



Together we grow, together we flourish

## Letter from Mrs Huish 09.05.2022

Dear Families,



Spring is the season during which the natural world around us begins to breathe new life. The world revives and reinvigorates after the colder Winter months. Using our spiritual lens at Dartington, we take time to pause and stop to look at the world around us, the dormant plants beginning to grow, the luscious green leaves appearing surreptitiously on the trees along our nature path and the new seedlings that the children have patiently planted begin to spout out of the ground. It is really one of our most special

times that we capture within our curriculum where we can.



However, this Spring has felt even more special this year. In the same way that we have noticed the signs of Spring coming out from the natural world around us, we have also noticed the opportunities beginning to sprout and grow back in the children's curriculum offer. Activities that we have been unable to offer the past few years, are now giving the



children the joy and glee that they once did. At one point this week, I stood back and felt a familiar warmth as we had Reception going on school trips to Stover, parents coming into school and stopping in awe at the artwork outside the hall, children animatedly chattering about bikeability and parents sharing their excitement of the musical opportunity with Dartington Trust.



This Summer term is brimming with exciting possibility and although we cannot do everything at once, we have planned as a team to make the most of what we can with sports days, Jubilee street parties, Music festivals, residentials and Year 6 farewells to enjoy.

You have now received the INVITATION to our Jubilee Street Party on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022. This is an invitation for all parents to come and join us for a Jubilee lunch with your child. You will be served in our wonderful kitchen and our catering team have created a delicious menu for you all to sample. All the information about how you can join us on this special occasion is in your letter emailed on Friday 06<sup>th</sup> May. The cost is "2.50 an adult for lunch and must be booked in advance so that we have numbers and a register for our risk assessment. Please do not worry if you are unable to make it, this event will be enjoyed by everyone and all children will attend!



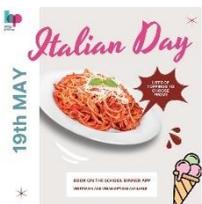
Warm wishes,  
Mrs Huish

## Community News: Reception Trip to Stover



This week, our Reception class went on an exciting trip to Stover Country Park. They had a wonderful time on their first ever school trip and went pond dipping as well as on a story walk, bringing to life one of our favourite stories - We're Going on A Bear Hunt. This really supported our learning for our curriculum focus this term: "Let's Investigate the world around us". A huge thank you to all the parents who came along to support us. We could not have done it without you all!!

## Community News: Catering News



Our school council have been working with our catering manager Linda Keiller giving their thoughts and ideas into the Food for Life scheme and the menu we offer at school. Our menu has now been updated with vegan options and a wider range of choices every day. Don't forget that if your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, they all receive a free school lunch every day. All you have to do is choose which mouth-watering option you would like! We have an Italian day coming up soon. Book now!



## Community News: Family Support Investment



Mental wellbeing and support for our children and families is a priority for us at Dartington. We have listened to your feedback about other ways we can support you and listen to you when you need us. Therefore, the Trust has invested some additional budget in Dartington school so that we can have a dedicated family support worker to help to access early help services. Miss Barber has been very interested in this role and was successfully appointed last week. She will be available to listen to families and support needs where she can. Part of her role will be supporting families with attendance and punctuality, and she will be contacting many of you soon to arrange some meetings and get to know you even more!

## Staff Update: Exciting News!

I wanted to share with you some wonderful news. Mrs Davis has welcomed her two twins into the world! She has had a little boy and a little girl and I am sure you will agree, they are super cute!



Also, we wanted to update you on some other exciting news. Mrs Foucher, who has taught at this school for 10 years now, has applied to take a sabbatical next year. She would like the opportunity to invest some time into her own future and is heading back to education herself taking up a masters in Educational Leadership. The Trust are keen to support our staff in their own personal pursuits and we have agreed to her sabbatical so the good news is that Mrs Foucher will return with all her new wisdom to share with us!

To help the school to continue to grow and flourish, we have appointed two new Assistant Head teachers who will be joining the Dartington team in September. Mr Waters, who is relocating from inner city London, will be joining KS2 and Mrs Eversfield, who has relocated from Bradford, will be joining the KS1 team. We are looking forward to you meeting them!

# After School Clubs: Clubs for the Summer 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 **Tennis** 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.

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

- Year 3 trip to Dartington Trust Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022
- Year 6 SATS week W/C Monday 09<sup>th</sup> May 2022
- Italian Lunch Day Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022
- Non-Pupil Day Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022
- Jubilee Street party Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022
- Year 4 Music Festival at Killerton House Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022
- Year 6 Residential Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022
- Transition Day Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022
- Sports Day Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022
- New Reception Teddy Bear's Picnic Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

