



Autumn 2 2022 Newsletter EYFS

Downsell Primary School, Downsell Road, Leyton E15 2BS

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of our Autumn Term. We have been so busy last term with settling into our new classes, beginning phonics in Reception and Nursery, making new friends, Black History month, Diwali dancing and the term coming looks even busier!



EYFS staffing

Nursery:

- Karen Britton - Teacher & Early Years Coordinator
- Linda - Early Years Practitioner
- Sarah - Early Years Practitioner
- Shabina - Early Years Practitioner
- Honel - Early Years Practitioner
- Chantel - Support staff



Reception - Sarah Storey:

- Lauren - Class teacher - Leah covering maternity leave
- Jess - Early Years Practitioner
- Nicola - Support Staff



Reception - Ellie Simmonds:

- Farida - Class teacher
- Sarah - Early Years Practitioner
- Qamar - Early Years Practitioner
- Mehnaz - Early Years Practitioner
- Saiqa - Support staff

Uniform

Please make sure your child's clothing is clearly labelled. We have had lots of upset parents because we can't find their child's clothes but **this is impossible if you don't label everything!** A quick reminder that all shoes/trainers must be plain, black and with no flashing lights please.



PE

Reception children will all be starting PE this half term - Wednesday for Sarah Storey and Thursday for Ellie Simmonds. Children can wear their PE kit to school on these days, with trainers on please.



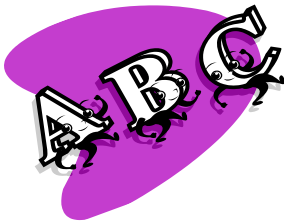
PE continued

PE kit is a white plain top, grey/black leggings/trousers, black plimsolls/trainers. **Absolutely NO Jewellery is allowed to be worn on these days.**



Jewellery

Please be aware that the school policy is that no jewellery is to be worn in school. A plain, simple watch is acceptable as are stud earrings. Children should not wearing any hanging earrings, bracelets or necklaces for safety reasons. If you wish your child to wear any religious items then please speak to their teacher who can advise on safety.



Intimate Care

Please speak to the staff if your child is still wearing nappies or pull-ups. We can work together to ensure they are fully toilet trained. We appreciate that accidents do happen so you are welcome to send in several changes of clothes in a named bag.

Book Bags

All children will need to bring a book bag in to school every week for Nursery - on Fridays, and daily for Reception children. We provide a story book to share daily with your child. You can read the story together and then as you look at each page ask some questions to develop understanding and concentration.



All pupils will be bringing home phonic sheets each week to practise at home. Please spend five minutes a day saying the sounds and writing them together, as well as thinking about the words that start with that sound.

Example questions you can ask when reading books together:

- What can you see in this picture?
- What do you think they are doing?
- What might happen next?





Tapestry

We use an electronic recording system, Tapestry, to monitor progress here at Downsell Primary. Please ensure that you are logging on and looking at your child's progress and please leave some remarks to let us know what they are learning at home!

If you are having trouble accessing Tapestry please email at Karen.britton@downsellprimary.waltham.sch.uk



Water Bottles

In order to maintain personal hygiene, **please provide your child with a water bottle, with their name clearly marked**, to use in class every day. We are unable to provide cups.

Reminders

- ❖ Parents of children transferring to **Reception in September 2023** will need to apply for a place by 15th January 2023

Go to www.walthamforest.gov.uk - applying for a primary school place. We suggest you do this as soon as possible.

- ❖ 02.11.22 - Reception Open day 1-2pm for September 23 entrants
- ❖ 24.11.22 - Reading Open Morning 9.00-9.30am
- ❖ TBC - Dental Health Team visit school
- ❖ TBC - Christmas Performances

We look forward to your co-operation and continued commitment to your child's education.

Yours sincerely,

The Early Years Team

