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Friday 8th March 2024

Dear Families,

The sun is shining and the daffodils are starting to bloom, what a fabulous way to end this week.

Happy World Book Day

Thank you all so much for making this years World Book Day so memorable for our children. I think the pictures speak for themselves. Everyone had the most magical day. All day we celebrated the magical world of books! Whether it was diving into adventurous tales, exploring faraway lands, or meeting fascinating characters, children discovered that books have the power to transport them to incredible places and ignite their imaginations!

The children thoroughly enjoyed showing off their favourite book characters with huge smiles! From brave superheroes to wise wizards, the creativity within our school community was evident. And let's not forget our amazing team, who also brought stories to life with captivating readings and activities! It would be great if you could join in the fun by reading your favourite childrens book with your little ones at home. Let's continue to inspire a love for reading that will last a lifetime.



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DPSA School Disco

The much-awaited DPSA School Disco was a huge success yesterday. Our little stars dazzled the dance floor with their incredible moves and contagious energy, all thanks to the one and only Disco Dion. From funky tunes to disco lights, the atmosphere was electric. The joy on the children's faces was absolutely wonderful; we couldn't have asked for a better way to round off our World Book Day celebrations. I would like to say a huge thank you to the DPSA, volunteers and teachers who helped make this event a success. Your support and enthusiasm truly made a difference.



Quicksticks tournament

On Tuesday, two teams of Year 3/4 children represented us at the Salisbury & South Wilts Cricket Club in an exciting Quicksticks Hockey tournament. The teams exhibited remarkable determination and enthusiasm throughout the day, showcasing their skills on the field. Standout performances included impressive goals from Cooper (Kestrels) and Josh (Hawks). We are thrilled to share with you that one of our teams achieved 2nd place, bringing home yet more medals to our school. This accomplishment fills us all with immense pride, and we extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the participants for their outstanding efforts!



Wraparound care

We thought it would be useful to let you know that we have had some slots become available for our wraparound care over the next couple of weeks which can be seen and booked on SchoolGateway. We do politely request that should your child no longer be attending a session you have booked, that you let the school office know so the space can be offered to a family who needs it, thank you.



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Chocolate Bingo

Tables are filling up fast for the upcoming Chocolate Bingo event and only a few spaces remain. If you would like to attend, please book your space on SchoolGateway. If you are unable to make it to the event, don't worry – there are also some chocolate hampers up for grabs with the Chocolate Raffle! Tickets for this can be purchased on SchoolGateway or from the school office.



Diary dates for the next two weeks

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| Monday 11 th March | Fixture - Y5/6 Cross Country @ WSE |
| Tuesday 12 th March | KS1 trip to Marwell Zoo |
| Wednesday 13 th March | Fixture - Y3/4 Tag rugby @ WSE |
| Friday 15 th March | Red Nose Day |
| Friday 15 th March | Deadline for Mini Marathon entries |
| Monday 18 th March | Year 6 Residential |
| Monday 18 th March | Year 3/4 Show – Afternoon performance |
| Monday 18 th March | Living Eggs arrive in school |
| Tuesday 19 th March | Year 6 Residential |
| Tuesday 19 th March | Year 3/4 Show – Evening performance |
| Wednesday 20 th March | Year 6 Residential |
| Thursday 21 st March | Fixture - Y4/5 Orienteering @ Dinton Park |
| Friday 22 nd March | Reports home to parents |
| Friday 22 nd March | DPSA Chocolate Bingo – eyes down at 5:30pm |

As we head into what promises to be a beautiful weekend, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support in all that we undertake here at Downton Primary School. It really is the incredible support from our families that truly makes all the difference. Thank you for being such an integral part of our community. Have a fantastic weekend ahead!

Paula Carlton



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