



## Downside Primary School

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Dear parents

It continues to be very busy at Downside! Our phone lines appear to have been very temperamental recently. Please remember if you cannot get through to the Office, please email the school – as email is checked regularly.

We have a number of staff off school at the moment, who are isolating due to having Covid. Please continue to be vigilant and test your child using a Lateral Flow device if they have any symptoms. Where there are cases of Covid in the family home, please follow the guidance and test your child daily – to ensure they are not infected. We are continually monitoring the cases around the school and putting in contingency measures, where needed.

Since I last wrote, some of our Year 3 children have been to Wardown Park Museum, to take part in workshops linked to their history learning. Our PE teams have been doing remarkably well and recently our Years 3 and 4 came second in the town Sportshall athletics competition and our Years 5 and 6 came sixth. This is an amazing achievement and something we are very proud of.

### Parent Governor

Thank you to the two parents who volunteered to be Governors. There is no need for an election, as we had two spaces.

The new Parent Governors are: Livia Cori-Watts and Muhammad Usman Khan.

### Parent questionnaire

Each child is being sent home today with a paper copy of a parental questionnaire. Times in school have been particularly challenging recently and we were unable to send a questionnaire home last year – so if you could spare a couple of minutes, we would appreciate any comments you may have about our school, as part of our school evaluation.

Please can I ask parents to return forms by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

### Dinner money

As a reminder, dinner money must be paid in advance. Cash should be placed in a named envelope which can be posted into the letterbox outside the school Office. Our online payments system is available for card payments – to request login details, please contact the school Office.



## Chinese New Year lunch

Our traditional celebratory Chinese New Year lunch will take place on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. The menu is:

- Chinese red roasted chicken
- Bok choy stir fry vegetables
- Egg fried rice
- Vegetable spring rolls
- Prawn crackers
- Special pineapple and five-spice muffins for dessert

Please book your child a lunch on the day, if you would like them to take part in this celebration.

Yours sincerely,



### **A message from Citizen's advice: Important Information for EU, EEA or Swiss Citizens!**

Did you know that although the deadline has passed, you can still apply to the EU Settlement Scheme for Settled or Pre-Settled status?

If you haven't, it is important that you do so if you want to keep your rights to live, work or study in the UK and access healthcare and benefits.

An application must also be made for every eligible child within a family even if the parent(s) have already applied and been granted a status themselves.

If you need to check whether you need to apply, Citizens Advice can help

- By phone: 01582 544778
- By email: [eussadvice@lutoncab.org.uk](mailto:eussadvice@lutoncab.org.uk)
- Via website: <https://www.citizensadvice.luton.org.uk/eu-settled-status/>

Advice can be given about applying as well as help to complete applications, or to give follow up support about refusals, evidencing the correct documents, contacting the Resolution Centre and switching from Pre-settled to Settled status.