



# Downton Church of England VA Primary School

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Dear Families,

We have had a very busy and vibrant week. So many of our children have been out on trips or preparing for performances.

However, we were very sad that due to inclement weather on Monday, our training choir missed their debut singing event. However, we are delighted to share that we have rescheduled this performance to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 2:30pm, in the school hall. We are all looking forward to it.

### Reader of the Term

This week our Reader of the Term winners for the Spring term, visited the Rocket Bookshop in Salisbury. After Jo the bookshop owner shared some stories with them, the children, supported by Jo, enjoyed selecting a book of their choice to take home. The winners then celebrated their visit to Salisbury with a hot chocolate before coming back to school. Everyone had a fabulous time. Please encourage your children to keep reading five times a week, the next draw will be at the end of Term 5.



### KS2 School Councillors visit Ashley Grange

This week our Key stage 2 School Councillors, visited the residents of Ashley Grange nursing home, to deliver Easter cards made by the children in school. The team at Ashley Grange were intending to award prizes for the best cards. However, they found it so difficult to identify winners, they have sent prizes to all of the children in school. The residents were absolutely delighted with their cards and the children really enjoyed their visit!



## Foxes, Dormice and Hedgehogs visit to Blashford Lakes

This week our key stage one children have had a wonderful time visiting Blashford Lakes this week in order to consolidate their learning about maps. They particularly enjoyed using a big map to help them find hidden insects around the enclosed forest area. After a quick snack stop, the children worked in groups to hide treasure and forage for materials to make maps for other groups to follow. A great geography field trip.



## KS1 Cricket Skills Festival

On Thursday, a team of our KS1 children took part in a Cricket Skills Festival at Five Rivers Leisure Centre. The visit focussed on improving their cricket skills, this included using bats, practising different bowling techniques, catching skills and hitting wickets. The children were then challenged to take as many wickets down as possible, using long armed bowling! Well done to all of the children who took part - they represented Downton brilliantly!



Next week, meeting as many of you as possible at parent/teacher meetings over the first four days. We have tried to make this as easy as possible for you and will be interested to hear your views on this next term. We are also looking forward to our Year 3 /4 performances of Peter Pan on Monday and Tuesday.

As usual we will end the term with our Easter Service at St Laurence's Church. If you are able to walk up to Church with us, please let the office know. This year our service will start at 2pm and should end at approx 2:45pm. We look forward to seeing you all then.



Have a lovely weekend

*Paula Carter*

