



**3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018**

Dear Parents,

### **Parents Information Meetings**

Thank you to those parents who attend our Parent Information Meetings. The staff ensure that these are opportunities for parents to hear about their children's learning in the coming year and how they can support so it was lovely to have such positive feedback about how helpful these evenings are. Those parents who didn't manage to attend will receive paper copies of any sheets that were distributed during the meetings.

### **Jeans for Genes Day**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Jeans for Genes Day. This is a new event that our School Council have chosen to support and they are delighted to have raised £72.74 for this valuable charity

### **School Photos**

The Friends are coordinating school photos again this term and will be in school this Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like to include any pre-school siblings please be at school for 9am. Please include a comb in your child/children's PACT folder if you would like a member of the Friends to tidy your child's hair prior to their photo being taken.

### **Staffing news**

I would like to share the news that sadly Mrs Hatton will be leaving our school. Her last day will be Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Mrs Hatton has been our Finance Officer for the past 2 years and will be greatly missed.

### **Parents' Talk on Raising Boys Achievement – Downton Primary School @ 7pm**

I am delighted to be able to offer the chance for parents at our school to attend this presentation on Raising Boys Achievement. The event has been organised by Morgan's Vale Primary School (one of our cluster schools) and is being hosted by Downton Primary School (one of our cluster schools). This is an excellent opportunity to hear a national speaker at a local venue.

"Gary Wilson is one of the country's leading experts on raising boys' achievement. He is a freelance education consultant, speaker, trainer, author and former teacher of twenty-seven years. Gary has advised and delivered training in over a thousand schools and over thirty LAs across the UK."

"In his parents sessions he outlines the issues around boys' underachievement and what can be done about it, both in school and out. Parents leave with a fuller understanding of the issues surrounding boys' underachievement and practical steps that they can take to help their boys achieve."

### **Harvest Week – Food Collection                      8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> October**

Next week, as part of our Harvest Week, we will be collecting for the local Food Bank. Every year we support this vital project with our donations going to the local Salisbury Food Bank. Harvest festival collections from schools and churches in 2017 contributed over 9 tonnes of food to Salisbury foodbank. Last year emergency food was distributed to 2266 adults and 1085 children, making a real

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difference to the lives of people here in South Wiltshire during times of difficulty. Attached to this newsletter you will find a 'shopping list' produced by Trussell Trust of the top ten items they need.

Our School Council will also be using some of the food donated to share with residents of the bungalows behind our church, visiting them after our Harvest Festival Service on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October @ 2pm.

### **Harvest Festival – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October @ 2pm in Coombe Bissett Church**

Every class in our school will be leading part in our Harvest Festival next Thursday. This is a wonderful opportunity for our whole school community to join together to think about sharing and thankfulness. All families are very welcome to join us.

### **School Dinners Tasting Event – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October @ 2.45pm in our school hall**

The new menu for school dinners will be starting after the October half term holiday and this will be an excellent opportunity for you to try some of the meals offered yourself and also to ask the catering company (HC3S) any questions.

### **Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds Week 15<sup>th</sup> October – 19<sup>th</sup> October**

The staff, led by Mrs Macaulay our PSHE leader, are busy planning activities to support our Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds week. The start of each day during the week will be a ten minute physical activity for the whole school. As well as all the children and staff taking part we hope that as many parents as possible will join in. Please could children come to school wearing their trainers and have their school shoes with them to change into. We look forward to sharing some of our learning at our Celebration Worship on the Friday.

### **Village Hall Car Park**

Further to the OurSchoolsApp message this week please may I remind you that the Village Hall Car Park is out of use all day tomorrow Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October and at collection time on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs D Cockrean  
Headteacher

### **Dates for Your Diaries**

#### **October**

Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival (in Coombe Bissett Church)	2pm	Whole School
Week Beginning 15 <sup>th</sup>	Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies Week (details to follow)		Whole School
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	HALF TERM HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED		

#### **November**

Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion (in our school hall)	9am	Whole School
Week Beginning 12 <sup>th</sup>	Friendship & Anti-Bullying Week (details to follow)		Whole School
	Parent Teacher Meetings (details to follow)		Whole School

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**December**

Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity Performance (in Village Hall)	2pm	Oak and Elm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle Service (in Coombe Bissett Church)	6pm	Whole School
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Party Day (details to follow)		Whole School
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Carol Singing (in school hall)	1.15pm	Whole School
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Early Finish CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED	2pm	Whole School

**January**

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher Training Day - NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL		
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Pantomime – Peter Pan Funded by 100 Club; <i>CHILDREN ONLY</i>	1.30pm	Whole School

**February**

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Talent Show (in school hall)	2pm	Whole School
Week beginning 18 <sup>th</sup>	HALF TERM HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED		

**March**

Week beginning 4 <sup>th</sup>	Book Week (details to follow)		Whole School
	Parent Teacher Meetings (details to follow)		Whole School
Week beginning 11 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair (details to follow)		Whole School
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Life Education Van (details to follow)		Whole School

**April**

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Experience (details to follow)		Whole School
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	EASTER HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED		

**May**

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED		
Week beginning 13 <sup>th</sup>	SATs (National Assessments)		Year 2 & Year 6
Week beginning 20 <sup>th</sup>	Arts Week (details to follow)		Whole School
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	HALF TERM HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED		

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**June**

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Teacher Training Day – NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL		
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Baptism & Confirmation Service (in Coombe Bissett Church)	2pm	Whole School
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day	9.30am	Whole School
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Music Concert	2pm	Whole School
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day	9.30am	Whole School

**July**

Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Summer Production (in Village Hall)	2pm & 6pm	Fir and Ash
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Trip to Intec, Winchester (details to follow)		Whole School
Week beginning 15 <sup>th</sup>	Science Week (details to follow)		Whole School
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' Service (in Coombe Bissett Church)	10.30am	Whole School
	Picnic	12noon	Whole School
	Early Finish	1.30pm	Whole School

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