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Dear Families,

What a lovely start to term 6. We welcome all the children back after the half term break and give an especially warm welcome to our new starters – Oscar and Rowan. We hope you will all have many happy days here at Downton Primary School.



This week we also welcomed our first group of Reception children who will be joining us in September. The children spent time getting to know their class teacher, exploring their classrooms, enjoying a selection of the class resources and also making new friends. We welcome our next group on Tuesday and look forward to meeting them all together again the following week.

As I write, our Year 6 children are currently away at PGL in Osmington Bay. We have heard through despatches that they have had a wonderful time, dragon boating at Portland Sailing Academy, street surfing, buggy building, and abseiling amongst other activities. All of our children particularly enjoyed the campfire activity last night.



This term's value is humility, which has already been evident in many of your children's care of and for each other. Last week a group of our Year 6 pupils, helped out at the elderly lunch in the Baptist Church. They were a real credit to our school and told me that they thoroughly enjoyed their time over there. Over the next few weeks other children from the cohort will support these lunches. As our Year 6 pupils were serving Lenten lunches when we went into lockdown, it really does feel like we are now fully back to where we were.

RE Day

On Friday last week, Katy from the Baptist Church ran workshops for all classes at the Church. Children learned about the Parable of the Prodigal Son, and made tiles for our prayer garden to welcome visitors to our School. It was a truly memorable day and we would like to thank Katy and her team for making it so very special.



Fire Safety Visit

This week Year 5 and KS1 had a visit from the Fire Safety team from Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service. They were captivated by Jon who explained to our younger children the role of a firefighter and what they do as well as learning about why smoke alarms are important and how to stay safe. Our Year 5 children looked at the the main causes of fire in the home and kitchen and electrical safety. We would like to thank Jon for his time and for giving our children valuable information to help keep them and their families safe.



Thank You

We would like to thank Malcolm Dean for raising £731 at the village Jubilee event on the Memorial Gardens. He really is passionate about raising funds for causes and this is one of many events that he has raised funds for us. We are so grateful to him for this well needed donation. We would also like to thank our parents (and grandparents) who abseiled the Spinnaker Tower to raise funds for the DPSA. We are truly humbled by your generosity of spirit.



Just a reminder...



Uniform

It has been lovely to see our children looking so smart as they have arrived at School, in their summer uniform. 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. Long hair must be tied up and hair ties should be small and school colours. 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 support with this.

There are so many special events and trips planned for this term, we have included an updated Dates for the Fridge with this newsletter. Should you have any queries please get in touch. Thank you all for your continuing support and cooperation.

Best wishes

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Dates for the Fridge – Term 6

Term 6	
Monday 6 th June	First day of term
Wednesday 8 th June	Year 5 & 6 Quad Kids at Wyvern
Friday 10 th June	World Faith Day
Monday 13 th June	Year 6 Bikeability – Group 1
Tuesday 14 th June	Year 6 Bikeability – Group 1
Tuesday 14 th June	2022 Reception intake – Group A visit
Wednesday 15 th June	Year 1, 2 and 5 Fire Safety Talk
Wednesday 15 th June	Year 6 Residential
Thursday 16 th June	Year 6 Residential
Friday 17 th June	Year 6 Residential
Monday 20 th June	Year 6 trip to Chalke Valley History Festival
Monday 20 th June	Year 3 Geography Fieldwork in Downton
Tuesday 21 st June	2022 Reception intake – Group B visit
Tuesday 21 st June	Year 5 taster day at Burgate
Wednesday 22 nd June	Year 6 Shakespeare Workshop with West End in Schools
Wednesday 22 nd June	Year 5/6 Quad Kids tournament at Wyvern St Edmunds
Thursday 23 rd June	Year 5/6 Rounders at Trafalgar
Thursday 23 rd June	DPSA Film Night – Encanto!
Monday 27 th June	Year 5 taster day at Trafalgar
Tuesday 28 th June	2022 Reception intake – whole class visit
Wednesday 29 th June	Year 2 Waterwise Visit – 1:30pm
Friday 1 st July	Football at Alderbury
Friday 1 st July	Year 6 induction day at Burgate
Monday 4 th July	Rabbits & Squirrels trip to Hillier Gardens
Monday 4 th July	Parent teacher meetings
Tuesday 5 th July	Year 6 Leavers Service at Salisbury Cathedral (details TBC)
Tuesday 5 th July	SAYM String Morning at Bishops
Wednesday 6 th July	Bump Up Day
Wednesday 6 th July	Year 6 induction day at Trafalgar
Thursday 7 th July	Year 1 Foxes trip to Farleigh Hungerford Castle
Thursday 7 th July	Parent teacher meetings
Thursday 7 th July	Year 6 Bikeability – Group 2
Friday 8 th July	Year 6 Bikeability – Group 2
Friday 8 th July	Year 2 Hedgehogs trip to Farleigh Hungerford Castle
Friday 8 th July	Year 3 Recorder Concert
Monday 11 th July	Year 1/2 Dormice trip to Farleigh Hungerford Castle
Monday 11 th July	Year 6 Performance - evening (details TBC)
Tuesday 12 th July	Year 6 Performance - afternoon (details TBC)
Tuesday 12 th July	Year 3 trip to Langford Lakes



Wednesday 13 th July	Music Soiree (details TBC)
Thursday 14 th July	Year 3 trip to Langford Lakes
Thursday 14 th July	Commonwealth Baton Relay
Thursday 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers Service (details TBC)
Thursday 21 st July	Last day of term
Friday 22nd July	TD Day
Monday 25th July	TD Day

