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Dear Friends and Families,

As we reach the end of the first full week of 2024 there is already much to celebrate.

Downton Makes its Mark

We are delighted to announce another showcase of the remarkable artistic talents within our school community. Once again, an array of artwork from pupils across the school is on show in the foyer of the Five Rivers Leisure Centre, transforming the space into an art gallery. This year's exhibition is aptly titled "Downton Makes its Mark," reflecting the unique contributions of our pupils to the world of art. This year's theme has inspired a rich tapestry of creativity, where each piece carries the distinctive mark of individual artists demonstrating imagination and artistic expression.



Reader of the Term

Our Reader of the Term winners from Term 2 embarked on a delightful trip to the Rocket Book Shop in Salisbury yesterday. This special treat allowed them to immerse themselves in the magical world of stories and choose a book to call their own. The winners were treated to a captivating session, where Miss Abel, shared enchanting stories that captivated the imagination of our young readers. What's a literary adventure without a sweet treat? Many of our winners returned to school with chocolate moustaches – a delightful hallmark of the yummy hot chocolate they enjoyed after their visit to the bookshop. The shared laughter and chocolatey smiles were a testament to the wonderful memories created during this special outing. We also send a special congratulations to our Reader of the Term winners for Term 2. Your dedication to the world of books and stories is truly commendable, and we hope this special outing has added to the joy and excitement of your reading journey.



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Air Ambulance Team inspiration

We would like to extend our thanks to Andrew from Wiltshire Air Ambulance for his dedication in educating our children on vital lifesaving skills. Throughout his time with us, Andrew ran sessions for classes across the school, to teach our pupil's with essential lifesaving skills, from making a 999 call to managing an unconscious patient. It was evident that his sessions fostered a sense of preparedness. The children were thoroughly engaged and enjoyed putting theory into practise. One parent shared that after their session their child showed the family how to put someone in the recovery position, while another told them that when completing CPR, it's OK if you break a rib because you are saving their life.



Date for your diaries

It may only be January, but we are pleased to be able to share with you the date for this year's Sports Day which will be taking place on Thursday 23rd May. We understand the importance of your presence and support, so we want to provide ample advance notice to ensure you can join us for this thrilling event. Get ready to cheer on your children as they participate in various exciting activities. More details will follow, but for now, save the date and prepare for a day of excitement. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mark your calendar

As we move forward through term 3, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributes to the vibrant tapestry of our school community. Your support, enthusiasm, and dedication make our school a thriving hub of learning, creativity, and positivity.

Remember, our collective efforts are what propel us forward, and it's the unique contributions of each pupil, parent, teacher, and staff member that shape the rich character of our school. Thank you.

Best wishes

Paula Carlton



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