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## Letter from Mrs Huish 14.03.2022

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful start to the second half of the Spring term. So much has happened and we have so much more planned in to enjoy!



Already, we have had Swifts and Red Kites go out on their first school trip for a while now. They visited KEVICCs this week as they were invited to go and watch their stunning performance of a Midsummer Night's Dream. The children were in awe of the theatrical production, and, for many, this was their first experience of real-life theatre. This is what our trips are all about: enabling our children to realise the possible!



We have many more trips planned in to enhance our curriculum during the remainder of the year. Such as, Year 3 music workshop with a National musician from Dartington Trust, Badminton tournaments with Spires College, Year 4 will be going to The Mix music festival at Killerton House, EYFS are taking their learning to Stover country park and our Red Kites will be going on their residential! Keep your eye out for letters coming your way.



Another amazing event that we are in the process of planning is our very own Jubilee street party! The Queen's jubilee falls in the half term, but we wanted to make the most of such a memorable event and use it to bring our community together. We will be inviting all parents in to join us for a Dartington academy 'street party' lunch. We will be putting out tables all around our school for parents to come in and join their child for a party lunch and an afternoon of connecting with each other. Lunch tickets will be coming on sale soon on the school gateway app for anyone who wishes to join us. The children will spend the morning preparing the tables, bunting and making their own royal crowns for the event. Watch this space!



Finally, we have had a group of parents come forwards to help restart our school PTFA! They already have an exciting Easter tea party planned on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April and a letter has gone out from them detailing the event. The PTFA is a fantastic way to join together as a parent community, make new friends and help to enhance the wider school life for the children. If you would like to offer your support, please contact the office who will put you in contact with our new PTFA. You do not have to commit to hours of time but any support is gratefully received. Come and help them make a difference and bring our community together!

Warm wishes,

Mrs Huish

## Community News: Fundraising for the Ukraine

As always, our school community cease to surprise me with their incredible compassion shown for others. We have had many of our parents and children who have been courageous advocates and have planned or are already raising money or collecting support for the Ukrainian refugees. Stella gave me a beautiful note on the gate the other day to tell me how she had been raising money by selling things and collecting donations. She raised a good sum of money to send out to those who need it the most at this time.

Flora and Primrose are getting active again for charity. They decided between them to do another duathlon to raise funds to help those fleeing their homes. If you would like to help Primrose and Flora, here is the Just Giving page.

[:https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/primroseandflora?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=primroseandflora&utm\\_campaign=pfp\\_email&utm\\_term=edbd3adc76ac4bb1846692edb589bdef](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/primroseandflora?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=primroseandflora&utm_campaign=pfp_email&utm_term=edbd3adc76ac4bb1846692edb589bdef).

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to UK for UNHCR, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

## Community News: Raising Awareness of Alopecia

As you will already know from our school newsletters, we are always discussing our 'No Outsiders' ethos at Dartington. This is our mission to ensure that we have a truly inclusive school where all of our school family feel that they belong and are valued and respected. We take time each week to look at differences and how we can be more inclusive and accepting of others around us. Over the past week, Miss Barber has been working across the school going into classrooms and through a whole school assembly to raise the awareness of alopecia.

It was a real honour to speak with our children about the importance of understanding and accepting people's differences. Hair loss can be incredibly tricky for school aged children and to be in a position to raise alopecia awareness is such an honour. It was wonderful to hear the children's questions on this topic and to see the positive outlook of the minds of these young children, was simply beautiful. It was truly moving. Working closely with our brave pupil Zuzana, who also has alopecia has been wonderful. Last week I visited her class and we read a story called 'Hair in my Brush' written by a lovely 10-year-old girl who also explains her experience of what it was like in school when she lost her hair. As a class we all talked about how important it is to be kind to one another regardless of what differences we may have. 'Together We Grow, Together We Flourish' is Dartington's vision and values and what a perfect example to teach our young children the importance of understanding people's differences and to celebrate it.



## Staff Update: Who are we welcoming to our school?

This term, we have welcomed Caroline Axford to our SEND support team. At the moment, she is based in Swifts class and is working with lots of children to make a difference. If you see her, please say hello!

After Easter, we will be welcoming Mrs Calder back from her maternity leave. She will be returning part time to the Starlings class and job sharing with Mrs Ryan Carter. We cannot wait to welcome her back!

## 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 a **Dodgeball** sports club for EYFS/KS1. Book on the Premiere Education website.

**Frazoo:** This is a **science club** that will be starting with Mrs Hulbert for years 5 & 6. Bookings are made directly to Frazoo - [frazie@frazoo.co.uk](mailto:frazie@frazoo.co.uk).

**FRIDAY Premiere Sports:** This term, it is **Basketball** 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).

**Spanish Club:** Kidslingo will start running 2 Spanish lunch clubs on Tuesdays to all the children in year 1,2,3,4,5 and 6. **Start date is on March 15<sup>th</sup> 2022.**

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

- Last day of term Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022
- Governor application date Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022
- Non pupil day Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022
- PTFA Easter tea party Friday 01<sup>st</sup> April 2022
- Jubilee Street party Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022
- Year 3 trip to Dartington Trust Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022
- EYFS trip to Stover country park Wednesday 04<sup>th</sup> May 2022
- Year 6 SATS week W/C Monday 09<sup>th</sup> May 2022



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