



Together we grow, together we flourish

Letter from Mrs Huish 18.01.2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Spring term 2022! It is wonderful to be back together as a school family and already so much has happened in classes. We have been able to regain some level of normality after the last term and it is so lovely to have all the smiley faces back that we missed so much in the last term. We are experiencing a small increase in cases again in the EYFS area of the school, but we will inform you if there is a case in your child's class, so you are aware. Thank you, once again for your vigilance in these cases. It was your diligent testing and being cautious with symptoms that helped many year groups to stay in school last term.

One of our school focus points this term is improving our understanding of spirituality and developing spiritual curiosity across the school in the children and adults. Spirituality is often a word that is misunderstood. It links very well to our values of peace, compassion, wisdom and creation and creativity and is seen and experienced through our relational awareness and seeking harmonious opportunities for ourselves and others.

Spirituality is the essence of living and we want the children to be able to identify spiritual moments for them and to be able to seek opportunities to experience calm when they need it. All of us have a spiritual personality and just the same as if we posed the question 'What is the most beautiful thing in the world?' our responses would differ greatly. This is the same as if we asked the question of 'What moments do you find spiritual?'. Through this work, we will be helping the children to understand who they are and to grow in the awareness of others and their relationships.

Mr Chadwick, who has been a part of the Trust team for over a year now, has joined us this term at Dartington replacing Mrs Honey in the Swifts class. After our training last week, he created an acronym for us to help us to understand and identify spirituality in our actions across the school.

W – Wonder and awe at life and world in which we live.

O – Opportunities to pause, observe, focus and connect.

W – Wisdom – big questions asked and considered through our own beliefs about life and our actions and awareness of others.

We are looking forward to seeing the children grow in relational awareness as our work on spirituality makes a difference to our community.

Best wishes
Mrs Huish

After School Clubs: Clubs for the Spring Term 2022

MONDAY - FRIDAY 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.

TUESDAY Premiere Sports: This is an **archery** sports club for EYFS/KS1. Book on the Premiere Education website.

Frazoo: This is a **science club** that will be starting with Mrs Hulbert on January 11th 2022 for years 5 & 6. Bookings are made directly to Frazoo - frazie@frazoo.co.uk.

FRIDAY Premiere Sports: This term, it is **Dodgeball** for Years 4,5 and 6. Book on the Premiere Education website

All clubs run from **3:15 - 4:15** (except the wrap around care).

Dates for your Diary: Don't miss out!

w/c 14.02.22 Parents Evening Consultations

18.02.22 Last day of term

28.02.22 Non pupil day

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