

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Downsell Primary. I hope you had a fantastic summer break. This academic year I hope you all look forward to the number of trips, activities and events we have planned.

I look forward to welcoming you at school and hope to see many of you join us at the naming assemblies next week.

Mr Chetty

CLASS NAMING CEREMONY



Please join us for your child's class naming ceremony next week. Your child has been learning facts about the landmark their class is named after and look forward to sharing their findings with you.

Monday 9th September

Year 5

Class Portcullis House – 10.45am
Class Statue of Liberty – 11:30am
Class Wembley – 12:00pm

Thursday 12th September

Year 4

Class Colosseum – 9.15am
Class Giant Causeway – 9:45am
Class Giza – 10:15am

Year 3

Class Atomium – 10:45am
Class Niagara Falls – 11:30am
Class Bosphorus Bridge – 12:00pm

Wednesday 11th September

Year 6

Class White Cliffs of Dover – 9.15am
Class Stonehenge – 9:45am
Class Acropolis – 10:15am

Friday 13th September

Year 2

Class Angel Falls – 9.15am
Class Atlantis – 9:45am
Class Burj Khalifa – 10:15am

Year 1

Class Uluru – 10:45am
Class Big Ben – 11:30am
Class The Shard – 12:00pm



Universal Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to the universal free school meal.

We would like to remind parents/carers that when your child moves into Year 3 they are no longer entitled to universal free school meals.

You will need to pay for their school meals (unless you are entitled to Free School Meals, approved by the local authority).

The current cost of the school meal is £2.16 and can be paid for on our school shop website, Pay + shop.

Please ensure you have your logins to do so. In case of any queries please contact the school office.



Parents are invited to meet their child's new teacher on Wednesday 11th September at 3.30pm.

This is an informal meeting where your child's teacher will talk about expectations for the year etc. Your child can accompany you and we hope to see you there.



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.

After School Care

3.20 - .30pm

To register for FUN KIDS after school care, please pop into the school office, and collect an application pack .

FUN KIDS runs from 3.20pm—7.00pm and costs £10 per session. This will include games and activities, as well as a healthy snack and a drink.



PUPIL COLLECTION

reminder

Anyone collecting a child must be over the age of sixteen. We must have prior agreement from the child's parents/guardians if they wish for someone different to collect their child. Should a parent/guardian wish someone different to collect their child as a one off occasion we require an email or telephone call prior to the child being collected.

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We would like to invite parents of children in Reception to come along to our phonics/curriculum meeting on Monday 16th September at 9.15am. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents to see what their children will be learning throughout year and the methods we will be using.



Afterschool activity club letters will be given to each child next week. Please do not register your child for activity clubs on days they have been selected to attend homework or booster clubs.

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

Attendance

It is pleasing to know that attendance throughout the school continued to improve last year. 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.