

Downton Church of England VA Primary School

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Tuesday 20th February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,



"It takes all of us" Downton Year 1 Child

Your child will be taking part in a **SWITCH OFF DAY** on Wednesday 21st February 2024. This is to remind us all that we need to **REDUCE** the amount of energy we use by switching off all electrical appliances when not in use. We are learning how to reduce our carbon footprint.

The Eco-Council will be carrying out a transport survey that day to find out how children travelled to school. The class with the most children walking or cycling (at least part of the way because we realise some people live in villages around Downton) will be the winners.

In the school we will have no electricity apart from in the kitchen and the office so your child can still have a school lunch. The school will also be offering all meat free options that day to reduce our carbon footprint.

The lunch options for SWITCH OFF DAY are: Macaroni Cheese, Margherita Pizza or Jacket Potato with Cheese

We would like your child to wrap up on the day so your child stays warm. They can wear an extra layer of clothes **under** their school uniform. Unfortunately, no home clothes may be worn on top of the school uniform.

In classes we will not be using the smart boards, laptops, lights, photocopier, printer, iPads or heaters. We will also be doing some activities connected to the theme of saving energy.

You might want to try this at home too, on 23rd March 2024 when WWF is promoting Earth hour. Earth Hour is a global event organized by WWF. The event takes place annually to encourage individuals, communities and businesses to turn off all non-essential lights and electrics for an hour. The event will happen between 20:30 to 21:30 on the .

We hope your child will have a great time on our DPS SWITCH OFF DAY this year and hope you have fun at home joining in with Earth hour.

Yours sincerely

DPS ECO-Council

