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Dear Families,

Thank you so much for your support for the DPSA this week. Whether your child attended the school disco or you sent in a contribution towards the Christmas Extravaganza, we are most grateful to you. I would like to thank the DPSA committee, volunteers and staff who made it all possible. Funds raised go towards the running of the mini buses. Our children had a wonderful time raising funds for the school. The DPSA are currently looking for a new chair and treasurer, please let the school office know if you are interested. Without your support, the DPSA could not continue.

Harvest Festival

On Monday morning all children will be celebrating Harvest in the Baptist Church. They will be walking to the church with their buddies, making this a very special celebration. We have asked that every child brings a **can of food** with them to church so that we can donate these to vulnerable families. If you have yet to send in a can of food, please do so if you can - it will really make a difference. As you can see from the photograph, Year 6 are already prepared.



Dress Down Day

The school certainly looks very bright and colourful today as the children have come to school wearing all their favourite colours of the rainbow. On behalf of the DPSA, a huge thank you for the donations of wine and chocolate which will be used as tombola prizes at the upcoming Christmas Extravaganza. Our Reception children have continued the colourful theme today by making wind socks and learning about how they can use them to tell what direction the wind is blowing – well done!



Year 5 & 6 Football Tournament

This week, a team of our Year 5 and 6 children travelled to Pembroke Park Primary school to compete in a Year 5 & 6 football tournament. The players gave absolutely everything and should be very proud of their effort, team work and character. There were so many positives to take from the game and they came away holding their heads high with a third place win in their group. We look forward to our next small school's tournament on Monday afternoon at Alderbury Primary School.



DPSA School Disco

Wow, what a fantastic night the children all had with Disco Dion this week at the DPSA Disco. It was lovely to be able to hold an event like this again after such a long time and the excitement amongst the children was evident! We would like to say a huge thank you to the DPSA volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this event happen and to all the staff who also gave up their time to come along and help. Every child who attended the disco was entered into a prize draw to win a £10 Smyths voucher, and we are pleased to share with you that our winners are Betsy in Year 1 and Savannah in Year 6 - congratulations! We are also pleased to share with you that the disco raised over £600 for the DPSA – thank you all so much for your support.



Christmas Cards

Over the last couple of weeks, our children have completed some wonderful Christmas card designs in school. These have been sent home with the children this week and can be made into cards as well as some other fantastic gifts. Please support our DPSA as much as you can with these orders – the children will benefit from the funds that these orders generate! The deadline is Friday 15th October and payments should be made using SchoolGateway.



Christmas Shoe Boxes

Thank you so much to those of you who have already sent in Christmas Shoe Boxes. These make such a difference to the children who receive them. If you wish to prepare more than one, or would like a leaflet, there will be additional leaflets in the office from Monday. The deadline for returning the shoe boxes to school is Monday 18th October.



Congratulations!

Please join me in congratulating Mrs Bates and her family on the impending arrival of a new addition to their lovely family at Christmas. This will mean that Mrs Bates will be on maternity leave from January 2022. We wish them all the best!

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome our new teaching assistant Miss Jones to our wonderful team here at Downton who joins our Reception team. Some of you may already recognise her if your child attended Giant Steps Nursery, the children certainly do! Please do say hello to her when you see her.



Have a relaxing weekend – your children have been working extremely hard.

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