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Dear Families,

The lighter evenings are once again upon us, which brings with them a feeling of hope and positivity. It's been a wonderful end to a very busy Spring term today, celebrating together at our Easter Service at St Laurence's.

### Peter Pan

Well done to our Year 3 /4 children on their performance of Peter Pan. It was just wonderful! From the offset, the play had us all gripped. As the story unfolded we were greeted by a moving performance by Rafe and Isla playing Mr and Mrs Darling and Florence as Nana. A performance that gently whisked away the audience from London into the wonderful world of Neverland. Wendy, Pan and Tinkerbell were played convincingly by Ana, Rosie & Ava. The children maintained a confident and engaging stage presence, captivating the audience throughout. The children demonstrated a wide range of acting skills that had the audience laughing and crying alongside them throughout.

Mr and Mrs Darling and Nana moved many of us to tears more than once. However, who could forget our Captain Hook and Smee whose interactions with each other were ones of tensions and comedy. The boys excellently portrayed villains with a comical edge, they really were marvellous. In fact, all of the children whatever their roles brought this story alive – well done Year 3 /4 you have set the bar high.



## EYFS Bear Hunt

This week was a special moment for our Reception children as they experienced their first trip on the school minibuses, visiting Tinneys Firs. They had a great time exploring the woods making animal homes for the Gruffalo characters and hunting for bear prints.



## Chocolate Bingo

A huge thank you to the DPSA for organising our Chocolate Bingo event last Friday. It was great to see so many of our families having a great time together. The event raised over £600 towards the school.



I would like to finish this term by saying thank you for your support and for your faith in us. Your children are amazing. The resilience and adaptability the staff and children have shown has been extraordinary. At Downton, we are proud to work hard because your children make it worth it and teaching them is an absolute privilege.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all bright and early on Tuesday, the 18th April.

Yours faithfully

*Paula Carter*

Headteacher

