



Spring 1 2024 Newsletter EYFS

Downsell Primary School, Downsell Road, Leyton E15 2BS



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and a Happy New year to all. Although this is short term, only five weeks, we have a lot happening so please check classroom doors for updated information as well the WEDUC app.

Parent/carer donation for Nursery & Reception

We would like to ask all parent/carers to give a weekly donation of 50pence per child. This will enable us to continue to provide playdough and cooking resources for the children. These activities are vital aspects that all children should be able to enjoy. Unfortunately, we are unable to continue these activities unless we receive your help.

Clothing



The weather has now turned into full on winter, so we need to ensure that the children are appropriately dressed, as we still do try and get outside if we can. Please ensure that your child has a warm coat, a hat, gloves and a scarf if possible. You can bring wellington boots to leave in class, in order to protect their shoes from getting wet, for them to wear outside but please make sure the bags and boots have their name inside.



Uniform

Please make sure that your child's clothing is clearly labelled. We have many children in the classes and they are all wearing the same clothes, especially the jumpers!

Book Bags

All children must bring their Book Bags into class every day. This is because we read with the children on a regular basis. **PLEASE, BOOK BAGS EVERYDAY!** Please check reception class doors to see the day your child's books are changed.



Water bottles

In order to maintain personal hygiene, please provide your child with a water bottle, with their name clearly marked, to use in class every day. We are unable to provide cups. We do not wish to have any child without water for a whole day.



Jewellery

I would like to remind parents/carers that **NO** jewellery is to be worn to school. It is not part of school uniform but we are seeing children wearing bracelets and necklaces, which can be a hazard when they are playing.

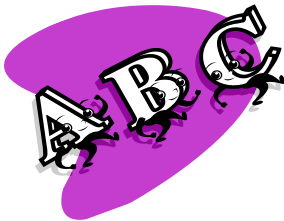
Homework

Homework for all of our Early Years pupils is daily reading at home for ten minutes. In Reception classes, the children will also take home the sounds sheets for the weekly-taught sounds. They will have a spelling sheet for you to practise with your child, as well as a reading homework sheet for some children. **It is important that you support your child's learning by completing these activities and return only the spelling sheets back to the class teacher.**



Cultural Capital

We are currently arranging trips for the children and we will let you know when we have confirmed dates and details. We would like to continue to cook with the children but this will depend on parent donations.



Independence

In EYFS we support the children to become independent learners. **Please take the time to encourage children to dress themselves - especially when putting on, taking off and hanging up their jumpers and coats.** Children in Reception should be working on doing up their own zips/buttons/poppers on their coat at home please.

Reception Booster Classes

Next week we will be starting a Phonics and Maths booster clubs for reception children after school. Phonics will be on Tuesdays and Maths on Wednesdays. We have invited children that would benefit from some additional support, so please sign the consent forms if you have received one.





Tapestry

We use an electronic recording system, Tapestry, to monitor progress here at Downsell Primary. This allows parents to view their child's learning journey. Please let us know if you have any issues accessing your account.



Healthy Schools

We would like to remind parents that we are a healthy school and that your child is encouraged to eat healthily at lunchtime. If your child is bringing a packed lunch, please ensure that it reflects a healthy meal. Please could parents ensure that the school office is aware of any serious allergies that your child may have.



Celebration Assembly

As Reception children have completed a whole term we will now be joining the whole school for the celebration Assembly on a Friday morning. This will celebrate the children's efforts and achievements. If you receive a text inviting you to an assembly it means that your child has been given an award. Please come and watch them receive it if possible.

Recycled materials

Please donate any clean recycled materials (boxes, containers etc) to help us make our amazing creations.

Reminders

- ❖ School registers starts at 8.50am.
- ❖ Greet your child at the end of the day with a smile not a mobile!



We look forward to your co-operation and continued commitment to your child's education. Please speak to one of us if you have any questions or comments.

Yours sincerely,

The Early Years Team

