

7th June 2022

Dear parents,

I hope that you had a lovely break!

I just wanted to share information about the end of year events regarding transition, so you are aware of the next steps as your child ends this academic year.

Reports

These are emailed out to you on the 8th of July 2022 for you to enjoy.

New Class Notification

You will receive a letter by email on Thursday 30th June 2022 sharing the information of your child's new class teacher for the next academic year. This will give you the opportunity to discuss and prepare your child for their transition day on Monday 4th July 2022 so they know which classroom to go to. The teachers will also have this discussion on Friday 1st July in school.

At Dartington, we are proud of how our classes are mixed age throughout the school. It really fits with our school ethos of belonging: having the opportunity to feel a part of our special community. Our children have the fortune of mixing, socialising and learning with children from older and younger year groups and work together to enable themselves and others to grow and flourish.

The mixed age curriculum promotes a sense of stewardship for the older children and aspiration for the younger children. Our teachers work very hard to make decisions on where the children are placed in their next academic year. Some schools do it simply by birth dates or streaming on ability, but our ethos at Dartington comes from a wholly inclusive stance so we take into considerations many factors such as friendships whilst trying to ensure that all children get the opportunity to experience this.

One of our pupils who has now moved to secondary school once commented that the mixed age classes at Dartington had enabled him to develop friendships at his new school where children mix more widely. He said that he found that he knew more children in the other year groups which really shows the positive effect that our mixed age classes have.



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Transition day

This year our 'moving forwards' day will be on Monday 4th of July as this is the day that our Year 6 children will go for their trial at the local secondary school. All of the children will move forward to their next class to experience a morning with their new teacher for September and meet their new community friends. They will return to their normal class teacher after lunch. On this morning, the children will come in at 08:45, as usual, and have the opportunity to go to straight their new classrooms. It gives them a safe space to practice their new routines and get help familiarise themselves ready for September.

Best wishes



Mrs Huish