

Letter from Mrs Huish 25.03.22

Dear Parents.

Isn't his term flying! I cannot believe that we are only a couple of weeks away from the Easter break.

Although we know life is still a way from being back to 'normal' with numbers back on the increase, we have tried as much as we can to move towards a half term where covid does not impact on our plans as a school community.



We have the exciting PTFA community tea party on the 1st of April. Lots of parents have come together to bring our PTFA back to life and start the community events back up. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to support them where you can.

What is happening on the 1st of April?

We are inviting the parents to come and join a community tea party in the school grounds. You can pick your child up from 2:30pm and bring a blanket to sit and chat with our community. There will be cakes and teas and coffees being sold to enjoy!

The staff have also been challenged with a staff 'bake off'. They will bring their cakes to be judged on the day for an extra bit of fun!



What do I need to do?

Children have been asked in their home learning to create an Easter themed rock/pebble/stone that they have decorated to bring to the tea party so we can make a decoration outside. Also, if you are a budding baker and would like to donate some cakes, please bring them on the morning of the 1st.

What time is it happening?

Please collect your child at 2:30pm so we have plenty of time for socialising. Any children whose parents are unable to attend will be cared for by their teacher until the end of the day.

None of this would be possible without the new PTFA. If you would like to get involved in any way, please let Miss Barber know. Thanks for all your help. We hope that this will be the beginning of lots of fun, successful events across the year!



Warm wishes, Mrs Huish

Community News: Fundraising for the Ukraine

Like all of you, we are increasingly concerned by the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and by the number of people that have had unfortunately lost their lives, been forced to flee their homes, or have become separated from their families. To date, more than 2 million people have fled Ukraine, essential services have been



stopped and with freezing temperatures the need for critical, life-saving aid to people is ever-growing. This is why we have decided to fundraise for the British Red Cross in conjunction with our sister schools to support and stand with Ukraine. Ukraine is a country of 44 million people. We've decided that we'd like to ask all children and staff to come to school wearing something yellow or blue on **Wednesday 6th April 2022.** We'd love to see your photos and videos so that we can share them on our social media and show our support, so if there are any available, please send them to dartington@lapsw.org



To help with giving donations our sister school Dunsford Community Academy has created a JustGiving page. You are welcome to donate now as little or as much as you would like. Dunsford Community Academy is fundraising for The British Red Cross Society (justgiving.com) We hope that you will be able to support us with this - together we can

make a difference to the people of Ukraine!

Community News: Community Award for the Spring term It

has been really hard to decide who would receive our Community Award for this term. Our children are true courageous advocates who always strive to make a difference in areas that they notice need. There are so many worthy causes in the world around us right now, and it is the little things that can make a big difference. This half term, I wanted to recognise those small meaningful actions that make a



big difference to our school community on a daily basis. I wanted everyone to notice the impact that Jasper has had on our school as he strives to help to keep the environment clean and beautiful. I was blown away when Jasper came to show me the litter that he had found and picked up after others. Thank you to Jasper who definitely deserves this term's community award for being such a role model to us all!



Staff Update: Who are we welcoming to our school? At Easter, we will be saying farewell to the wonderful Mrs Davis who is going on her exciting maternity journey. It is not goodbye as we know she will be back before too long to see us again. Stepping into the Nightingales classroom will be our new teacher Miss Gale. Miss Gale is relocating back to Devon and is really looking forward to being a part of the Dartington community. We cannot wait for you all to meet her!

Curriculum: National Poetry Week 2022 We have been celebrating National Poetry week this week. We have used poems in our assemblies and lessons to enhance our learning and discussions. To my pleasure, I was then approached by Isabella who had been inspired by her poetry learning and had composed some of her own to share. Here is one that links with our poem on Monday about our feelings:

Sometimes

Sometimes I feel happy. Sometimes I feel left out.
Sometimes I feel angry, without a doubt.
Sometimes I feel hopeful. Sometimes I feel scared.
Sometimes I feel overjoyed, but it's not a bad thing.
Feelings are strange things, but they are part of you.
Don't worry because I will be there for you.
By Isabella Year 5

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 - <u>frazie@frazoo.co.uk</u>.

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 have started 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 15th 2022.

Dates for your Diary: Don't miss out!

- PTFA Bake Off Friday 1st April 2022
- Last day of term Friday 8th April 2022
- Governor application date Monday 28th March 2022
- Non pupil day Monday 25th April 2022
- PTFA Easter tea party Friday 01st April 2022
- Trust Ukraine Fundraiser Wednesday 06th April 2022
- Jubilee Street party Friday 10th June 2022
- Year 3 trip to Dartington Trust Monday 9th May 2022
- EYFS trip to Stover country park Wednesday 04th May 2022
- Year 6 SATS week W/C Monday 09th May 2022













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