

**Dear Parent/Carers,**

On Tuesday, at Downsell Primary, we celebrated the festive season with an amazing Christmas dinner. We had just over 590 children plus 80 members of staff sitting in our dining hall. The atmosphere was fantastic! I would like to thank all members of staff who helped to make this day a success as well as Elaine and her team who cooked the delicious food for us.

I am also delighted to direct everyone to our new school website. Over the next few weeks class pages will continuously be updated and our website will be our portal for up to date communication. I would like to thank Miss Rahman for all her hard work in getting our new website up and running.

As this is our last newsletter for this term I am very proud of our achievements thus far. Children, staff and our school community have worked really hard to move our school further ahead. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Mr Chetty

## OUR BRAVO, ACHIEVEMENTS AND GOLDEN AWARDS WINNERS !

Class	BRAVO CARDS	ACHIEVEMENT CARDS	GOLDEN AWARDS
Italy	Martin	Raaina	Artemjis
Scotland	Malakai	Tamarind	Zariah
Greece	Aya	Teeyano	Silas
Jamaica	Marcus Cyenne	Diego, Ruqayyah, Kayo, Doshika Alisan, Kleanthi, Hassan, Damian, Umaiza, Haajra, Abbdullah,	Alex
India			Adib
Morocco	Vrunda	Samiya	Shubham
Kosovo	Baran		
Brazil	Neha	Medea	Halima
New Zealand	Muhammed	Ritica, Suzan, Tion, Adrijus	
Gibraltar	Ali		
Ireland	Mariam, Ellissa	Ayub, Laiba	Alisha
Norway			Julian
Pakistan	Alishba	Jafnah	
France	Ismail, Wiktorja Omar	Ali	Max
Malaysia			Hadeeqa
Egypt	Paris	Bilal	
America			Jawad
China	Admir, Jenniffer	Erika, Aliyah, Erika	
South Africa	Cavalli, Patrick		
Spain	Dalonte		

## Newspaper Club News

Children in the Newspaper Club have been working very hard all term to produce our first edition of the **Children's Downsell Newspaper**. Please find a copy attached. We hope you enjoy reading it. (You can also read it on our brand new school website) .

Thank you and well done Ms Soar and the children in the newspaper club (Demiah, Victoria, Ayana, Nina, Muhammad, Elena, Alexi, Sofia and Julia) who have worked really hard to get our first edition published.

### Dates for the diary:

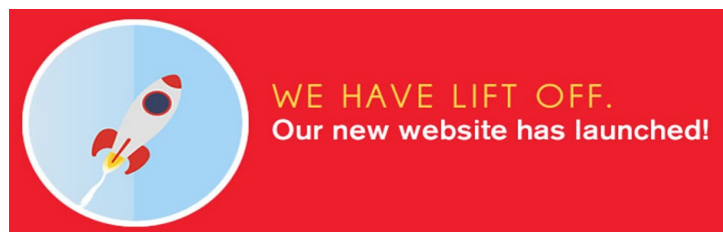
**KS2 Christmas performance**

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 10 am

**Class parties – non-uniform day** Tue 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

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

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



## **School closes Wednesday**

### **21st December at 1 pm**

**Congratulation to  
Mr Rahman (class Spain)  
and his wife on the birth  
of their new baby girl!**



## **Non-uniform day**

For a donation of £1 the children can dress up on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** as it is our class party day. When sending food in for the parties please ensure it is nut free. All money raised will go towards school trips.

**We raised £370.48 for Poppy Appeal. Thank you.**

### **Stay in control**

With the best will in the world, even if you say no, your children may borrow games from their friends to play at home or play round their friend's house. Games consoles are also more likely to end up in bedrooms than living rooms which will keep their virtual world hidden from you. To keep you in control of the games they are playing, try these top tips:

- If possible, keep the consoles in a family friendly room. This allows you to keep an eye on who they are playing with, the content within the game as well as helping you to learn more about the games they play or enjoy playing
- Use parental controls – all consoles, as well as some tablet devices, allow you to set a maximum PEGI rating to stop them playing inappropriate games
- Remember that games consoles allow you to play online with strangers, ask them who they play games with and how they know them – make sure they aren't giving away too much information about themselves while playing with 'friends'
- Ensure that before your child plays any games online, they know how to 'block' individuals who may cause them problems. This is their front line of defence against anyone who may wish to spoil their fun.
- Make sure they understand when to report someone and also understand that they could be reported if they break the rules.

