



Together we grow, together we flourish

## Letter from Mrs Huish 16.06.2023

Dear Families,

As we enter the final half of the summer term, I want to thank you all for your support and feedback this year. We are always learning and striving to grow and improve our offer to the community, and this year with your support, we have come so far!



You have told us this year that you would like more opportunities to get into the classrooms next year, and see your children's learning; so, we will be setting 6 curriculum open classroom sessions next year for you to come into the classrooms, sit with your children, ask our teachers any questions and hear about the incredible curriculum offer that we have in school. Because many of you have busy diaries, we will be setting these dates in advance at the beginning of the year so you have lots of notice and can plan them in ahead of time!



We continue as a school to grow, welcoming new families every week, and there are even some year groups who are now full, which is incredible. I am proud to announce that in the new academic year we will be opening another new classroom. This will be a Year 5 and Year 6 mixed age class and following in the Dartington bird tradition, it will be named the Goldfinches class. We cannot wait to find out who the first Goldfinch pupils will be!

Warm wishes,  
Mrs Huish



## Community News: Sports Day

Don't forget Sports Day is on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June!!

We will be having a full day of sporting fun with our Hub schools: St Michael's and Dunsford. Our children asked in their pupil survey if they could have some sporting opportunities with their wider Trust friends, so we are making that happen for them. In the morning, they will be joining in some fun team games meeting their new friends and then from **12:50**, you are all invited to come along and watch the circuit event where the children will all compete in their Forest Family groups with children from EYFS up to Year 6 working together for their team and finally finishing the day off with some traditional sprint and water relay races.

The long-awaited parent and staff race will be back if there is time.

Who will be crowned the winner this year? Mr T is our staff reigning champion, but I think we may have some new staff with high aspirations to be this year's staff winner!

*Who will you be cheering on?*



Bring some change for the PTFA refreshment stall!

## Community News: Our New PTFA



We now have a new PTFA who are hoping to plan out some exciting events over the next academic year. Jade has been appointed as the chair and she has a great team alongside her with over 30 members on their PTFA Whatsapp group. If you would like to get involved in any way (no matter how small), Jade is happy for you to contact her via WhatsApp on her mobile 07968 800 992.

The PTFA are already arranging their first event selling refreshments at the Sports Day and are currently trying to plan an end of school disco so if you want to be part of it, let Jade know!

## Community News: Year 5 and Year 6 Swimming Gala

Our Year 5 and Year 6 children went off on an adventure to explore Dunsford school, one of our Trust family schools. They had a fun day playing cricket and splashing in their swimming pool. Lots of new friends, smiley faces and proud medal winners!



## Community News: Proud Attenders

Tawny Owls were celebrating this week when they had 100% attendance. Absolutely everyone in class learning together!

## Clubs:

- After school club wrap around care 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 3.15 - 4.30pm - please collect a form in the office

## Dates for your Diary:

**21<sup>st</sup> June Hub Sports Day – parents welcome from 12:50**  
**26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 Bikeability (group 1)**  
**26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> June Year 6 residential**  
**26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June Year 4 residential**  
**29<sup>th</sup> June EYFS St Mary's church visit**  
**30<sup>th</sup> June Year 4 TOPS performance**  
**4<sup>th</sup> July – Transition morning in new classes**  
**7<sup>th</sup> July Totnes Rare Breeds Farm trip**  
**10<sup>th</sup> July – 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5 bikeability (group 2)**  
**14<sup>th</sup> July – school reports come home**  
**17<sup>th</sup> July/19<sup>th</sup> July – Parents evenings**  
**17<sup>th</sup> July Year 5 Riverford Farm Field Kitchen trip**  
**20<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 performance Alice in Wonderland 13:30 start**  
**21<sup>st</sup> July – Year 6 performance Alice in Wonderland 10:00 start**  
**24<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 leavers' service at St Mary's Church 13:30 start**