



## **URGENT!**

If your child would like to be part of the Dance festival – please let me know asap, currently we only have 4 children keen – Isabel, Isabel, Amy and Olivia – ideally we need a few more to make this work. If your child is keen to take part in this year's dance festival then we will be running sessions on 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> March and the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> April after school to rehearse. The event is on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at Cheltenham Town Hall from 6:30-7:30pm.

## **Easter Egg Allegen Information**

If your child is not able to have a Freddo easter egg please let me know ASAP as we are ending the term with our annual Easter Egg Hunt!

## **School lunches**

The lunch choices for after Easter have been sent to us and are now available to view on our website <https://www.down-ampneyprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/GCC-Menu-Spring-Summer-2024.pdf>

## **World book day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

This Thursday all of the children will be travelling to Southrop Primary School to partake in a writing workshop with author Tracey Corderoy <https://www.traceycorderoy.com>. We are delighted to have been invited to join them for these sessions. Children will be transported via their minibus with the exception of 8 of the Y2 children who will be travelling in staff cars. If your child is in Year 2 please can you bring a car seat to school for them. **PLEASE can children also bring their favourite book into school on Thursday so that we can share these throughout the day.**

## **How do we ensure excellent personal development of your child at school?**

In addition to the taught curriculum of core and foundation subjects (full information can be found here - <https://www.downampneyprimaryschool.co.uk/subject/> ) We also offer an extensive wider curriculum which can be seen here <https://www.downampneyprimaryschool.co.uk/widercurriculum/>. We are currently building a bank of quotes from children and parents about this offer so we would be very grateful if you could spare some time to send us an email regarding any trips, clubs, events or speakers your children have enjoyed. Another part of our personal development curriculum is our PSHE teaching, which we do through our SCARF scheme. There was a chance to discuss this last term in our annual PSHE event for parents and we will also be going back to parents consult once the DfE have completed their current review. Information that might be useful for class 1 parents this week is that they will be learning the names of their body parts as we learn about keeping ourself safe through our 'pants' topic. Information that might be useful for you to know can be found here <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

## **Swimming finance**

Following on from last week's update I am writing to request that if you know that you are not going to be able to pay for school swimming which starts next term please can you let me know. School budgets are very tight and we are restricted in our use of grants such as sports premium and pupil premium to support school swimming. We will need to review our swimming provision for the rest of this year and next if contributions do not match expenditure.

## **Homework**

This is a little reminder about homework, all children are requested to read to an adult each night and have their reading sheet signed. If your child has finished their book and is not able to quiz at home then that can then be done the following morning at school. Please do let us know if your child needs to change their book.

Spellings are sent home each week and link to their phonics in school or gaps in their spelling of key words per year group. Spelling assessments are carried out termly based on the words that have been taught in class and sent home for practice. Times tables are set weekly for all children from year 2 upwards, if your child is not able to do this online please ask for a pack of sheets to be sent home which can then be handed in weekly. If you are struggling to support your child at home with their learning please do come and speak to myself or their class teacher and we will make a plan.

Key Dates	
<b>7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day – We are travelling to Southrop school to meet an author! School uniform to be worn. Y2 parents please bring car seats. PLEASE can all children bring in their favourite book.
<b>8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	INSET – school closed to pupils
<b>11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	KNEX challenge day KS2 – paid for by PTA
<b>11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 3 and 4 Multisports
<b>12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Y1 parents' information session regarding phonics screening check 3pm and 4:45pm
<b>14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Panathlon
<b>19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Bee Netball
<b>21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Mock Trials – note change of day!
<b>21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Easter Service at Church 2pm
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	End of Term 4
<b>8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Term 5 starts
<b>9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Reception parents' information session regarding EYFS profile 3pm and 4:45pm
<b>10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Swimming Gala Year 5/6
<b>12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Swimming starts
<b>16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Dance Festival
<b>7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Quad Kids
<b>13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Y6 SATs
<b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	End of Term 5
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Term 6 starts
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Multiplication Tables Check Y4
<b>10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Phonics Screening Assessments Y1
<b>11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	In the Net – internet safety play Year 4
<b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Leavers service at Gloucester Cathedral
<b>17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Careers week
<b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Rounders Year 5/6
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Small school fundraising event
<b>24<sup>th</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Residential for Class 3 (more details to follow)
<b>6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	School Fete
<b>10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Schoolbeat visit for class 3
<b>11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Deer Park School Induction days
<b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Last day of term for pupils
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	INSET day

