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Dear Downton families,

As we enter weekend of celebrations as a nation, we have already begun to mark the significance of the coronation, in school. Today, your children have really enjoyed learning about the event as well as the historical relevance of the weekend ahead. I must thank our wonderful kitchen team who prepared a wonderful picnic lunch, baking coronation cup cakes for every child to enjoy. As they leave school today, every child will be wearing a Downton Primary School badge to mark the event and their own personalised crown. The children really have had a wonderful day.



Cuckoo Fair

Last weekend saw the annual Downton Cuckoo Fair arrive, drawing in thousands of people into our lovely village. Once again, the DPSA, our parents and our staff together helped run our Cuckoo Café in the school hall – which is always a wonderful place to come and enjoy a cup of tea, a slice of cake and also take a seat! This year we welcomed the Merry Mule Bar who were on hand to serve Pimms and ‘The Salisbury Butcher’ who cooked up a storm on the BBQ. We are at the moment awaiting the final total raised, however we hope to have raised around £3,500. Thank you for all of your support in helping raise this money – whether you volunteered on the day, baked a cake or came along to the café to enjoy a cup of tea and slice of cake. Thank you!



Sports Day

As you may have seen on the Dates for the Fridge sent at the start of term, this year our Sports Day has moved and will now be taking place on Thursday 25th May. Our Key Stage 1 children will be taking part in their races during the morning with Key Stage 2 after lunch. More details to follow..



Living Eggs

Our children are delighted to once again have the Living Eggs in school, funded by the DPSA. Each year the whole community enjoy to learning about the life cycle of the chicks. It really creates a lot of excitement across the school, as staff and children stop by to check in on them regularly. We are fortunate to have the chicks with us until next Friday.



International Language Day

For our celebration of language day last week, the whole school celebrated the Ukrainian language and culture. We would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Kondzelya and Mrs Pozykhailo for leading an inspiring assembly. They shared so much about Ukraine and the Ukrainian culture and we are lucky to have them as part of our school community. Take a look at the photos to see what we have been up to. Ask your child how to say hello and goodbye in Ukrainian.

“До нашого сьогоднішнього святкування дня мови вся школа святкує українську мову та культуру. Ми хотіли б висловити особливу подяку пані Кондзелі та пані Позихайлу за те, що вони очолили весняні збори. Вони так багато розповіли про Україну та українську культуру, і нам пощастило, що вони є частиною нашої шкільної спільноти. Погляньте на фотографії, щоб побачити, чим ми займалися. Запитайте дитину, як привітатися і попрощатися українською.”



Year 4 residential

Our Year 4 children had a wonderful time on their residential to New Barn this week. Every child I have spoken to had a great time. On the first day they enjoyed Living History Day activities. They were met by an Anglo-Saxon who taught them all about the period, which included houses, tools, weapons, armour, medicines and artwork. They finished the day with a BBQ around a campfire singing some very funny songs! On the second day, they were really challenged to build shelters from hazelwood – some of them even fit Mr Slater in!



Year 3 Sculpture Workshop

While the Year 4 were busy on their residential, Year 3 worked with professional sculptor. Our Year 3 children, create amazing Anglo Saxon plaques with clay, imprinted with designs using different techniques, and tools to make imprints. They also thoroughly enjoyed baking Anglo Saxon biscuits using natural materials.



As we approach this special weekend, we wish you all a lovely time with your families, whatever you may be doing to celebrate the King's Coronation. We look forward to seeing you back at school on Tuesday 9th May.

Best wishes,

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