

Monday 3rd October 2022

Last week at Downsell

Message from the Headteacher

I am sure you will all agree with me, when I say that last week was one of our busiest weeks so far, Friday in particular!

We had our first parent workshop of the year delivered by Early Help, the Macmillan Coffee Morning, class naming ceremony and our first school disco of the year. It was so lovely to see families engage with all the events planned at school. A reminder that the Autumn calendar of events has been shared with families, so that you can see in advance what is coming up.

I am very much looking forward to the remainder of the term and what we have planned and I do hope you are too.

Mr Chetty
Headteacher



Black History Month

Black History Month at Downsell

The theme this year is 'Time for Change: Actions not Words'.

Traditionally, we have celebrated key figures and events in Black history, but this year we want to recognise the achievements which were made in our community. The intention is to focus on our community and the children this year to share their life experiences and stories.

We wish to invite parents/carers and or grandparents who would like to come to our classes to talk about their life experiences of coming to and/or growing up in the UK with the children. If you would like to contribute during the month of October, it would be greatly appreciated. A letter of invitation will be sent out this week.



Reminders

Events coming up

Friday 7th October: Reading dress up day (non-uniform)

Tuesday 11th and Saturday 15th October: New Reception parents open day (2023-2024 intake) – 10am

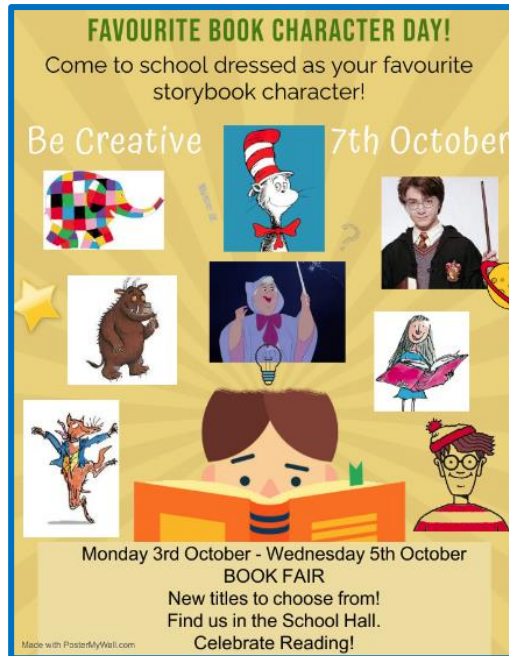
Wednesday 12th October: Parents phonics workshop (Reception and Year 1 parents) – 9am and 3.30pm

Thursday 13th October: Reading breakfast – Early Years

Friday 14th October: Reading breakfast (Years 3 -6)

Friday 14th October: Movie Night

Reading dress up day



Early Help Workshop

The next Early Help parent workshop will focus on Special educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). The Early Help practitioner will be sharing a wealth of resources and advice for parents / carers with children who have SEND.

Date: Monday 10th October

Time: 9am

Place: Downsell (hall) or access via Google Meets (code: EH)

School Streets

As you might be aware, from the leaflets that were given to children, the Local Authority will be introducing a 'School Street' around Downsell Primary School from Monday 10th October 2022.

Which roads will be affected and when?

The roads where vehicles will be restricted, at the start and end of the school day are:

- Brierley Road
- Downsell Road (between Ellingham Road and Modal Filter)
- Hall Road spur (from junction with Hall Road)

The restrictions will be enforced, Monday to Friday, term time only (not including bank holidays) between 8:15am - 9:15am and 2:45pm - 3:45pm.

Road signs will be displayed at all entry and exit points to the pedestrian and cycle zone advising of the restrictions. The restrictions will be supported by legal Traffic Management Orders and any vehicles that are not exempt will be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN). The cost of the PCN will be £130, which will be reduced to £65 if paid within 14 days.



Year Group News

Each week we will be celebrating the learning taking place in different year groups.

This week we are celebrating the learning that took place Year 2!

Year 2

Year 2 have been comparing what life is like in the UK compared to Africa, finding differences and similarities.



Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Downsell Primary School's PTA

We are looking to appoint a parent from each year group to become a year group rep and help the PTA. PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association and this group meet together to discuss ways to fundraise and organise events for our children. Would you be interested?

PTA meetings take place every fortnight on a Friday morning from 9-10am with tea and biscuits provided!

If you would like to be a year group rep, please speak to the school office.

Thank you.



WHY NOT COME ALONG TO OUR NEXT MEETING AND SEE WHAT WE'RE UP TO AND HOW YOU COULD HELP?

Downsell Primary School PTA

AGM

Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome.

Stay informed and get involved.

Electing our Chair, Treasurer and Secretary

School Hall
Friday 14th October 2022
9am



Parentkind
Member Association

Attendance Celebration

Our school target for all of our pupils is 96%.

Our attendance overall for last week (26.09.22 – 30.09.22) was 96.7% (Year 1 to Year 6)

Well done to the following classes who have achieved the school target last week!

Class	Attendance
Y1 Hamilton	98.6%
Y2 Zidane	98.3%
Y3 Ali	98.8%
Y3 Charlton	97.5%

Class	Attendance
Y4 Johnson-Thompson	99.4%
Y4 Messi	97.4%
Y6 Bolt	98.5%
Y6 Hoy	97.9%

Attendance

A reminder that our school attendance monitoring procedures are in place for this academic year. We will be meeting weekly with our school's attendance officer and monitoring the attendance of all children.

We have now been back at school for 4 full weeks and if your child has had 3 days off in this period then their attendance will have dropped to 85% already. While there may be valid reasons for their absences, it is important that as parents / carers you are aware of the impact of any days off school on your child's overall attendance figure. If you have any questions about attendance or need support to improve your child's attendance please ask at the school office.

Punctuality

We have done so well with punctuality this year – well done to all the families who are trying hard every day to ensure that their child / children are in school on time. School doors are open for children to come to class from 8.45am and the register is taken at 8.55am.

Did you know?

5 minutes late every day = 3 days of learning lost each academic year
10 minutes late every day = 6.5 days of learning lost each academic year
15 minutes late every day = 10 days of learning lost each academic year
20 minutes late every day = 13 days of learning lost each academic year
30 minutes late every day = 30 days of learning lost each academic year