



### **A very sporting week ahead**

Please can children in Class 2 and 3 wear PE kit to school on Tuesday so that we can rehearse for district sports. They will also need PE kits for Districts sports on Thursday, and we will have our usual PE and swimming on Friday!

### **Class 3 trip – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

All children from class 3 will be traveling to Rodmarton on Monday morning to join with our friends for one last time before our joint residential. Please can all children wear long sleeve tops and trousers (does not need to be uniform). They will need a water bottle and packed lunch and can also wear trainers/walking boots. Please dress for the weather – rain coat or sun hat/ sun lotion. We will back at school to eat our packed lunch towards the end of lunch time.

### **Year 6 leavers service at the Cathedral – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

Children in Year 6 will be travelling to the cathedral with the year 6 children from Meysey Hampton. Children will need to be in smart uniform with a packed lunch. They will also need to take a change of clothes as they are going climbing on the way back to school.

### **Ice-cream Thursday**

Thursday is ice-cream day this term, if your child would like an ice-cream after school please bring 50p with you at collection.

### **D-Day**

This week the children in class 2 and 3 took part in a two-day local history study where they investigated Down Ampney's very special part in D-Day 80 years ago. It was a delight to join Mrs Dearsley at the community event on the old airfield where we shared lots of the childrens work. This work will go on display in the school for you to see later this term.

### **Quality of Education Review**

We have now received the report from the quality of education review and here are just a few of the very positive comments from it:

At Down Ampney there is an impressive culture of reading that permeates the school. The culture of reading is a standout feature of the school. Reading for pleasure starts early at Down Ampney. Down Ampney Church of England Primary School places a strong emphasis on mathematics, fostering a positive and engaging environment for pupils to develop their mathematical concepts and skills. Pupils' behaviours for learning ensure a high level of engagement in maths. During the staff survey and staff interviews the following was quoted, *'Staff are empowered by the headteacher, and all feel valued. The school has made huge progress...and all staff have been made to feel integral in that progress.'* *'Everyone is cared for, and decisions are always made based around the best interests of the children.'* *'The headteacher is mindful of home life stresses of staff and does her best to help alleviate workload, when needed and this has contributed hugely to the wellbeing of the staff.'* The school's mantra, 'small classes, big opportunities' is lived out by all. Consequently, in many aspects of its work, including personal development, the school punches well above its weight.

As you can imagine as a staff we are delighted with the report and it stands us in very good stead for when

Ofsted visit. We were delighted that Ms.Henson, the trust lead for Corinium Education Trust, was able to see the amazing work that goes on at the school. The suggested action points from the report will be built into our school development plan for next year.

### Parent consultation and Meet the Trust lead meeting

Thank you to those parents who came to the parent consultation meeting and asked a number of questions around curriculum, staffing and benefits to the school when joining.

### “Raisin money” challenge

Thank you to all who took part in this – we raised an amazing £213.46

### School Fete

If you have any books, teddies, bottles or old uniform please feel free to start to bring those into school now. If you can keep plants and cakes until the day before I would be very grateful. The PTA has a meeting this week and more information will be shared after this.

### Colour Run

The colour run is next Saturday – there will be over 250 children running from the 6 schools and we are delighted to have started this annual event that sees our small schools work together. We have over half of the school taking part which is amazing! If you would like to donate and help the school by clicking here [https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/downampneycolourrun2024?utm\\_medium=campaign&utm\\_content=campaign%2Fdownampneycolourrun2024&utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share](https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/downampneycolourrun2024?utm_medium=campaign&utm_content=campaign%2Fdownampneycolourrun2024&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share)

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

On the last day of term all parents are invited to the Year 6 leavers service followed by a whole school talent show then open classrooms where you can look at your childrens work and chat to your child's current and future teachers.

Key Dates	
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Multiplication Tables Check Y4
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Class 3 Team building day with Rodmarton School ahead of our joint residential
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening Assessments Y1
11 <sup>th</sup> June	In the Net – internet safety play Year 4
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Leavers service at Gloucester Cathedral
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Small school fundraising event - Colour Run
17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Careers week
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Rounders Year 5/6
24 <sup>th</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Residential for Class 3 (more details to follow)
26 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> June	Commonweal open days
28 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA school quiz night

Week of 1st July	Crypt Open day
2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Farmors Induction Day
6th July	School Fete
10th July	Schoolbeat visit for class 3
10th July	Year 2/3 multisports
July 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12th	Deer Park induction days
15th July	Make the rules day
19th July	Last day of term for pupils – 1:15 p.m. finish Year 6 leavers service @ 9:30am
22nd July	INSET day