



Downsell Primary School, Downsell Road, Leyton E15

Dear Parents/Carers,



We would like to extend a warm welcome to you at the start of your child's new year at Downsell Primary School. As you will appreciate, we endeavour to make your child's year as enjoyable as possible and we intend to give them a great deal of support and encouragement to reach their goals.



**Year 6 teaching staff:**

Class Chris Hoy

Mr Africa

Class Mike Tyson

Mr Rasem

Class Usain Bolt

Miss Khatun



**Year 6 support staff:**

Ms Payne, Ms Hodges, Ms B, Ms Louise

**Punctuality & Attendance**



May we take this opportunity to remind you that school starts at **8:55 am** and finishes at **3:20 pm**. Please can you make sure that your child arrives on time and attends school regularly. If your child is absent from school, please telephone the school on **020 8556 0103**, giving a reason for their absence or provide a note when they return to school. Please inform the school office if your contact details have changed.

**Physical Education**



PE takes place every week on **Wednesday and Thursday**. All children are expected to take part unless they have a medical reason which prevents them from doing so. Children must come to school wearing their PE kit which includes:

Navy blue or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms

Plain white T-shirt

Plimsolls or trainers





## Curriculum

This half term we are learning all about:

**English** - Goodnight Mister Tom: Range of Sentence types, dialogue, settings and cohesion in narrative and biographical writing.

**Reading** - Goodnight Mister Tom: Fact Retrieval, Word meaning in context and Inference of characters feelings.

**Maths** - Number and Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, Fractions and comparing fractions, decimals and percentages.

**Science** - Electricity

**RE** - What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?

**History** - World War II.

**PE** - Static balance (Indoor PE)

Athletics (Outdoor PE).

**Computing** - Anne Frank: Developing an app

**French** - World War II: Countries and evacuees



## Behaviour & Rewards

Good behaviour and work is rewarded through progressing up the **behaviour ladder**. Unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated at any time. This will be recorded on a referral slip. If your child receives a referral you will be asked to come to school to discuss your child's behaviour depending on the situation with the Year Group Leader. Hard work and good behaviour will be celebrated and acknowledged using a variety of reward systems (certificates, prizes). Please encourage your child to try their best throughout this term.



## Home Reading

Pupils are expected to read regularly at home for a minimum of 15 minutes each day. They should choose a book that matches their reading ability. When your child receives a reading record please remind your child to bring their reading record into school daily - as the teachers will be monitoring their progress.



### **Homework**

Children will be given homework on Friday. It should be completed, and handed in by the following week on Wednesday. Homework is issued as a means of consolidating and reinforcing the work covered during the week in class. It is an ideal opportunity for parents to work with their child at home. It would be beneficial if you encourage your child to complete and hand in their homework on a regular basis.



### **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. Please do not send to school nuts, cereal bars containing nuts or chocolate spread containing nuts as our school is a Nut Allergy Aware environment.

### **Secondary School Applications**

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the deadline for Secondary School applications is 31st October. There is a list of Waltham Forest and Newham school on the window of your child's classroom. If you have any questions please contact the office or Deanna Williams.



### **And finally...**

We look forward to your co-operation and continued commitment to your child's education. If you have any concerns, please feel free to make an appointment to see your child's teacher.

Yours sincerely,  
The Year 6 Team

