

Friday 16th September 2022

**A message from the
Head Teacher**

I know I have already spoken to many parents / carers out in the playground each day, but I wanted to have this first official welcome back to the start of the academic year. For those families that I have not managed to catch up with, I do hope that you all had a restful summer break.

We are two weeks into the start of this academic year and we have already had so much happening – it has truly been an amazing start to the year! The children have come back ready for learning and have settled well into their new classes, with our new starters in Early Years adapting so well to the school day already.

You will all be receiving an overview of important diary dates for activities / events happening in school for both our children and you as parents / carers, so there is a lot to look forward to.

This week we had ‘meet the teacher’ for Years 1 – 6 and next week Reception will hold their meet teacher session. During these sessions you would have had the chance to meet the Senior Leader for each year group. They will be your first point of call, after the class teacher, if you have anything school related that you would like to discuss about your child.

EYFS Lead: Karen Britton

Year 1 Senior Leader: Farida Kerr

Year 2 Senior Leader: Mark Rasem

Year 3 Senior Leader: Steve Rogers

Year 4 Senior Leader: Heather Soar

Year 5 Senior Leader: Sansel Guvercintasi

Year 6 Senior Leader: Patius Africa

Finally, I would like to wish all of our children the very best for this academic year and hope that they achieve their true potential in all that they do.

Best wishes,

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Mr Chetty
Head Teacher

Monday 19th September 2022



School will be closed on Monday 19 September, the date of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II’s State Funeral.

The day has been declared a bank holiday to allow individuals, businesses, and other organisations to pay their respects to Her Majesty and commemorate her reign.

School will be open again as normal on Tuesday 20th September.



Do you have any spare time during the school day?

If so, we need volunteers to support our children and school with things such as daily reading with the children, supporting in the school library and sorting resources.

If you are interested in helping us please contact the school office on 0208 556 0103.

Year 6



This week Year 6 had the amazing opportunity to take part in the 'Shaking up Shakespeare' workshop using the expertise of Anthony. The children re-enacted the story of Romeo and Juliet using drama and role play. The final show was amazing and they all in Shakespeare's term "broke a leg"!

Well done Year 6!

Uniform

We have a uniform policy in place to support the ethos of a community and belonging, here at Downsell. A reminder that all children should come to school in school uniform, unless it is their PE day. Your child can either wear our log branded uniform or non-branded uniform in our school colours. We also offer a second hand uniform sale at school with prices starting from £1. If you are having difficulty with providing school uniform for your child, please do come and speak to us as we may be able to help you.

Jewellery is not permitted and we will only allow small studs and a watch.



Safeguarding

A reminder that we will need to have at least two up to date contacts for your child on our system. This is to ensure that we can contact someone in the event of an emergency or regarding attendance if your child is not in school.

If you have not done so already, then please ensure that you give the office your up to date contact details.

Attendance

Our traffic light attendance monitoring has begun for all children at statutory school age. This means we will be tracking your child's attendance and inviting parents / carers in if your child's attendance is significantly below our target figure of 96%.

If you need any support with ensuring your child is in school every day, please speak to a member of the office team.

School dinners will be increasing to £2.41 from 10th October 2022.

British Fortnight

Menu 2022

MAINS

Homemade Cheddar Cheese
And Sweetcorn Quiche(v)
With Diced Potatoes

Crunchy Carrot Curry
With Mixed Rice(ve)

Sausage and Creamy Mash

VEGETABLES

British Green Vegetable Medley
Of Garden Peas,
Savoy Cabbage and Broccoli

DESSERT

Mixed Fruit Crumble
With Creamy Custard
British Fresh Fruit Platter
Organic Yogurt



Thursday 29th September 2022