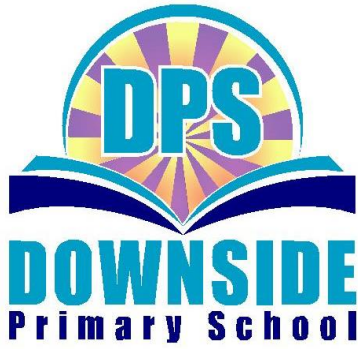




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9th October 2026

Dear parents,

As the weather is turning colder and wetter, please can I remind all parents to ensure children have a coat / jacket. We try our hardest to get the children outside at play times and having a coat will ensure they keep warm and dry.

Today, our Year 6 children started their field work trips to Dunstable Downs.



Our Year 5 children have been visiting Whipsnade Zoo to take part in a workshop about the environment and plastic use.

Next week, our Year 5 children start their bike training and some Year 5 children will be going on a weekend residential trip to Caythorpe Court.

School Council – Road Safety

Our School Council have started the year looking at Road Safety and next week will be sharing their ideas on improvement with other schools. They will be sharing their findings with parents soon.

As a reminder, please can parents be mindful of our neighbours at the beginning and end of the day. As a school, we are regularly getting emails regarding inconsiderate parking – in front of people's houses and on verges – and I would appreciate it if parents would bear this in mind when parking.



Open classrooms:

Classroom doors will be opened at 3pm on the following days: Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th October.

This is an opportunity to meet the teacher, see your child's classroom and look at some of their work. There are 3 dates given, so parents who have children in other classes can visit everyone. In addition, PE lessons will not be cancelled, so if your child has PE as their last lesson, please come on another day!

The two main gates (one by the school office and one by Reception) will be opened at 3pm – allowing parents on to the site, so they can walk around the building to the classrooms.

Operation Encompass

Attached to this email is a letter regarding Operation Encompass and the school's participation in this initiative.

Parents' Evenings

Parents will soon receive information regarding Parents' Evenings, which will be held on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October. Appointments can be booked online, following the instructions in the email. If you need any help booking an appointment, please contact the school Office.

Dates:

- INSET Day on Friday 23rd October
- Half term holiday is Monday 26th to Friday 30th October

Yours sincerely,

