

**Dear Parent/Carers,**

It has been an exciting week as we celebrated Careers Week throughout the school. Massive thank you to all the parents, carers and external professional who gave up their time to inspire our children.

Throughout this week, we had doctors, lawyers, scientists, nurses, fire-fighters, builders and other professionals working with the children.

It was unfortunate we were not able to go ahead with our whole school trip. However, children in Years 1 and 2 had an amazing time and I am certain that the children from the other year groups will have an equally great time.

Cancelling the whole school trip was a very difficult decision to make. Thank you for your support; I look forward to our next whole school trip.

Mr Chetty



## Rescheduled school trips to Kidzania:

Years 5 & 6 - 24<sup>th</sup> February

Nursery, Reception, Years 3 & 4 - 3<sup>rd</sup> March



## Our Bravo, Achievement and Golden Award Winners

Class	BRAVO CARDS	ACHIEVEMENT CARDS	GOLDEN AWARDS
Italy	Jack	Jawaria	Inaya
Scotland	Charlie	Tomiwa	Asiya
Greece			Ishak, Stefani
Jamaica	Hassan, Mateo	Alisan, Eda	Asad
India	Hassan	Tywrell	Zahra
Gibraltar		Tristin	
Ireland		Lia	
France			Artiom
China	Nisha	Terry	
South Africa	Tysha	Sachin	
Spain	Saman	Imaan	

## **PHE app helps cut down unhealthy foods**

A study has shown that children consume half their daily recommended sugar allowance before they even start school in the morning. To tackle this, Public Health England has released a new Change4Life Be Food Smart app, which can be downloaded from the iTunes Store or Google Play. It will give you hints and tips on how to slash the amount of total sugar, saturated fat and salt in a family's diet.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/be-food-smart>



## **After School Clubs**

The clubs started this week and many children enjoyed various activities, from knitting to writing a newspaper, gardening, learning French and debating. There are still some places available. If you would like your child to join, please visit our website where you can sign up for the clubs in the Pay+ shop.

We would also like to inform you that if a club is unable to take place due to absence of the instructor, rather than cancelling the club, we will provide an alternative activity for your child/children.

## **Behaviour policy**

We are launching a new behaviour policy and we would like parental involvement. We would like to invite you for consultation meetings as shown below:

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 9:30 am and 6 pm for KS1

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 9:30 am and 6 pm for KS2

Your attendance will be highly appreciated.

## **Dates for the diary:**

### **Breakfast club**

Every morning from 7:30

### **Behaviour Policy Consultations**

Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Jan KS1

Thu 26<sup>th</sup> Jan KS2

9:30 am & 6 pm

### **EYFS Stay & Play**

Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Thu 26<sup>th</sup> Jan

9-10 am

### **RWI Workshop – Year 1 parents**

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 3:45 pm

### **ESOL course**

Thu 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 1:30 pm

## **RWI Workshop for Year 1 parents/carers**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 3.45pm** in the school hall

The workshop will last around 20 minutes.

We are holding this workshop to give you more information about the Phonics Screening Check which your child will be taking in June 2017. More information will follow in a separate letter.

## **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 need to be made online. We have sent you your personal logins in the past. If you have misplaced them, please ask the office for a copy. 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.