

## Dear Parent/Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week at Downsell Primary School! Children from Years 1, 2, 4 and 6 have visited Theatre Royal Stratford to see the pantomime. We have received very positive feedback from parents, children and staff and we are already looking forward to next year's show.

Stay & Play sessions for this term have been fantastic. **Well done Linda!** A large number of families attended with children from birth to 3 years and they all had an amazing time.

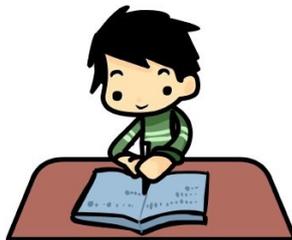
We are looking forward to next term's Stay & Play sessions.

Mr Chetty

## Homework Books

We are pleased that most classes started using the new homework system from Reception to Year 5. Homework books must be handed in on Tuesday in order for them to be marked and be ready to send home on Thursday.

Please encourage your child to work through his/her homework and if you have any concerns please talk to your child teacher.



## Afterschool Clubs

Please note **all clubs will end on Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec.** If your child wants to attend clubs in the Spring term, please watch out for a letter with further instructions which will be sent to you before the end of this term.

## Careers week

In helping our children to learn about the many opportunities that can help develop their future lives, we are organizing a careers week next term, Mon 16<sup>th</sup> – Fri 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017. We would like to invite parents and carers to come into school to talk about their jobs. As we would like for our children to learn about a wide variety of careers, we would welcome any type of experience in any field that you could share with us. If you want to be involved in careers week in any way we would like to hear from you. Thank you.

## Re-scheduled Parents Consultations

**Scotland class** parents consultations will take place on Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 3:30-6 pm and Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 3:30-7:30 pm. Please ensure that you get an appointment to see your child's teacher.

## School shop

As many of you know Waltham Forest authorities are heading towards 'cashless' schools throughout the whole borough. Here at Downsell, we use the online shop Pay+ that can be accessed through our website <http://www.downsellprimary.org/>

All the payments for uniforms, clubs, trips and anything else must be made online. We have sent you your personal logins in the past. If you have misplaced them please ask in the office for a copy and keep them safe as you will need to use them throughout all the years your child is in primary school and also to apply for a secondary school place.

If you would like to make a payment in the school, please come when the reception is less busy, between 10 am – 12 o'clock and you can use one of our computers in the computer suite.



**WELL DONE TO ALL BRAVO, ACHIEVEMENTS AND GOLDEN AWARDS WINNERS THIS WEEK!**

Class	BRAVO CARDS	ACHIEVEMENT CARDS	GOLDEN AWARDS
Italy	Vicky	Yassin	Sofia
Scotland	Ana-Maria	Nikolay	Mirjam
Greece	Keenan	Andrei	
Jamaica	Haajra, Linnlatt	Ruqayyah Kleanthi	Abdullah
India	Mykolas	Inaaya	Suhayb
Morocco	Viktorija, Roxanne		
Kosovo	Safa	Taaseen	
Brazil	Adriano	Elina	Ariana
Gibraltar	Nathan	Kevinas	Shane
Ireland	Falak	Ali	
Norway	Adaam, Falak	Danya, Sofia	
France	Daniel, Rayyan	Artiom	Jia Jun
Malaysia	Kelly, Beata	Zayia, Aliza	Yahya
Egypt	Kajus, Maria	Nathan, Julia Sara	
America			Na'khi
China	Joshua		Joshua
South Africa	Maya	Alexander	

**Dates for the diary:**

**ESOL course** Thu 15<sup>th</sup> Dec  
1:30 pm

**Pantomime in School:**  
Nursery pm, class Italy and Greece 12th December

**Christmas Dinner**  
Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Dec

**EYFS & KS1 Carols by Candlelight**  
Thu 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 10 am

**Last day for clubs**  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Bazaar**  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 3—6 pm

**KS2 Christmas performance**  
Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 10 am

**Last day Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Dec**  
School closes at 1 pm

**Children return to school on Wed 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**Raffle tickets on sale**

We are having a Christmas Bazaar on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. We have some brilliant prizes to be won in the raffle. If you wish to purchase raffle tickets, these will be on sale in the playground after school during next week or you can ask in the school office.

