



Letter from Mrs Huish 21.10.2022

Dear Families,

How quickly this half term has flown! There has been so much wonderful learning going on across the school, so I thought I would share some curriculum updates with you.

What is the curriculum intent at Dartington?

Our curriculum is the beating heart of our academies and is rooted in John 10:10.



“I came that they might have life and live it to the full.”

Our children will blossom through experiencing a knowledge-rich curriculum which is both broad and balanced and fosters a love of learning, enabling all children to make connections and be well prepared for the next stage of their education. We want our pupils to grow without limits and develop the determination to succeed. Leaning into our Christian vision of ‘Together we grow, together we flourish’, we want our pupils to be empowered so that they can enact change and make a difference to the world around them.

How is it shaped?

From EYFS to Year 6, the curriculum forms foundations of learning to build the children’s schemas and make connections across their learning. It is planned on a local, national, global sequence that enables the children to learn about themselves and the world around them before comparing and contrasting this knowledge nationally and globally. Children cover a broad selection of subject areas each week exploring their local community and taking them around the world as geographers, scientists, design technicians, artists, musicians, computer technicians, linguists, historians and world viewers. You get a curriculum booklet each half term with details of your child’s learning so you can learn along with them. You can find them on our website [Our Curriculum Intent - Dartington C of E Academy \(dartington-lap.co.uk\)](https://www.dartington-lap.co.uk) with the whole year overview too!

Personal development?

Following feedback from yourselves as parents, the children and expertise of Headteachers across the Trust, we have considered the promises we would like to make to all our children. Personal

development is at the heart of our schools. We have developed 70 things that we consider to be vital opportunities that we want our children to experience before they leave primary school. These range from sleeping under the stars, to hearing a live orchestra play, to dipping their toes in the sand and hearing the waves crash on the beach. You can find the full list here [Our Curriculum Intent - Dartington C of E Academy \(dartington-lap.co.uk\)](https://www.dartington-lap.co.uk/our-curriculum-intent) on our website and teachers have already begun to sow these through the curriculum offer to ensure that our children, irrespective of the school that they attend, have access to high quality enrichment opportunities which not only raise barriers to success but also help our children to realise the impossible. Without opening our children's eyes to what is out there in the wider world, they will not be able to know what they can achieve!

How can you help?

If you know of any local businesses or career opportunities within or outside the local community that you think could be interesting to the children in school, please let your child's class teacher know. Some of our richest opportunities have come from parents in school: scuba diving, camera obscura, mountain biking, working with musicians, sculptures, making charcoal from natural objects and many more. We are on the hunt for more. Let's make our children's primary years memorable and help them to realise the possible in the world!



Don't forget that the 1st Monday back is a non-pupil day. The children will return on Tuesday 2nd November 2022.

Warm wishes,
Mrs Huish

IMPORTANT: School Gate Change – close at 08:55!

We have had feedback from lots of parents about the confusion with the new school start times. Every school nationally has had to ensure that they are opening for the required hours.

Gate open time: 08:40
Dartington school start time: 08:45
Gate close time: 08:55
Late registration from 09:00

It is really important that children are on time in school. There will be early morning work and pastoral check ins for the children between 08:45 and 08:55 to help them feel confident for the day ahead. Assembly starts at 09:00 and if children do not arrive until 09:00, they have to walk into assembly on their own which can feel quite daunting.

Many of you have expressed your confusion with the gate closing at 09:00 and have said that it would be easier if there was more time between registers closing and the gate closing, so we have listened to this and will be trialling **closing the gate at 08:55** from after half term. This will help to ensure that all children are registered in their classrooms before they need to line up for assembly. It will also help to ensure that all children are registered before 09:00 so we do not get any confusion as to whether the children are absent or not.

In an effort to reduce our food wastage, any child who is **not in school by 09:00 will need to bring a packed lunch** from home as any menu choices will be cancelled so that we do not waste food. Any questions, Miss Barber would be happy to help. Please help us to be more eco friendly!

Community News: Dartington Trust

This half-term, don't miss **THE DARK** - a funny, acrobatic and energetic show with live music for children aged 5+ from acclaimed children's theatre company, Peut-Être Theatre.

1pm & 3pm | Weds 26 October | Studio 1, Dartington Estate, Totnes.

To get discounted tickets for just £6 each, use code "THE£6DARK" at the checkout!

**Important to bookers should select a full price £10 ticket in order for the discount to apply, i.e. It won't work on the £8 tickets. Enter the code at checkout which applies the discount.

Book discount tickets at www.dartington.org/event/the-dark-peut-etre-theatre

Adapted from Lemony Snicket's picture book, The Dark is a universal and empowering story about facing one's fears.

Laszlo is afraid of the dark. The dark lives in the basement. It doesn't visit Laszlo in his room. Until one night it does . . . Join Laszlo on his journey to meet the dark, and find out why it will never bother him again. The Dark is accessible for blind and visually impaired children through integrated audio-description and touch tours.

Clubs:
After
around



school club
care



wrap

Available Monday to Friday – book on the MCAS app

Breakfast club wrap around care available Monday to Friday – book on the MCAS app

Tuesday 3:15 – 4:15 Kinetic Sports KS1 – book on the MCAS app

Wednesday 3:15 – 4:15 Kinetic sports KS2 – book on the MCAS app

Thursday lunch time Choir 12 – 12:30 – book on the MCAS app

Tuesday lunch time - Spanish club run by [KIDSLINGO](#) click link to book

Torquay United football club – Thursday 3.15pm - 4.30pm - please collect a form in the office.

Dates for your Diary:

Friday 21st October – last day of the half term

Monday 31st October – Non pupil day

Tuesday 1st November - First day of term

Thursday 3rd November – EYFS RWINC Parent Workshop |

Monday 14th – Friday 18th November – Book Fair

Wednesday 7th December – Christmas lunch day

Commented [CH1]: @Mandy May I can't find when the clubs are on or any trips / xmas lunch etc on the school diary. Please could you add these for parents for me?

Thursday 8th December – EYFS Nativity at 2pm

Friday 9th December – 3:00pm - 3:45pm Young Enterprise Christmas Fair

Tuesday 13th December – KS2 Nativity 9:30am - 10:30am

Tuesday 13th December - KS1 Nativity 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Wednesday 14th December – KS1 Nativity 9.30am - 10.30am

Wednesday 14th December – KS2 Nativity 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Friday 16th December – Last day of term