

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another busy week at Downsell Primary. Teachers have been meeting with me to look at the support children will need to help close the gap for their time away from school (during lockdown). I am really pleased to let you know that all classes are settled and everything is going well. We have started Booster classes and interventions in Year 6 and from next week children in years 3 and 5 will start booster classes too.

Homework:

As from next Friday all teachers will start sending homework again. It is an expectation for all children to complete their homework and return it to school by the following Wednesday. We would like to encourage children to complete their homework on google classroom and on Thursdays all teachers will upload the answers.

I wish everyone a lovely weekend. Please stay safe.

Mr Chetty

Attendance

We are pleased to see that children's school attendance is getting better. We know that there is still 'room for improvement' and we can work together to achieve this.

The Education Welfare Officer from the local authority is supporting the school to further improve attendance and will be working closely with some families.

Please also remember to call the school in the morning if your child is not attending.

Secondary schools application

Year 6 – Please be aware that deadline for secondary school applications is **31st October**.

For information how to apply please visit:

<https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/applying-secondary-school-place>

School Dinners

Just a reminder, if your child is entitled to receive free school meals, please arrange to apply for this entitlement. If this has been granted please bring the evidence letter sent to you by the authorities.

Universal free school meals are provided for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 can you please make regular payments and ensure their dinner account is always in credit. Thank you.

Mobile phones and watches

If your child wears a watch to school can you please ensure that it doesn't have the technology to make recordings or take pictures. These are not permitted at school.

Please remind your child that all phones need to be left in the school office during the day. Thank you.

Reminder

The **school photographer** will be coming to school on **Monday 5th October** to take the children's individual photographs. Please ensure that your son/daughter comes to school in their uniform. **If your child is coming to school in their PE kit, please let them bring their school jumper that they can wear when their photograph is taken.**

The photographers will take photographs of siblings within the school; unfortunately this time we are unable to accommodate siblings that do not attend Downsell Primary.

Joke of the Week

What do you call a dinosaur that is sleeping?

A dino-snore!



What your child will learn next week:

Nursery

Stories:

- We're going on a Bear Hunt.
- Whatever next.

Literacy: We are learning to write our names

Reception

Literacy - Handa's surprise

Maths - How to find one more and one less of a number.

Areas - The right to have a family and healthy practises, e.g. washing hands and cleaning teeth.

Year 1

Literacy: Learning to make inferences and retrieve information.

Maths: Learning to make 10s beyond 20 and comparing.

Science: Learning to identify waterproof materials.

Year 2

Maths - Add a 2 digit number to ones.

Reading - Explain the meaning of words.

Literacy - Use verbs and adverbs.

Science - Bird Feeder investigation.

Year 4

Reading: We are continuing to use our class novel 'Varjak Paw' to make inferences and to retrieve information from the text.

Maths: Multiplication; factors and products. Multiplying 2 digits by 2 digits and solving multiplication word problems to consolidate the learning.

Literacy: Using a range of grammatical features in our writing.

Year 3

Reading - Learning to summarise and make inferences.

Literacy - Learning to identify and use subordinating conjunctions.

Maths - Learning how to multiply and using different methods.

Year 6

Reading - Continuing to read our class novel Goodnight Mr Tom. We are learning to retrieve information from a text and make inferences about what we have read.

Literacy - Writing a biography about William Beech

Maths - Short and long division.

Science - Sound: What is meant by pitch?

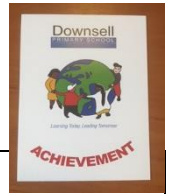
Year 5

Reading: Focusing on character thoughts and feelings.

Literacy: Writing a narrative. (Big write).

Maths: Using the four operations.

Well done to all children who worked extra hard and received award cards and Golden Award this week



Class	Child's Name		
	BRAVO CARDS	ACHIEVEMENT CARDS	GOLDEN AWARDS
Roger Hargreaves	Jayden	Muhammad	Malak
Roald Dahl	Kevon	Kaden	Safaa
C S Lewis	Batul	Yusuf, Mohammed	Abdul Hakeem
Dr Seuss			Rayeed
Jacqueline Wilson	Keanu, Abdul, Moin, Luna	Sereya, Fatima	Harrison
Nadiya Hussain	Arya, Jessica	Elisha, Rafia	Unik
Eileen Browne	Kady, Hasib, Raif, Tianna, Victor, David, Anaiya		Mahnoor
Anne Fine	Rayaan Amla, Rayaan Adan, Fatima, Andrian, Alfie, Andrian, Alexandru, Aaliyah	Andre-David, Viktoria, Maria, Urwa, Aaliyah, Ibrahim	Mohamud
Cressida Cowell		Maria-Andrea	Heena
J K Rowling			Maria
Nadine Kaadan			Usman
Kenneth Grahame	Shay, Karis	Xavier, Andrea	Vlad
Michael Morpurgo	Mohammed Shamil	Armaan	Abdul Hameed
Grace Lin			Adib
Lewis Carroll		Sara	Muskan
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	Halima, Alihasir, Elina, Maryam, Moinuddin,		Snow
Sun Tzu	Medea	Precious	Andrei