



# Downton Church of England VA Primary School

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Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Families,

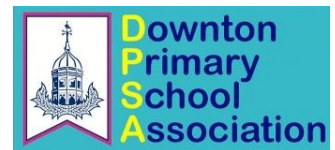
Happy New Year! We hope everyone has enjoyed celebrating Christmas and the arrival of 2022 over the last couple of weeks. The staff and I would like to thank you for all our lovely Christmas cards, presents and very generous contributions. They were all very much appreciated. We welcome all the children back after the Christmas holidays and give an especially warm welcome to our new starters – Edward, Titus, Harrison, Tayt and Florence. We hope you will all have many happy days here at Downton Primary School.

### Drop off and Collection

Arrangements remain the same as they were before our Christmas break and we would be most grateful if everyone would wear face masks when they are on the school site. All visitors who come into school will need to show evidence of a negative lateral flow test. Should a member of your household test positive for Covid, your child may still attend school as long as they have no symptoms and have had a negative lateral flow test each day. In order to ensure that we stay open, children with symptoms will be sent home.

### DPSA Meeting

The first DPSA meeting of 2022, is on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30pm via Zoom. We will share the link with you all on Monday – everyone is welcome to attend. Please come along and learn about their exciting plans for this year, how you can get involved and to hear what all the fundraising efforts will be funding in school over coming months.



### Exciting News

Please join us in congratulating Mrs Bates, on the birth of her beautiful baby girl, Etta May, who arrived on 22<sup>nd</sup> December. We send her and her family all our love and best wishes at this special time.

### Uniform

It has been lovely to see our children looking so smart as they have arrived at School. It is very important that children are dressed in the correct uniform, as this promotes good learning behaviour. May we take this opportunity to remind you that all school jumpers and cardigans should have the school logo and that ties should be worn by all children. Hair ties should be modest. If you have any queries, please do contact us. As always we will be continue working hard to ensure that uniform standards across the school remain high and that children have the appropriate clothing for PE sessions. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



### After School Clubs

We are excited to see the return of our after school clubs again starting next week. We have some new additions to the timetable for Key Stage Two which are Ukulele Club run by one of our parents Mr Barker as well as Pottery Club where children can get really creative using clay. There are still spaces available so please do check SchoolGateway for availability.



### Adverse Weather Conditions

In the event of adverse weather conditions, we will make every effort to make the school site safe by clearing and gritting paths for access. Should there be heavy snow, we cannot guarantee that all staff will be able to get here should roads be hazardous, as many teachers and teaching assistants live much further away than parents. We aim to make a decision by 7.30am, it is never an easy decision to make because even if some of the children can get to school, staff may not and we need to have enough staff to operate safely. If an early morning decision is made to close completely, because it is considered that the site is unsafe or due to lack of staff we will send out a comms and put it on on the school website and our Facebook page.



### Christmas Jumper Day

While Christmas may seem like a distant memory now, we wanted to share with you the total raised from our Christmas Jumper Day at the end of last term. The children really had a wonderful day not only wearing their festive knits, but also enjoying their Christmas lunch. We are delighted to say that we raised £185 for Save the Children – thank you for your support.

### 11+ preparation

The 11+ Familiarisation Club will restart on Monday 10th January for another five sessions this term. If there are any Year 5 pupils who are interested in joining in with the group, they would be made very welcome. Please enquire via the School Office for further details.

### Dates for the Fridge

We have attached the Dates for the Fridge for Term 3 and 4. We have lots of plans in the pipeline and we will send a revised and updated version when we receive confirmation of events. These will also be added to the school calendar on our website should you wish to refer to that too: <https://downton-pri.wilts.sch.uk/calendar>

I would like to say thank you to all of you who have greeted our team so warmly once again as we start this busy term.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Paula Carlton".

Paula Carlton



## Dates for the Fridge Term 3 & 4

<b>Term 3</b>	
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>TD Day</b>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of term
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Flu Immunisations
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	DPSA Meeting via Zoom at 7:30pm
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 3 & 4 hockey at Alderbury
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 3 & 4 mixed indoor football at Trafalgar
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	School Garden Maintenance – volunteers needed
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Place 2 Be Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 trip to Winchester Science Museum
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	International Language Day
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 trip to Salisbury Cathedral
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term
<b>Term 4</b>	
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>School closed to all children</b>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	First day of term
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Pancake Day
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 trip to Salisbury Cathedral
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 & 4 show
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 & 4 show
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Reports home to parents
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Parents Evening
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Parents Evening
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Service – details TBC
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term

\*Switch Off Day – date TBC

