



# Downton Church of England VA Primary School

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Dear Families,

It has been so lovely to end this short but busy term, by celebrating Sports day once again with you all. Luckily the weather has stayed with us for this event, thank you for joining us. I do hope you enjoyed being with us and again and would particularly like to say thank you to Miss Abel who organised this successful event.



### Mini Marathon

We are extremely proud of all of our children and parents who represented us in the Salisbury mini-marathon last weekend. They really earned their certificates and medals. A special mention for Lola who came 1st in the large school under 11's. Each and every child who participated did such a great job – so great that the school were placed in the top three in the large school category, for all four races. Thank you very much to Miss Abel for organising all of our after school runs in preparation for the event. Also a huge thank you to the DPS team and our families who all turned out to support all of our runners last Saturday morning at Laverstock. Just amazing!



### Generations Together Celebration

Yesterday, we joined The Trafalgar School, Giant Steps Preschool and members of the Baptist Church to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. Our children wore their Sunday best and enjoyed a picnic on the secondary school grounds listening to music performed by members of each of the schools. They were captivated listening to the older students perform so expertly. They enjoyed songs from our choir as well as listening to a performance by Giant Steps. The whole event was just lovely, we send our heartfelt thanks to Mr Curtis and his team for hosting this event. We would also like to send a special thank you to the Mrs Ford's in both schools who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that the day was just perfect.



## Healthy Me Week

This year the theme of our Healthy Me Week has been 'Incredible You'. The week started with a whole school worship in which children took part in a treasure hunt, working together to solve clues. The children learned that we all have treasures within us and that it is our job to discover and appreciate what these are – our skills, talents, the things we like and most importantly, our character strengths that allow us to dream, believe and achieve, and spread joy and happiness to those around us. These sentiments have continued throughout our learning this week and it has been a joy to see the confidence and smiles on the children's faces as they have taken part in Musical Theatre workshops and Kids Love Fit classes as well as carrying out whole class Random Acts of Kindness for each other.



## Year 3 trip to Salisbury Museum

On Monday (Hawks) and Tuesday (Kestrels) travelled to the Salisbury Museum where they were immersed in a day about the Romans, our Topic this term. They learnt about archaeologists and the tools they use (including how to spell the word); uncovering layers of history as you 'peel' back the soil and dig deeper; and learnt about which materials will be recovered by archaeologists and why (hint: which ones do not rot away). They were then able to handle and investigate Roman artifacts and even made a clay shard of our own. An explore around the Wessex gallery in the afternoon rounded out what was a fantastic day, enjoyed by everyone.

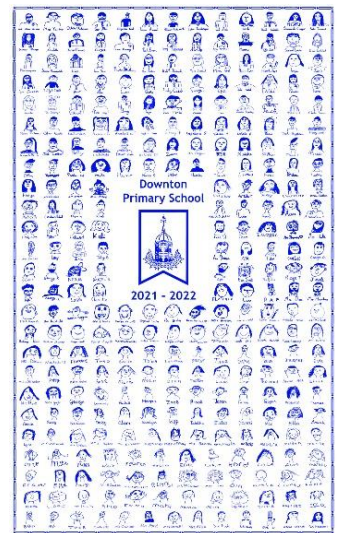


## DPSA Tea Towels

It is that time of year again where all the children spent some time drawing themselves for the much loved School Tea Towel. Orders can be placed via SchoolGateway and the deadline is Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June to ensure they arrive in good time for the end of the school year. This year it is a whole school tea towel so you have the fun task of spotting your child(ren) amongst everyone! Thank you to the DPSA for organising and co-ordinating this again for us this year – all funds raised help every single child at our school.

We are extremely proud of what we do at Downton Primary School. The school has a fabulous community and a talented team who really care about the children and as a result our children flourish. Thank you for your support and trust.

All that remains is for me is to say have a well earned rest over half term. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June for term 6.



*Paula Carter*

