



Together we grow, together we flourish

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## Letter from Mrs Huish 16.09.2021

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful start to the Autumn term! It has been an honour to watch our newest members of our school family start their school journey with Dartington so positively. I have been popping in and out of our EYFS provision starting to get to know them all and it has been a pleasure to join them and hear their curious questions and imaginative play.



As always at Dartington, we love to bring learning into the outdoors as much as we can. We are blessed with the incredible learning environment that we have here. Walking around the school this week, it has been so lovely to see the children getting so much joy from the provision that they have. Forest school is an integral part of the school curriculum and these sessions have included many connections across the wider curriculum this week: science, maths, technology, language and PE. Some classes have been out in the allotments attending to the crops that they have grown throughout the year and were really pleased with the fruits of their labour. Some classes have been in the apple orchard picking the ripe apples ready to sort, weigh and create their own freshly squeezed apple juice. How wonderful to be able to sample their own produce! Some classes have been investigating the school grounds searching for the signs of Autumn. It was lovely to see the wonderful array of colourful objects that they found.



What a wonderful first two weeks, filled with joy. I look forward to updating you on more opportunities in school soon!

Warmest wishes  
Mrs Huish

## Community News: Morrison's Good to Grow Scheme

Morrison's have started a new incentive to encourage more home growing. Here is a bit of information about how you can help us in school, if you shop at Morrisons, to win more equipment for forest school to grow even more of our own produce!

For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help your school get everything they need to get growing. Download the MyMorrisons app today to start collecting Grow Tokens and choose the school you'd like to donate them to.

Your chosen school will be able to exchange their Grow Tokens for FREE gardening equipment to get kids growing.

<https://my.morrisons.com/blog/community/good-to-grow/>



**Community News: Our New Improved Playtimes!** Those of you who were here last year, will remember that we wanted to increase the voice of the children across the school, so we created our School Pupil Focus Group. These children were voted for by their classmates to represent their views at the meetings. Our first meeting was on play times and lunch times. The children gave feedback on how they wanted to introduce more adult-led activities and sports equipment during these times. As a result of them raising this school improvement point, we have added some sports sessions led by Premiere Sports and Spires College teachers. They come in at lunchtime and set up areas like tennis, football, athletics and dodgeball for the children to play and engage in, if they choose to. The feedback from the children has been really positive and we are so pleased to see the actions from their points making such an impact!



All of our photos are available to see on our school social media sites: Twitter and Facebook. Please follow us to see regular updates!

## After School Clubs: Look at what's on offer!

**Premiere Sports:** This is a free sports session held on a Tuesday for KS1. The focus sport is Archery this half term. Please register through the Premiere Education website as there are still places.

**Premiere Sports:** This is a free sports session held on a Friday for KS2. The focus sport is Archery this half term. This club is now full, but we will renew it in October.

**Spires Sports Club:** This is held on Thursdays for KS1 pupils, but if your child is in Year 3 and would like to join, there are still places available. The focus sport is Multi-skills.

**Artscape Club:** This is a KS2 art club run by Mrs Lewis and information about this will be coming out soon.

**After school wrap around care:** This will run every evening until 6pm. This is open to all children from EYFS to Year 6. Please book on and pay as usual through the School Gateway App.

## Dates for your Diary: Don't miss out!

**W/C 11.10.21** Parent's evening consultations.

**25.10.21** Half term break.

**04.11.21** Flu Immunisations

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