



# Downton Church of England VA Primary School

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Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Families,

Welcome back to you all, I hope that you have all had a lovely summer and stress free first week back. Please join me in extending an especially warm welcome to our new non-EYFS pupils – Jago, Odin, Zachary, Jake and Jazmin. We hope you will all have many happy days with us here at Downton Primary School.

This week on the gate, and around the school, it has been so apparent that our children have once again arrived excited and enthused for the adventures we have in store. Thank you all for always preparing them for the new school term so wonderfully. Already, the sound of laughter at playtime and in the hall at lunchtime is a lovely reminder of the wonderful times ahead of us.



We are also delighted to share that our newest and youngest members of the Downton Primary School family, have made a fantastic start to their school journey this week. In just a short time they have settled into their new environment, brimming with curiosity and enthusiasm. They have already started to build strong relationship with their teachers and peers and are enjoying exploring the school. These early days of school are a time of wonder and discovery, and we can't wait to witness their growth and learning over the year ahead.



We are delighted to welcome our new teachers Mrs Wakeman and Mrs Maddison to our wonderful Year 3/4 team here at Downton. We are also pleased to share that Miss Gardner has joined us as a teaching assistant. Please do say hello to them, when you see them!



Yes  
We're  
Open!

### New security system

Over the summer, we have had a new security system installed throughout the school. When you come to visit us at the school office, you will notice these changes as the front door no longer remains unlocked and is now always secured. Simply give the door a knock and Mrs Savage, Mrs Allin or another member of staff will let you in.

### Water Safety Quizzes from Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue

With the warm weather still with us, please help your children remember how they can stay safe when in or near water.

Please take a few minutes to go through the quizzes with them to remind them how enjoy the water safely, especially if you are considering going to one of our lovely beaches, rivers or other waterways this weekend.

Every entry will be sent a certificate and one winning entry will be chosen from each quiz and win a VIP trip to a DWFRS fire station and a playmobil or lego set (please see quiz for details of which prize)

- All children <https://forms.office.com/e/mTeYPWqQWw>
- Reception and Key Stage 1 children <https://forms.office.com/e/jPCVnGHGjw>
- Key Stage 2 children <https://forms.office.com/e/7r6XZbKJb7>

During this warm weather, there is an amber wildfire alert, please avoid having BBQs and open fires in the countryside.

Thank you,

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service.



### Topic maps & knowledge organisers

Today, your child will be bringing home their topic maps and knowledge organisers for the term. These resources will provide you with insight into what your child will be learning in the coming weeks. On Monday we will be sending you a preliminary version of our dates for the fridge to assist with planning for the term ahead.

It truly has been a lovely start to the term, we look forward to sharing our learning with you throughout the year.

Have a great weekend

Yours sincerely,

*Paula Carter*

Headteacher

