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Friday 1st March 2024

Dear Families,

Happy St David's day to you all. We would like to say a huge thank you to all the families who contributed chocolate donations for today's dress-down day. Your generosity has ensured that we'll have fantastic prize hampers for the DPSA's upcoming Chocolate Bingo event. It's incredible to see the support from our school community, and we're excited to transform your donations into prizes that will make Chocolate Bingo even more exciting. Keep your eyes peeled for more information about ticket sales, which will begin next week. Stay tuned for further details, which will be shared on Monday. Thank you once again for your generosity and support!



Road Safety Sessions

We were thrilled to welcome Celia from Wiltshire Council who led several engaging and informative road safety sessions across three days this week. The sessions were so interactive and our children learned valuable lessons about staying safe whilst navigating our busy roads and crossing streets. They found out lots about understanding traffic signals, as well as the importance of wearing bright clothing. We are sure that this visit has left our children with essential knowledge that they can carry with them for life. A huge thank you to Celia from Wiltshire Council for her commitment to ensuring our children cross Downton roads safely.



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Reader of the Term Trip

Our Term 3 Reader of the Term winners enjoyed a delightful trip to the Rocket Book Shop in Salisbury this week. During their visit, the children enjoyed yet another captivating storytelling session led by Jo, the owner. After choosing a book from the bookshop, they all enjoyed a treat at the Boston Tea Party to conclude their celebrations. Well done to all our young readers, we hope you had a wonderful time.



Disco reminder

Don't forget to buy tickets for next Thursday's World Book Day Disco event. Disco Dion is booked and the DPSA are all ready to go. Remember you can only buy tickets for this event online via SchoolGateway. The Reception and Key Stage 1 disco starts at 4:15pm, finishing at 5pm – please remember that all children must be supervised at this event, children cannot be left. The Key Stage 2 disco starts at 5:15pm, finishing at 6pm. Entry for both discos will be via the staff car park. There will also be sweet cones available to buy on the night and children are advised to bring their own water bottles for the event. We hope they are all looking forward to dancing the evening away!



Mini Marathon Reminder

The mini-marathon is such a wonderful event each year. All Key Stage 2 children are invited to enter by Friday 15th March. This year the team who run the mini-marathon are unable to permit entries on the day. We really would like to see as many of your children (and you) come along. Our staff team is already preparing for the event. We will shortly be sharing with you when our after school training sessions for children will commence. We look forward to sharing this special event with our families once again this year.



Year 4 Residential

We are counting down the weeks until Year 4 set off for their residential at Hooke Court which looks set to be a wonderful trip for them all. We have some outstanding balances and we need to finalise numbers with Hooke Court. If you plan for your child to attend, please can you ensure a payment of £70 is made by Tuesday 5th of March 2024. If you plan for your child not to attend, please can you email the office to confirm this – thank you.



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End of term Easter Service

As you will know, on **Thursday 28th of March**, we will end the term with our annual Easter Service at Saint Laurence's Church. We will be walking the whole school to the church for this event and require a large amount of adults to support with this.

If you are able to help, please email admin to confirm that you are able to do so. **We will be leaving school at 1.15pm and the service will end at 2.30pm.** The children will then be collected from the church and we will not be returning to school.

Thank you in advance for helping with this request. Events like these are not possible without the support of our wonderful parent community.



Hedge Planting at the Moot

The Downton Parish Council would like to invite all families to join them for hedge planting at Moot Lane Recreation Saturday 9th March 10 -12. No equipment needed but bring a spade if you have one.

Diary dates for the next two weeks

Monday 4 th March	Rabbits trip to Tinneys Firs
Tuesday 5 th March	Squirrels trip to Tinneys Firs
Wednesday 6 th March	Fixture - Y3/4 Quicksticks @ South Wilts CC
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day – dress as your favourite book character
Thursday 7 th March	DPSA School Disco with Disco Dion
Monday 11 th March	Fixture - Y5/6 Cross Country @ WSE
Tuesday 12 th March	KS1 trip to Marwell Zoo
Wednesday 13 th March	Fixture - Y3/4 Tag rugby @ WSE
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day

Have a great weekend.

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