

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a very busy and productive week, filled with activities ranging from parents consultations, clubs, meetings, sport events and Children in Need. Wow, what a week!

I constantly hear positive views about our school which is very pleasing. If you have any ideas, would like to support or would like to make us aware of anything please feel free to talk with my staff or myself.

Mr Chetty

## Children in Need

It was very encouraging to see creativity in clothing children wore today from painted spots to dotted faces. Children were engaged in activities throughout the day ranging from watching the stories on the BBC website about others who may need some extra help to creating Pudsey Bear face masks! As usual our cake sale was well supported and many enjoyed the options available. Thanks to all those who contributed, we are very happy that the children enjoyed the non-uniform day.

Please complete the sponsorship forms and return to the school office.



## Attendance

It is pleasing to know that attendance throughout the school is improving, however, we still have families who take leave during the term time and this is unacceptable. The Education Welfare Officer from Waltham Forest is working closely with the school to further improve our attendance. Thank you very much to families who are helping us to make this possible.

Please ensure that you always call the school in the morning if your child is unwell. If you need to take your child for an appointment please try to make these outside school hours. If this is not possible and you have to take your child to the hospital or GP please bring them to school in the morning first and collect them later so they miss as little lesson time as possible. Thank you.

## Pantomime

As you know we have organised a trip to the Theatre Royal Stratford to see Sinbad the Sailor pantomime. It will be a great afternoon out, with lots of fun. We believe the children will love it.

Please visit the school shop to make the payment and to complete the consent slip as soon as possible.

## Parents Consultations

Thank you very much to all parents/carers who managed to attend our parents consultations on Monday and Tuesday this week.

We are very pleased with the positive feedback that we have received. It is very encouraging to know that parents/carers found the meetings with teachers very informative, with clear expectations to support children's learning.

## **The Best attendance winners:**

South Africa (99%)

UAE (100%)

Brazil & Kosovo (98%)

Italy (98%)



**Congratulation to our Bravo, Achievements and Golden Awards winners this week!**

Class	BRAVO CARDS	ACHIEVEMENT	GOLDEN AWARDS
Jamaica	Azhar, Doshika Hassan, Alisan	Kayo, Kleanthi Goncalo, Alex Umaiza	Haajra
India	Karis	Shaai-Raam	
Morocco	Angel	Abdul -Hameed	Angel
Kosovo	Mei Juan	Stacey	
Gibraltar	Laaibah	Miruna, Mariya	
Ireland	Owais Sofiyane	Bushra	
Norway	Mackela, Sayo, Kashish	Julian, Zakariya Amna, Firdaus	
France	Ismail	Haniya	Omar
Malaysia	Atiya		Hamid, Josiana, Michelle
Egypt	Ayana	Lashaun	
America		Muhammad	
China			Jenniffer
South Africa	Moushtaaq	Aksa	Patrick, Sachin
Spain	Lina	Yusra	Safeena, Hurana, Dalontae, Kenneth

**Year 1 Rhyme Challenge Concert**

Year 1 children have been very busy during the last couple of weeks singing some nursery rhymes as part of the Ant Club Rhyme Challenge.

We would like to invite our Year 1 parents to our Rhyme Challenge Concert where the children from each class will sing a nursery rhyme and then they will sing a song together as a year group.

Tickets are **50p per person** and can be purchased from the class teachers. The money raised will help towards the cost of Year 1 trips.

**Date:** Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016

**Time:** 9.20-9.50am

**Where:** In the school hall

Please come through the office first. Thank you :)

**Maths Primary Pocket Poster**

Please visit the link below to find interesting activities and resources that can help your child/children with maths. It can be downloaded on tablets or mobile phones and it is a great learning aid for KS2 maths.

<https://apps.daydreameducation.com/pocket-poster-revision-guides/ks2-maths/>

Please let us know how you get along.

**Dates for the diary:**

**Bingo Night** Tonight  
3:30—5:40 pm

**EYFS Stay & Play** Tue 22<sup>nd</sup>  
& Thu 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 9 am

**Year 1 Rhyme Challenge Concert** Thu 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 9:20

**ESOL course** Thu 24<sup>th</sup> Nov  
1:30 pm

**Nursery Walk to Langthorne Park** Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 9:15 &  
1 pm

**Film Night** 25<sup>th</sup> Nov  
3:30 pm — 5:45 pm

**Pantomime:** 1:15-4:45 pm  
Y1 & Y6 Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Y2 & Y4 Thu 8<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Y3 & Y5 Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Pantomime in School:**  
Reception & Nursery  
5th Dec am & 12th Dec pm

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

... and more to come

**PODS Bingo Night tonight 3:30—5:40**

**Book Fair**

The school Book Fair took place from Thursday 10th until Wednesday 16th November. This gave children from across the school the opportunity to browse some of the most popular children's books currently available, and it was brilliant to see the pupils showing such engagement with the reading materials. I would like to say a big thank you to all of the adults who escorted their classes to the fair as well as the parents and carers, who spent money buying books for the children. A huge thank you to Mrs Hylton and Mrs Osman, for all of their support!

## School uniform

Polite reminder – 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 and plain black shoes.

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. Uniform shop is open between 9 – 10 am on Mon, Tue, Thu and Fri.

## Year 6 Christmas stockings

For Design and technology, Year 6 have been making Christmas stockings. They have been practising a lot of sewing. They're ready and steady, and their results are going to look great! Here are some pictures below:



By Fatima and Tasfiah (Year 6 digital leaders)

## Sports news

Indoor Athletics competition at Peter May Sport Centre for: Year 1 & 2 on 25<sup>th</sup> November

## Sports Awards:

Sachin – South Africa

Reiss – Ireland

Doshika - Jamaica



## Cyberbullying

Hello I'm Hamid and welcome to my understanding of cyber-bullying. Cyber-bullying is social bullying through apps like Facebook, Twitter and Twit Flash. If you have been bullied or are going through online bullying you must tell an adult or your parents/carers.

You are not allowed to have a Facebook or Twitter account unless you are 13 and above. Please be safe on social apps and report or block the person if you are getting abuse online.

By Hamid (Year 5 Digital Leader)

## Film Night—Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November

**Please visit the School Shop on our website to make payment.**

## Anti-bullying week

Throughout the week we have been focusing on using our Power for Good to help stop bullying. The children participated in various activities and talks on bullying. We are pleased with sensible and mature discussions held.

They will be sharing their work on anti-bullying in assemblies during next week.

## 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**

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

