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Dear Families,

What a wonderful week we have had at school with a combination of amazing talent, exciting trips and gloriously sunny weather. Despite the challenges with the heat, Downton Primary School has been just the best place to be.

Year 6 production of A Midsummer Nights Dream

Wow, what can we say. Our Year 6 children absolutely blew us away with their fantastic production of A Midsummer Nights Dream! They oozed character and confidence, conveyed their lines with such conviction and sang their hearts out. All that hard work has certainly paid off, entertaining an audience at an evening and afternoon show, with nothing but absolute praise and positive comments from everyone who attended. Well done Falcons class, we could not be more proud, and what an absolute credit to your parents!



A Midsummer Music Soiree

On a very warm summer's evening earlier this week, we were treated to a lovely musical soiree courtesy of our talented children, who enjoy music lessons in school or attend the school choir club. What a fantastic display of talent, their confidence shone through, as they performed to a large audience. The programme was extensive with children playing violins, guitars, piano, brass as well as performing vocalists. Thank you to you all for a wonderful evening and to our DPSA for providing some much needed refreshments.



KS1 visit to Farleigh Hungerford Castle

As part of their topic work this term, Foxes, Dormice and Hedgehogs took a trip to Farleigh Hungerford Castle to extend their learning of castles. The children were able to expand on their learning in the classroom and explore the remains of a real-life castle and learning what life would have been like in the past.



Year 3 trip to Langford Lakes

This Year the Eco topic for Year 3 is biodiversity. To see this first hand in action, this week, they visited Langford Lakes and were able to understand more about the balance of nature. During the day, children took part in a range of Science and art based activities that demonstrate and celebrate the diversity of the nature reserve.



Walk for Wards

Last weekend, two of our children took part in the Walk for Wards charity event. Jack & George wanted to show their support for the Stars Appeal at Salisbury District Hospital after a family member was diagnosed with cancer. As a family they raised a huge £1345, and the boys were so proud of themselves, and their medals! Well done boys - to you and your family - we are very proud of you too!



Clubs and Wraparound care

All clubs and wraparound care are now open for Term 1. Please note that access to Term 1 bookings will only be available when all outstanding balances have been settled for Term 6. Please note that the deadline for any unsettled balances is midday Wednesday 20th July. After that, access to Term 1 bookings will not be available until we return in September, even if the balance is paid during the holidays. With the exception of wraparound care and Premier Sport, booking for all other clubs will remain available until midday on Monday 5th September, after this time any queries regarding booking will need to go directly via the office. Thank you.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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On Thursday 21st July, our last day of term, we will be attending a Leavers' Service at St Laurence's church to celebrate our Year 6 children and wish them well on their journey onto Secondary school. In order to facilitate walking all the children to church, we do require lots of lovely volunteers. If you are available during the morning, please let us know. We aim to leave by 9:10am and return to school by 10:45am, we would be very grateful for your time and help with this. Please do contact the school office if you are able to come along – we need you.

Win a trampoline!

Our DPSA have been gifted a trampoline by one of our families and its up for grabs. If you would like to be in with a chance of winning this amazing prize, tickets can be bought on SchoolGateway or in the school office - price is £2 for 5 tickets and the winner will be drawn on Wednesday 20th July, in time to enjoy for the summer holidays!



As we approach this lovely sunny weekend, I would like to thank you all for just being the best parents anywhere - the way you support your children as well as your offers of help, are just amazing, as are your positivity and smiles Thank you!

Have a great weekend.

Paula Carlton

