



Together we grow, together we flourish

Letter from Mrs Huish 28.05.2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the end of the first part of the Summer term already!

The second half of the Summer term brings us even more opportunity and exciting moments to look forward to. It is hard to think that this time last year, we were unable to all be together. Although the recent guidance does not permit us to return fully to the place we were before the pandemic, we are able to begin to feed our soil and nurture even deeper roots in the final stretch of this academic year.

So what do we have to look forward to?



ART: Thursday 10th June



We have booked Mrs Lewis to come in for an amazing art workshop where the children will work with her to create some stunning displays for the Reception area for all of our visitors to enjoy! Embodying all our school values and distinctiveness of our school with forest school and outdoor learning, the children will be using pastels to splash creative colour across our school!

Sports Day: Thursday 15th July

Mr Coupe and Mrs Honey are arranging for the children to be able to participate in a day filled with sports and competitive fun. Within their family groups, the children will engage in a range of sporting fun to win points for their forest family group. With the current guidance, we are hoping for the children to be able to come together as a big family for this day.



Year 5/6: Swimming

Swimming, such an important life skill, is an area that has been impacted across the nation by Covid. However, we have sought all the options and have found a way to be able to access this for our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils this year. All children in these year groups will be having weekly swimming lessons at our local community pool after half term. We can't wait to see their confidence grow in the Summer term! **Please remember to return the consent form on Monday 7th June.**



Year 6: Camping

This year, the Year 6 cohort will be able to make memories to last them a lifetime as children and teachers spend a night camping in our grounds. With activities such as making pizzas to cook in our own pizza oven, toasting marshmallows and chocolate fondue on the forest school fire and singing camp songs until the sun goes down, we cannot wait to end our final few weeks with our wonderful Year 6 group filled with smiles!

Artist: Darrell Wakelam 21st and 22nd of July

Art was an area that both parents and children were asking to improve last year. We have dedicated a great level of the curriculum this year to enhance the provision and we know it has had a positive impact, because the children have told us. Since joining the LAP, we have had more budget to be able to add additional inspiration into the curriculum. For our

finale of 2021, we have invited the renowned artist Darrell Wakelam into school to run a two day workshop with the children. They will be creating 'windows' of the world to look out on featuring their class birds and areas of our beautiful school grounds. These will be displayed right down the corridors for everyone to enjoy. What we all really liked about this artist is how he uses recycled cardboard to create this 3D artwork which links so beautifully with our values too.



Teddy Bears' Afternoon Tea: Welcome to our new Reception 2021 Cohort

We have planned to give a warm welcome to our newest members of our school family who have been lucky enough to be accepted in our Reception class this September. On Wednesday 21st July at 2:00pm we will be hosting our very own Teddy Bears Afternoon Tea party for the children and their families where they can see the school, meet the staff and Governors and indulge in some delicious scones, cream and strawberries provided by our amazing kitchen team!

Transition Day: 05th July 2021

Transition day this year will be on Monday 05th July. This is the day where the children move up for an experience day with their new class teacher. It will be a day filled with fun, games and excitement as they get to know their new teacher and begin to build relationships with their new classmates.

Devon CAP: Child Protection Workshops

In July, we will be visited by Devon CAP (Child Assault Prevention) Team. They come in every three years to work with the children. CAP takes a fresh approach to assault prevention, aiming to reduce fear by focusing on what children can do, rather than on what they can't. The workshops are designed to build children's confidence and self-esteem, and are lively and fun. Children learn through drama and discussion with trained facilitators, about their rights to safety, strength and freedom. We encourage them to be proud of these rights and to respect the rights of others. Through the workshops they learn that they have the ability to protect themselves in unsafe situations. More information about what your child will be learning will come before the sessions.

I will leave you with some gorgeous pictures from our classes across this week!

Warm wishes,
Mrs Huish



Community Values: Dartington School Focus Group, the children's voice



We are always looking for more ways to listen to children's voice in school. Because of the incredible impact the small school focus group pupils had on our school when Miss Cleverly came to visit us, we have decided to make this a permanent fixture and start a formal School Focus Group. This role is different to the role of School Councillor, which Mrs Wallis leads, who will continue their focus on moving us towards our Eco School title.

This week, each class has voted for a member of their class who will represent them. The chosen representative will attend monthly meetings with a focus on an area of the school such as curriculum, forest school, playtime and lunchtime and they will bring questions and feedback positives and suggestions for improvements. They will help to actively shape improvements across the school.

I would like to congratulate the following pupils for being elected as School Focus Group representative in their classroom.

Red Kites: **Gabriel**
Swifts: **Ophelia**
Woodpeckers: **Jake**
Nightingales: **Vinnie**

Tawny Owls: Peter
Kingfishers: Ruby
Swallows: Pippa
Robins: Barley
Wrens: Rosie May

Welcome to our school: Our new starters

A warm welcome to our wonderful new pupil Harriet! We are thrilled to have you as part of our growing school family.

Welcome to our school: New baby!

I am delighted to say that Miss Whitehurst and Mr Curtis' baby boy has arrived. I thought that you would all love to see how simply delicious Baby Barney is and join us in congratulating Mr Curtis, Miss Whitehurst, Elsie and Josh on his safe arrival. We cannot wait to meet him soon!



Welcome back: Miss Perry!

After half term, we welcome back Miss Perry from her maternity leave. She will be stepping back into Robin's class and we cannot wait to see her again. Can you believe a year has passed so swiftly!

After School Clubs:

Fridays: Unfortunately, this has been cancelled this term due to low numbers.

Thursdays: Year 1/2 Multi-skills Club with Mr Coupe (bookable through the Admin)

Art club: This will be starting after May half term with Mrs Lewis and is now fully booked.

Dates for your Diary: Don't miss out! (apologies for some incorrect dates last week)

28.05.21 Non Pupil day

31st of May to 4th of June 2021 Summer Half term break

15.07.21 Whole School Sports Day (COVID guidance dependent)

Friday 9th of July 2021 School Reports Week

Week beginning the 12th of July 2021 Parent's Evening week

Thursday 1st of July Year 6 Camp Out!

Monday 5th July Transition Day in their new classes.

Tuesday 20th July Year 6 Production (COVID guidance dependent)

Thursday 22nd July Year 6 Leavers' event (COVID guidance dependant)

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