

Downton Church of England VA Primary School

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Dear Downton Primary School Families,

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you had a wonderful and rejuvenating break and are ready for the rest of the academic year. As we embark on this journey together, we have some important information and updates to share with you in our first newsletter of 2024.

We extend a warm welcome to Louie, Johnny, Matthew and Adam and their families who have joined us this year. Additionally, we are delighted to introduce some new faces among our teaching and support staff, Mrs Robb, Mrs Follenfant, Mrs Ramsay Horbury & Mrs Dengel-Green. Please take a moment to say hello and make them feel a part of the DPS community.

Important dates: Mark your calendars for upcoming events and important dates throughout the school year. On page 2 of this newsletter you will find our dates for the fridge which we hope will give you the heads up regarding parent-teacher meetings, school events, and other exciting activities that contribute to the rich tapestry of our academic calendar.

Uniform: A friendly reminder about our school's uniform and dress code policy. We believe that a uniform creates a sense of unity and equality among our students, fostering a positive learning environment. Please ensure that your child is following the guidelines outlined on our website – thank you.

Parking: The safety of the children is our top priority. We have implemented various measures to ensure a secure environment for everyone. We ask that you do not drive into or park on Gravel Close at drop off and pick up. We have had a few near misses and would like to ensure that this doesn't result in someone being injured.

Volunteers: We believe in the power of community involvement. If you are interested in volunteering at Downton, please contact the DPSA or the school office for more information on how you can contribute to the success of our school community.

We look forward to a year filled with learning, laughter, and memorable experiences. Here's to a fantastic 2024 ahead!

Warm regards

Paula Carlton



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Dates for the Fridge – Term 3 & 4

Term 3	
Monday 8 th January	Wiltshire Air Ambulance visit in school
Tuesday 9 th January	Wiltshire Air Ambulance visit in school
Wednesday 10 th January	Wiltshire Air Ambulance visit in school
Thursday 11 th January	Reader of the Term trip
Friday 12 th January	Year 5/6 Open Classroom at 2:30pm
Tuesday 16 th January	KS1 History Day with Salisbury Museum in school
Thursday 18 th January	Fixture - Year 5/6 Football
Friday 19 th January	Year 3/4 Open Classroom at 2:30pm
Friday 26 th January	Year 1/2 Open Classroom at 2:30pm
Friday 26 th January	Year R Welly Walk
Wednesday 31 st January	Year 4 Residential & MTC Information Meeting at 3:30pm
Thursday 1 st February	Year 6 Residential Information Meeting at 3:30pm
Friday 2 nd February	Year R Open Classroom at 2:30pm
Monday 5 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 9 th February	Last day of term
Term 4	
Monday 19th February	TD Day
Tuesday 20 th February	First day of term
Wednesday 21 st February	Switch Off Day
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 8 th March	Dress Down Day in exchange for chocolate for Chocolate Bingo
Tuesday 12 th March	KS1 trip to Marwell Zoo
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day
Monday 18 th March	Year 6 Residential
Monday 18 th March	Year 3/4 Show – Afternoon performance
Tuesday 19 th March	Year 6 Residential
Tuesday 19 th March	Year 3/4 Show – Evening performance
Wednesday 20 th March	Year 6 Residential
Friday 22 nd March	Reports home to parents
Friday 22 nd March	DPSA Chocolate Bingo – eyes down at 5:30pm
Tuesday 26 th March	Parents Evening
Wednesday 27 th March	Parents Evening
Wednesday 27 th March	Fixture - Tag Rugby Fixture at Bishops
Thursday 28 th March	Easter Service at St Laurences
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term
Friday 29th March	Good Friday



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