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Dear Families,

This week we marked Roald Dahl day by holding Buddy Reading Sessions across the school. It gave the opportunity for the children to enjoy some wonderful stories but also to get to know their new buddy for this year. Also this week, our Reception children stayed for lunch for the first time. They have already settled into school life and it is as if they have always been here. We look forward to them staying all day from Monday.



Green Flag

We are absolutely delighted to share that Downton Primary School has once again been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award – this time with a distinction. It is wonderful that we have such an enthusiastic pupil council, who demonstrate excellent commitment to sustainability and are so keen to facilitate change for the good of all. This is, in large, partly due to the actions and attitudes of our parents and staff in regard to setting a great example in raising the importance of taking care of our planet.

We are incredibly proud of your children and grateful to Mrs Wells and Mrs Hawkins, whose passion for our planet has resulted in so many positive changes in school. Our pupils have taken their great work beyond the school gates, and their challenges home with them. Well done! Your collective achievements in working towards saving our planets for future generations are astounding.



House Meetings

Today we held our School House meetings. Our Year 6 pupils were so confident as they delivered their speeches to their houses which they had all worked incredibly hard on, practicing them in class ahead of the meetings today. We are proud of them all.



E-safety

Next week we will be running e-safety sessions with Childnet to ensure that all pupils know how to stay safe when working online. Mrs Thomas has organised workshops for all classes and is in the process of arranging a date for a parent workshop in the near future. We would like to remind you about our monthly e-Safety parents newsletter, which can be found on our website: <https://downton-pri.wilts.sch.uk/esafety>



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our Year 5 children will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Thursday 29th September and inviting family and friends of the school along with the wider community including the Baptist Church. They will be asking for donations of cakes and biscuits whether they be home-made or shop bought, so that they can raise funds for this worthy cause. Look out for their posters.

As you are aware, school will be closed on Monday 19th September due to the State Funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II. I understand that the loss of the Queen may impact your family in many ways, possibly bringing to the forefront personal losses you may have suffered. This period of national mourning has for us all been a time for reflection around the life of the Queen and the significant impact she has had on our nation and beyond. Our thoughts are with the Royal Family and all the members of our community at this sad time.



Best wishes,

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