



# DOWNTON CHURCH of ENGLAND VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

What a lovely start to the term! All children have settled in well and there is a lovely sense of calm across the school. Thank you all so very much for preparing your children so well for their return to school.

Our two new Reception classes started in school today, all of them had fabulous morning and we are looking forward to seeing them back in school on Monday. I know you will all join me in welcoming our new children and their parents into our school community.

Today you will be receiving topic letters, maps and homework from your child's class teachers – do take a moment to look at the exciting things your child will be learning. We would be most grateful if you could support us by going through these documents with your child to ensure that they have the 'big picture' for this term.

We have been very busy this week, arranging trips and visitors so that you can all have as much notice as possible of these events. Letters will be coming home over the next few days. To assist you in planning for the term, the current dates for the fridge will be sent to you alongside this letter. Do take a minute to look at it, as we have tried to identify key dates and events which may be of interest to you.

## Downton in Bloom



We are thrilled that the village has backed the idea of Downton in Bloom and are making an entry for 2020. We have been asked by the Downton in Bloom team for your support with this event. As this is the time of year when new clothing and footwear is purchased, the team have asked that you retain your old footwear. They are after not only children's old boots, but parents, grandparents, (cricket boots, football boots and even military boots! If you could keep these at home for the moment, we will update you shortly with details of where to send them. The team will be working with our children in the spring to plant their own boots in School. Exciting times ahead!



### **DPSA Meeting**

We are so lucky to have such supportive parents, and are extremely grateful to you all for your support. The next DPSA meeting is at school, next Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the White Horse. whether you are a new or existing parent please do come along – we need your help.

### **Safeguarding update**

As always your child's safety is a priority, we would like to remind you that should you need to come into school during the day – you are required to sign in at the office. We would also ask that should you be in school (and you are most welcome) please ensure that your mobile is switched off and not in sight. Thank you.

### **Facebook Post Photographs**

As mentioned earlier in the week, we are in the process of launching a Facebook page for the school. It is hoped that this will improve communication between home and school and that it should be launched next week. However, we want to ensure that you are happy for your child's photograph to be used in posts on this site. We have assumed that the current photo permissions that we have in school will apply. However, should you decide that you do not want your child's photograph published on this Facebook page, we would ask that you let us know in writing by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you.

Have a restful weekend.

Kind regards

*Paula Carter*

