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Dear Families,

What a wonderful start to term 5 we have had already. Yesterday our School Council met with the representatives of the Parish Council to discuss changes to the Memorial Gardens and Moot Lane. The children confidently expressed the views of their peers from the classrooms and suggested things which would help the whole community not just themselves.



Easter Service



The Easter service was such a lovely way to end last term, and the last few years away from church. It was truly wonderful to hear the children sing and read and to start their Easter celebrations in this way. Thank you all for your patience and understanding and for joining us for this special event.



Opera Magic Workshop



Last term Years 6 and 4 attended an Opera Magic workshop at St Lawrences Church. They dressed for the occasion and thoroughly enjoyed every second of the event. They told me that the company performed scenes from 'Carmen' and 'The Barber of Seville'. Emily and James said they really enjoyed wearing wigs and loved it when the performers gave out flowers to the boys.

Easter Walk



At the end of term 4, the whole school shared the Easter story from Jesus riding into Jerusalem up to and including the resurrection on Easter Sunday, in the form of an Easter walk. Each class wrote prayers, poems and reflections about every aspect of the story and linked it with our values today. The work produced was thought provoking and celebratory. It really was a very special day.

Interschool Photographic Competition

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Interschool Photographic Competition. The judging panel were delighted by the standard and diversity of responses to the theme "New Beginnings". We are delighted to say that photographs submitted by 3 of our children and also one of our staff members have been selected to be part of the final exhibition which will be shown at the New Forest Heritage Centre Gallery, Lyndhurst between Saturday 30th April and Wednesday 6th July. A huge well done to Eva in Year 5, Lewis in Year 4, William in Year 6 and also Mr Bunn who will have their photos featured in the exhibition.





Year 3 and 4 Football Match

On Monday 4th April, a team of our Year 3 and 4 children welcomed Morgans Vale Primary School for a fixture at Downton Football Club. The final score ended a very impressive 14-0 to Downton - our team showed superb ability, togetherness, and sportsmanship throughout the game despite the big scoreline. We were extremely impressed and proud of the team and look forward to arranging more fixtures this term. Well done to Joel, Thomas, Oliver, Fraser, Henry, Teddy, Harry, Theo and Daniel. A big thank you to Rae Hughes for organising the facilities and stepping in to officiate the match.

Downton Cuckoo Fair

We look forward to seeing you all at the Cuckoo Fair on Saturday. Thank you so much to so many of you for offering to help the DPSA with this event and for sending in so many cakes today. It really is a whole community event and will be very special. We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow.

DPSA Quiz Night

Put your thinking caps on, team up with your friends and enjoy an evening of quizzing and merriment on Friday 13th May at the Sherwood Suite, Downton Football Club. The doors open from 7.30pm to give you time to head to the bar before the quiz starts at 8pm. Teams can consist of up to 6 people at £5 per person, payable via SchoolGateway to secure your place. Late admissions will be welcome on the day space dependant. There will also be a raffle on the night with tickets available to purchase throughout the evening. A great night out for adults, with all money raised going to the DPSA to benefit all the children at school.



TD days for 2022/23

Here are the confirmed Teacher Development days for next academic year 2022/23:

- Thursday 1st September 2022
- Friday 2nd September 2022
- Tuesday 3rd January 2023
- Monday 17th April 2023
- Monday 5th June 2023

Class Photos

Just a little reminder that next week, Friday 6th May, we will be having the class photos taken in school. All children are to come to school in their school uniform – an email to those with PE scheduled for Friday will be sent next week to confirm if and what they will need to bring with them.

As we approach this lovely spring bank holiday, we wish you all a happy and sunny weekend.

Best wishes

Paula Carter

