



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2020. I hope you had a fantastic time over the holidays. I would like to wish you all a healthy and happy new year.

The term ahead promises to be a busy and exciting one. I am looking forward to all that we have planned for the children.

I would like to wish you a restful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Mr Chetty, Headteacher

Downsell's Got Talent!

We are very excited to let you know that all children from Nursery – Year 6 can now sign up to register their interest and take part in Downsell's Got Talent (until Friday 17th January).

From previous years, we know that Downsell's Got Talent is an absolutely amazing event at our school. It is a great opportunity for the children to be able to showcase the creative talents and skills they have.

Once the children have signed up to register their interest, auditions will take place between 20th – 31st January. Parents/Carers will be informed via a letter if their child is successful in the first round of auditions.

Year Group Curriculum Meetings



On Monday 13th January we will be holding year group curriculum meetings with parent/carers at 3:30pm. If you would like to be informed on the subjects your child will be learning about this term please do attend. Please collect your child/children and then come to the school office to sign in before the meeting.

Joke of the Week

Q: What's orange and sounds like a parrot?

A: A Carrot.



Activity Clubs

Afterschool activity clubs for the spring term are now live on our school website. These cost £10 per child per term. All the payments have to be made online on Pay + Shop, there is no paperwork to fill in and we are unable to take any cash payments.

Places are limited and will be allocated on 'first come – first served' basis. To avoid disappointment please visit the website as soon as possible to pay for your chosen club.

All the clubs, sports and boosters are starting on Monday 13th January 2020 and will finish on Friday 27th March 2020.

Good luck, Ms Abdi!

Ms Abdi from Year 3, Class Niagara Falls will be going on maternity leave this week! I am sure that you will join us in wishing Ms Abdi well with her new arrival and thanking her for her time with class Niagara Falls.



Applying for a Reception Place

If your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 they are due to start in Reception class at a primary school from September 2020. You must apply for a Reception place for your child even if they attend a school nursery or have an older brother or sister at your preferred school. If your child currently attends a nursery attached to a school this does not give them any priority for a place in Reception at that school.

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2020.

To apply online please go to:
www.walthamforest.gov.uk

Early Years Information

If your child was born between **1 September 2017 and December 2017** you could be eligible for a two-year-old space from January 2020 and receive up to 15 hours free childcare each week. Please visit the new Early Years Checker on: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/eychecker to find out if your child is eligible.

All three and four year old children are entitled to 15 hour free childcare, however some children might be entitled to 30 hours free. If you are a working parent please check if your child is eligible on: <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

Year Group News:

What your child will learn next week

Nursery

Rhyme: 5 Little Monkeys swinging in a tree.

Reading: Walking Through the Jungle and Crocodile Tea

Painting monkey faces. Drawing Crocodile Teeth!

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Reception

Reading The 3 Little Pigs.

Reading and Writing: Story Elements - Beginning, Middle, End.

Maths: Addition and writing number sentences.

Designing and building the strongest house.

Rights Respecting Schools and British Values: Every child has a right to a voice. Democracy: Voting for our role play area theme. What will it be? Watch this space!

Year 1

Literacy: The snowman

Maths: Position (left and right), sequencing numbers, counting to 20.

Science: To understand that fruits and vegetables come from plants.

Geography: Where in the UK can we find castles?

Year 2

Literacy: The great fire of London

Maths: Multiplication

Science: Plants – investigation

Year 3

English: Learning about different features used in poetry.

Maths: Solving word problems involving length, mass and volume.

Science: Learning to describe different sound sources.

Year 4

English: Learning to form arguments and planning a balanced discussion.

Maths: Learning about fractions (mixed number).

Science: Looking at electrical appliances.

Year 5

Maths: Fractions/reasoning

English: Explanation text

Science: Earth, sun and moon (planets)

Year 6

Maths: Decimals (fluency, reasoning and problem solving) and arithmetic

English: Narrative writing and speech punctuation

Science: All living things - classification

06.01.2020	Staff Training Day – School closed to children
07.01.2020	Children return to school
07.01.2020 – 17.01.2020	Sign up for Downsell's Got Talent competition
15.01.2020	Closing date for Reception intake September 2020
14.01.2020	Stay and Play starts
20.01.2020 – 31.01.2020	Auditions for Downsell's Got Talent
23.01.2020	Handwriting Day
05.02.2020	Reading Breakfast
07.02.2020	Film Club
11.02.2020	Safer Internet Day
14.02.2020	Non-uniform day – Children with Cancer UK
17.02.2020 – 21.02.2020	Half Term Holiday
24.03.2020	Children return to school
02.03.2020 – 06.03.2020	Book Week
04.03.2020	Reading Breakfast
06.03.2020	World Book Day (Dress up day – non uniform)
11.03.2020	National Sing Up Day
12.03.2020	Downsell's Got Talent presentation to school (2pm)
12.03.2020	Downsell's Got Talent presentation to parents (6pm)
13.03.2020	Sport Relief Day (Non-uniform Day)
16.03.2020 – 20.03.2020	Science Week
20.03.2020	Science Week Fair in the hall (parents invited from 2.15pm)
20.03.2020	Film Club
25.03.2020	Easter Bonnet Competition
26.03.2020	Last day for Stay & Play
27.03.2020	Last day for clubs
27.03.2020	Spring Disco – Children with Cancer UK
30.03.2020	Inset Day – Teacher and Parent/Carer Review Day
31.03.2020 – 02.04.2020	Shaking up Shakespeare – Year 3
03.04.2020	Non-uniform day – Children with Cancer UK
03.04.2020	School closes at 1pm for Easter Holidays
06.04.2020 – 17.04.2020	Easter Holiday
20.04.2020	School re-opens for children