



Autumn Newsletter Rec

Downsell Primary School, Downsell Road, Leyton E15

Dear Parents/Carers,



Welcome to all our new children and their families.

We hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday and are ready for the term ahead. The children have settled extremely well into their new classes and are making lots of new friends.



Reception Staff

Class Jill Murphy - Teacher: Lauren

Early Years Practitioner: Mehnaz

Support Staff: Marufa, Chanchal and Esther

Class Julia Donaldson - Teacher: Marva

Early Years Practitioner: Zulal

Support Staff: Nicola



Punctuality & Attendance



May we take this opportunity to remind you that school starts at **8:45am** and finishes at **3:10pm**. Please can you make sure that your child is **punctual** 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. May we remind you to inform the school office if your contact details have changed.



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, as our school is a Nut Allergy Aware environment.





Curriculum

Please visit the Reception Year class pages on the school website to view our curriculum overview for the year.



Reading Books

Reading books are changed weekly. Your child will receive 2 books:

- Story book for you to share with your child. Reading and sharing storybooks with your child helps their language development and understanding of reading.
- Phonic reading book based on their reading level and should be read at home every evening.

Please write comments in the reading record books concerning your child's reading. Some questions you may wish to think about: **Can my child read the book? Can my child answer questions about the book?** Please ensure all books are kept in your child's bag and that they are returned to school on the required day.



Physical Education

Class Jill Murphy - PE on Tuesdays

Class Julia Donaldson - PE on Mondays

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:

- Navy blue or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- Plain white T-shirt
- Plimsolls or trainers

Please ensure that **all** of your child's clothing is named (including their school uniform) and placed in a bag.



Behaviour & Rewards

Good behaviour and work is rewarded through progressing onto the **behaviour ladder**. Unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated at any time. Hard work and good behaviour will be celebrated and acknowledged using a variety of reward systems. Please encourage your child to try their best throughout this term.



Homework

The children will receive weekly phonics and math homework. Project homework will be given every 3 weeks, this is a great opportunity to have fun whilst learning at home with your child. Talking with your child about their school day is a great way to develop speaking and listening skills. At the end of the day: Greet your child with a smile not a mobile.



And finally...

We look forward to your co-operation and continued commitment to your child's education. If you have any concerns, no matter how big or small, please feel free to make an appointment to see your child's teacher.

Yours sincerely,

The Reception Team

