

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Downsell Primary. I hope you had a good summer and managed to get some rest. This year is going to be an amazing year with lots of activities, trips and events planned. On Monday our calendar of events for this term will go home, however I would like to draw your attention to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September when we are having Dahlicious Dress Up Day. It is a fun-filled dress day in aid of Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children Charity.

We are keen to develop our PTA this year and we would welcome parent helpers to make this possible. Watch the space for more information.

Look forward to welcoming you at school.

Mr Chetty

## **Year 6 Trip to Moat Mount Open Space Centre 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017**

As you are aware we are organising an educational adventure activity course to Moat Mount Open Space Centre at Mill Hill, Barnet. The trip is online now. Please make the payment in the Pay+ shop on our school website to secure a place for your child. Full payment should be made by Monday 18th September.

You can also find out more about the ethos of Moat Mount, its courses, supervisory and safety measures on <http://www.moatmount.co.uk>



## **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 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept at the end of the school day at 3.20pm**

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

**Afterschool clubs are starting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September.  
Please register and pay online.**

## Lost Property

We have a lot of lost property in the school office. This consists of jumpers, fleece, dresses, trousers and jackets.

A lot of the uniform is unmarked and we cannot return it to the children.

On Tuesday 12th September 2017 after school we shall display all the lost property in the hall for parents to come in and collect, after which we shall discard any uncollected items.

## 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.



## Midday Meal Assistant

We are seeking to recruit a Midday Meal assistant, who will help supervise the children during lunchtime. The role will involve working in the school for 1 hour 30 minutes per day = 7.5 hours per week during term time only.

If you are interested in working with children and have time to spare during lunchtime, please pick up a form from the school office and return the application by Friday 22nd September 2017.

## Parent Governor

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.

## **Breakfast Club**



**Mon – Thu**  
Cereals and Toast  
**Friday**



Cooked breakfast, eggs, bacon, sausages and baked beans

**£1 per child**

**£1 per adult**

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

**Children can also enjoy various activities in the sports hall**