughout the week. This will be held in the hall from 2pm. If you are able to spare some time, it would be lovely to have you along.

There will also be plenty of pictures taken through the week, if you want to keep up to date with all that is going on, log on to the school website and check out the class articles.



## THE GREAT EGG RACE 2017

We are soon going to hold a great egg race.

Children will design and build an egg-mobile.

This can take any shape or size and will form a carrier for an egg/ eggs.

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.



### 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.



**Red noses on sale (£1 each) at our school from Tuesday**

**28th February 2017**

