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Friday 23rd June 2023

Dear friends and families

We have been busy in school this week, with visitors and sports events. We are really pleased with our new umbrellas which create extra shade for pupils when they are outside.

Osmington Bay

Organising and being prepared for a residential visit is a huge undertaking on the part of so many people, from parents to pupils to teachers. But the Year 6 children were a credit to each and every one of you. Mr Bunn and Mrs Yevko, couldn't have been more impressed by their amazing class. They combined a perfect sense of adventure, with a great mindset, and manners and behaviour that were second to none. They climbed and abseiled, paddled and panted with wonderful enthusiasm. The sun shone, and each of the three days was filled laughter and kindness. Congratulations one and all for representing our school in such a positive way.



Trafalgar Rounders Tournament

We are all enjoying countless summer days of sunshine at the moment. Perfect for all the outdoor activities happening in and around school. Wednesday morning was no exception, until the grey rain-filled clouds appeared overhead. Year 6 were mid-tournament in a very exciting rounders competition, when the rain came. In a tournament comprising of six teams, Downton Primary School finished in first and second place! Not only did they demonstrate their fine sporting skills, but were also head and shoulders above the other teams regarding the equally important element of sportsmanship. Another occasion to be very proud of Falcons Class.



Bournemouth Water visit

This week Year Two were visited by Bournemouth Water and Life Education Centre. During the session, the children discussed why water is important, uses of water, the water safety and water reaching our tap as well as talking about ways to save water at home – a handy guide can be found attached to this newsletter. They also worked together in an interactive activity to create a water works system from tower to tap using pictures and water pipes. We are so proud of all of our children for their fantastic sharing of ideas, complemented by Lucy at Waterwise telling us they listened and participated brilliantly in the session – well done Year 2!



Training Choir Concert

We are thrilled to share the incredible success of the Year 2 Training Choir Concert, which took place on Monday. The concert was a true testament to the dedication and hard work of our Year 2 children who have been practicing hard every week, and we would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the exceptional efforts of Mrs Sims. They performed a medley of songs to a full audience of their parents, grandparents and extended families – all of them sung with such confidence. We hope you enjoyed it!



Millennium Green

This week Stephanie Jalland from the Millennium Green Committee came into school to invite children to a celebration planned for Sunday 9th July. The children were excited and keen to find out more about this lovely space. Details of the event are shared on the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

Gate

From next week we will be opening the gates at the front and back of the school at pick up, although it is parental choice as to which gate you would like to pick up from. This will ease congestion and the numbers of people coming in through Gravel Close.



Goodbye

Today we say goodbye to Mr Slater who leaves us to prepare to start teacher training in September. He has been a wonderful addition to our team and will be missed by us all. Please join me in wishing him every success in his new career. We know he will be a great teacher.

Vacancy for Wraparound Care

As we lose a member of our wraparound care team, we have been advertising to replace Mr Slater for some time now, without success, in order for us to continue the provision at its current capacity. We would be most grateful if you could share the advert which is currently on our Facebook page or via this link:

<https://www.mynewterm.com/jobs/126475/EDV-2023-DCVPS-62420> with friends and family. Thank you.



**Just a
reminder...**



Reminder

We would like to take a moment to remind you about an important health and safety measure at our school. In light of recent events, where we have had one case of nits, we kindly request that children with long hair wear it up while attending school. This precautionary measure not only ensures the well-being of our children but also helps in preventing the spread of nits within the school community. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Have a relaxing family weekend.

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An invitation to
Downton Millennium Green Celebrates!
Sunday 9th July 2023
2pm- 4pm.

If you are a regular visitor or you have never visited before, come and learn what wildlife lives here, how to take care of it and keep it safe for future generations.

Explore the green, the sights and sounds of birds, trees, different grasses and flowers on a summer afternoon.

Bring your own picnic, chairs or rugs.

Bring your children, your grandchildren, your friends.

Well behaved dogs welcome. There will be toilet facilities.

Wild New Forest www.wildnewforest.co.uk share what wildlife and plants to look out for.



Willow weaver Alison Pritt selling willow structures and sharing skills . Lots of willows grow here.

A fun nature treasure trail activity for young ones and their grown ups to follow.

Members of Downton Millennium Green Trust will be able to answer your questions and share information on how you can support this precious space, which is all managed and maintained by volunteers.

The star of the day is Downton Millennium Green itself. If you haven't discovered it yet, please join us!



SUMMER

TENNIS CAMPS

8-10 AUGUST

15-17 AUGUST

9:30 - 3:30

SALISBURY LAWN TENNIS CLUB- SP2 8DQ



What to expect...

- Specialist coaching from LTA licensed coaches
- Tennis activities and games
- Matches and fun tournaments
- Inflatable games on day 3!
- Please bring packed lunches and drinks
- Rackets can be provided

**PRIZES TO BE
WON EVERYDAY!**

To book contact
RORY
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07446 841582

Payment details:
£35 per day
(or £95 for 3 days)

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made by 16th June