



Downton Church of England VA Primary School

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Friday 21st April 2023

Dear Friends and Families,

What a lovely start to Term 5 it has been, the sun has been shining (until today) and the trees are blossoming. Please join me in welcoming Mr Jez Howell and Mrs Carly Butler to our teaching team, they are already making a difference to the children in Kestrels and Squirrels. We also welcome Mary-Lou and Florence-May.

Mini-Marathon

You may have noticed that Mini Marathon training has started again with training after school on most Wednesdays and all Thursdays until Saturday 20th May. Key Stage 2 children are welcome to join the training, which is usually completed by 3:50pm – this can be booked via SchoolGateway. If your child has not signed up for the Mini Marathon, it is not too late. You can enter your child on the day at the Laverstock site. Parents are also able to enter the races, each parent wins points for the school. We already have seven parents signed up so, if you wish to participate it is not too late – you can also sign up on the day.



Choir Performance

We are so proud of our School Choir and Year 2 Training Choir who performed to an audience of parents and family members on Wednesday afternoon. All of the children sang so beautifully at the event, which was a first public performance for many of them. It was just so lovely to see their confidence grow throughout the concert. A huge thank you to Mrs Sims for preparing them so well for this wonderful event. We have already had requests from parents for another date. Well done everyone.



Spaces for guitar lessons

We currently have a few spare spaces for guitar lessons with Mr Parks. If you would like to sign your child up for this instrument – please contact the office who will be delighted to support you with this.



Village Walk

On Tuesday, the children in Key Stage One had a wonderful time learning more about their topic Downton through time. They took part in a series of activities organised across the day by Owain, Ian and the team from Salisbury Museum. The children became history detectives on their guided walk of Downton, looking for clues and finding out more about the people who lived there and the places they worked.



They also enjoyed making clay faces of Kings and Queens inspired by those by The Goat, explore pottery found in Downton from the Stone Age right through to the Romans, work as a team to make their own mosaics and look at artefacts from the 20th century.



Bakers Needed!



Cuckoo Fair

The cake boxes for the Cuckoo Fair have been sent home today. We would be delighted if you could return these next Friday, with cakes for the coffee shop. Thank you – they are always so very popular.

At the moment, we still have quite a few spaces for volunteers to help at Cuckoo Fair. This is an important event for the school and funds raised ensure that we can keep the costs of trips down by ensuring that we have mini-buses. Signing up for just an hour will make such a difference. Thank you.



Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes

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Dates for the Fridge – Term 5 and 6

Term 5	
Monday 17th April	TD Day – school closed to all pupils
Tuesday 18 th April	First day of term
Tuesday 18 th April	Hedgehogs village walk – 9:05am – 10:15am
Tuesday 18 th April	Dormice village walk – 10:40am – 11:40am
Tuesday 18 th April	Foxes village walk – 1:30pm – 2:30pm
Friday 28 th April	International Language Day
Saturday 29 th April	Downton Cuckoo Fair
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 nd May	Living Eggs arrive in school
Tuesday 2 nd May	Year 4 residential to New Barn
Wednesday 3 rd May	Year 3 Sculpture Workshop with Neil Wood
Wednesday 3 rd May	Year 4 residential to New Barn
Friday 5 th May	School Class Photos
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday – King’s Coronation
Tuesday 9 th May	KS2 SATS Week
Tuesday 16 th May	Year 6 trip to Solent Sky Museum
Wednesday 17 th May	<i>Fixture</i> – Year 5/6 Cricket
Thursday 18 th May	Year 5 visit from Wessex Rivers Trust
Friday 19 th May	<i>Fixture</i> – Year 5/6 Football Tournament at Alderbury
Saturday 20 th May	Salisbury Schools Mini Marathon
Monday 22 nd May	Year 6 Bikeability – Group One
Tuesday 23 rd May	Year 6 Bikeability – Group One
Wednesday 24 th May	2023 Reception intake – Welcome Evening at 6pm
Thursday 25 th May	Sports Day – details TBC
Friday 26 th May	Last day of term
Term 6	
Monday 5th June	TD Day – school closed to all pupils
Tuesday 6 th June	First day of term
Wednesday 7 th June	DPSA Coffee Morning for 2023 Reception intake
Friday 9 th June	Dormice trip to Lepe Beach
Monday 12 th June	Hedgehogs trip to Lepe Beach
Monday 12 th June	Rabbits and Squirrels Open Classroom – 2:30pm
Tuesday 13 th June	Group A – Reception 2023 intake – 9:15am - 10:15am
Tuesday 13 th June	Foxes trip to Lepe Beach
Wednesday 14 th June	<i>Fixture</i> - Year 5 Quad Kids at Trafalgar
Wednesday 14 th June	Year 6 Residential – Osmington Bay
Thursday 15 th June	Year 6 Residential – Osmington Bay
Friday 16 th June	Year 6 Residential – Osmington Bay
Friday 16 th June	Foxes, Dormice & Hedgehogs Open Classroom – 2:30pm
Tuesday 20 th June	Group B – Reception 2023 intake – 9:15am - 10:15am



Wednesday 21 st June	<i>Fixture – Year 5/6 Rounders at Trafalgar</i>
Wednesday 21 st June	Year 6 Bikeability – Group Two
Thursday 22 nd June	Year 6 Bikeability – Group Two
Friday 23 rd June	Stags, Owls & Falcons Open Classroom – 2:30pm
Tuesday 27 th June	All children – Reception 2023 intake – 9:15am – 10:15am
Wednesday 28 th June	Gymnast Kelly Simm visiting the school
Thursday 6 th July	Year 6 Bikeability – Group Three
Friday 7 th July	Year 6 Bikeability – Group Three
Friday 7 th July	Hawks, Kestrels & Badgers Open Classroom – 2:30pm

*End of term details to be confirmed