1 ticket – 30 pence  
2 tickets—50 pence  
5 tickets - £1

**Lost property**

We have lots of unclaimed items of uniform in the lost property box. Since clothing have been there for a very long time, they will be disposed off as we have nowhere to store them. To give you one more chance to recover your child's lost items please come to the school hall on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec from 3 pm where all the lost property will be displayed and you can browse through it.

**Christmas Bazaar**

**Fri 16th December**  
**3 pm — 6 pm**



**Weekly Attendance**

**The Best attendance winners for last week are:**

Upper KS2 – Egypt – 99 %  
Lower KS2 – Norway - 99%  
KS1– Kosovo – 97%  
Early years – Italy - 96%

**The most improved classes are:**  
Egypt 99%),  
Morocco (93%)  
and Italy (96%)

**Best punctuality—Brazil**



## Parent Governor required

Downsell Primary School needs one parent to serve as a school governor and we hope you will consider putting yourself forward. The term of office is four years but it can be shorter if you wish. The governing body's main tasks are to support the school, ensure that the pupils receive high quality education and plan future development and improvement.

We shall be sending a letter to all parents next week.

Join us in making a difference!

## Some of our children would like to share their work with you:

### **Snapchat**

Snapchat is an app where children can send videos, photos and messages, This is not suitable for children under 18. A young child should not have this app on their phone. If you notice that your child has this app on their phone, please check with them and ask why they are doing it. Please remember to talk about the internet rules at home.

By Sara (Year 5 Digital Leader)

### **MovieStarPlanet!**

Hi, my name is Ayesha and I will be giving you information about an app called MovieStarPlanet. This is a game played by many young children which has led to several types of bullying such as cyber, psychological, verbal and social. This is an app where personal information can be posted and meet ups can be made. Many young children are installing this app on their devices. There are hackers who can hack into accounts and get hold of details such as bank accounts. As a parent, please remember to check your children's devices. This game SHOULD NOT be installed on their devices.

By Ayesha (Year 5 Digital Leader)

## **Reminder :**

**Next Friday assembly moved to Thursday as we are having Christmas Bazaar in the school hall from 3 o'clock.**



## **Breakfast Club**



**Mon – Thu**

Cereals and Toast

**Friday**

Cooked breakfast, eggs, bacon, sausages, baked beans, spaghetti, mushrooms & hash browns

**£1 per child**

**£1 per adult**

**No need to pre book 7:30 - 8:30**



**Downsell Primary School Calendar**  
**2016-2017**

<b>Autumn Term</b>	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2016	<b>Staff Training Day - School Closed to children</b>
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2016	<b>Staff Training Day - School Closed to children</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	Autumn Term starts for Year 1 – Year 6
TBC	Autumn Term starts for Nursery/Reception
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2016	Autumn Half Term 1 ends
<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016</b>	<b>Autumn Half Term Holiday</b>
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2016	Autumn Half Term 2 starts
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2016	Autumn Term ends @ 1pm
<b>Thursday 22<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017</b>	<b>Christmas / New Year Holiday</b>
<b>Spring Term</b>	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2017	<b>Staff Training Day – School Closed to children</b>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	Spring Term starts for children
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	Spring Half Term 1 ends
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> - Frid 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017</b>	<b>Spring Half Term Holiday</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	Spring Half Term 2 starts
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017	Spring Term ends
<b>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Thu 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017</b>	<b>Easter Holiday</b>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Good Friday
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Easter Monday
<b>Summer Term</b>	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	<b>Staff Training Day - School Closed to children</b>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Summer Term starts for children
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2017	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Summer Half Term 1 ends
<b>Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017</b>	<b>Summer Half Term Holiday</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Summer Half Term 2 starts
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	<b>Staff Training Day – School Closed to children</b>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Summer Term ends @ 1pm
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017</b>	<b>Summer Holiday starts</b>