



# Downton Church of England VA Primary School

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Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Families,

Thank you all for your support during this very busy term.

## Farewell and Welcome

This week we have said a sad farewell to Mrs Foyle our Finance officer who has retired. We also say a sad farewell to Mrs Gerken who is leaving us today to extend her career in a secondary school and Mrs Marlow who has extended her hours in the NHS. We will miss them all dearly. We welcome Mrs Hall to our EYFS team, and Miss Livingston to our KS1 team. We are delighted to share that Mrs Dee will be rejoining us after the half term break.



## Volcano painting in Year 3/4

As part of their volcano topic, earlier this week our Year 3/4 classes created volcano paintings in the style of Nick Rowland. Their artistic flair was in full flow as they composed their artwork using the splatter paint technique, creating erupting volcanoes. As you can see, they did a fantastic job!



## Switch Off Day

We are having a **SWITCH OFF DAY** on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. This is to make us all think about saving energy by reducing the amount of energy we use both directly e.g. in lighting or heating or indirectly by re-using items rather than buying new ones and recycling waste where possible. We all have a part to play in reducing global warming.



## Junior Bake Off

Do you love baking? Are you aged between 9-12 years old? If you're bonkers about bread OR have a passion for pastry, then you could be baking in the famous white tent in 2023! They are looking for talented home bakers to impress the judges. So if you or someone you know is ready to dough battle, then why not apply now! Interested bakers can apply online at - [www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk](http://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk)



## SEN Services Information Event

Bookings for the Wiltshire Parent Carer Council (WPCC's) February 2023 Information Event are now open, which will take place on Friday 24th February 2023 at The Civic Centre, Trowbridge. This event will run from 9.30am to 2.00pm. We will be offering a workshop at this event on the Wiltshire SEND Inclusion Strategy, and a brief presentation on Wiltshire's Local Offer website. Please visit the website below for more information and to book your place.



[https://www.wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk/en/What we do - Events - Bookings for the WPCC%20%80%99s February 2023 Information Event are now Open!](https://www.wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk/en/What_we_do_-_Events_-_Bookings_for_the_WPCC%20%80%99s_February_2023_Information_Event_are_now_Open!)



### Dyslexia Workshop

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March, we would like to offer an online Dyslexia Workshop for parents which will be run by Wiltshire Council via TEAMS. We would like to find out which time would be most convenient. Please indicate your preference using this online form: <https://forms.office.com/e/8BpACFhxhr> and we will try our best to accommodate; we will book the slot with the most votes. If you are unable to attend the workshop, there will be information that we can share afterwards.

### Save the Date from the DPSA

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, the DPSA will be hosting "Chocolate Bingo" at 5:30pm in the school hall. There will be a "Dress Down Day" on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March in exchange for chocolate which will all be up for grabs on the night. The DPSA are working hard behind the scenes to plan this event and will be sharing all the details with you very soon!



It has been a very busy term for you and your children, have a well deserved and wonderful half term break. We look forward to seeing you and your children back in school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

Best wishes

Paula Carlton

