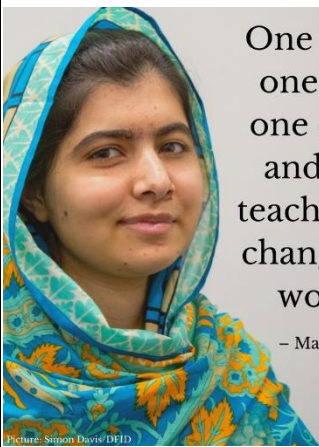




Together we grow, together we flourish

## Letter from Mrs Huish 04.10.23



One book,  
one pen,  
one child,  
and one  
teacher can  
change the  
world.

– Malala Yousafzai

Dear Families,

We have been thinking about values in our assemblies and classrooms this half term.

*Why do we have values? How do they help us? How do they link with our human rights?*

These are some of the questions that have started off our thinking. We have been sharing some stories and looking at some inspirational figures who have made a difference to the world around us and help us to think about how we can make a difference to others. The children have already had some great ideas about what values mean to them:

***“They help to make us all happy”*** Ed, ***“They keep us all safe”*** Thean, ***“They help us to treat each other as equals”*** Yume Tara, ***“They help us to live peacefully not in chaos”*** Lowri, ***“They show others that we are kind”*** Libby

This will be the continued theme of our collective worship sessions over the next few weeks as we think about how we can make choices to help change the world and make a difference.

To enhance our assemblies and opportunities to inspire children, this year, we are starting to help our children ‘realise the possible’ opening their eyes to the world of opportunities. As part of our Trust Charter, we offer children the chance to explore future careers and aspirations. To support this, we would like to invite families to come in and discuss their careers with our children across the year, so they can learn about the jobs out there and ask questions. If this is something you would be interested in, please speak to your child’s class teacher.

Warm wishes,  
Mrs Huish



## Community News: Well done Harry and Florence!

We are so very proud of Harry and Florence who have been active members of their community giving up their time to help with fundraising. They collected money in the summer holidays for the Totnes Caring charity. Well done Harry and Florence, your thoughtful actions have made such a difference to lots of people's lives! They even made it to the front page of the Totnes Times.



## Community News: Well done Lottie Mae!

Thank you to all our children who entered our census day menu design this year. Every child across our Trust was tasked with creating a school lunch menu that would tantalise the taste buds and meet the healthy eating aims of the 'Eatwell Plate'. We were blown away by the thought and creativity that went into the menus. It was very difficult to choose a winner for the school. However, Lottie Mae's menu stood out because it was so distinctive. She created a Forest School themed menu:



### Main Course

*'Tree top nests with extra fluffy green leaves' Honey soy chicken stir fry on a bed of noodles, broccoli florets and peppers.*

### Vegetarian/Vegan

*Same as above so everyone is included but use Quorn instead of chicken please.*

### Dessert

*'Fallen tree dessert with snowdrops and fallen berries' Vegan chocolate log with vanilla ice cream balls and blackberries or cherries.*

## Community News: Parents Flower Stall

We are so lucky to have such wonderfully supportive parents! Thank you to all the parents involved in the flower stall to raise funds for our sensory garden. The parents raised £85 which is incredible and could not be achieved without all of your generosity!



## Community News: Pumpkin Competition winner!



...And the winner of our guess the weight of the pumpkin competition was Oran and Tom! They guessed the closest estimate of 17.3kg to the actual weight of 17.1kg. Well done for some amazing guesses!

## Community News: Curriculum Open Classroom and Parent Evenings

How has your child settled into their new academic year? Come and find out! We have two opportunities for you to find out about your child's learning.

On **Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of October**, you are invited to our first curriculum open classroom session from 2-3pm. In this session, you will look through your child's book, hear about their curriculum learning and have the opportunity to chat with the class teacher.

If you would then like a 1:1 session, you can book one of these with your child's class teacher through the MCAS app. These will be held **on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 from 3:30 – 5:50.**



Please log into your 'My Child At School' App (MCAS) and choose Parents Evening from the panel on the left-hand side. You will then be able to choose the time and date that suits. If you have two or more children at Dartington Academy, you will need to do this for each one. The consultations will be face to face, but if you would prefer a telephone call, please let us know and the teacher will call you in that slot instead.

## Community News: Biking PE Lessons

Our mountain biking PE lessons will continue this year with our trained bike coaches. This term, we will be starting with Swifts and Nightingales up until half term. Please find the timetable for these lessons across the year so you know when your child will need their bike and helmet. These all take place weekly on Wednesday afternoons.

Term	Classes
Autumn 1	Swifts and Nightingales
Autumn 2	Woodpeckers and Tawny Owls
Spring 1	Kingfishers and Starlings
Spring 2	Swallows
Summer 1	Robins
Summer 2	Red Kites and Goldfinches



## Community News: Our Sports Leaders

Look at this amazing team of sports leaders! They all put in their application and were successfully chosen to help Mr Stronge and Miss Hardy lead the fun sporting activities across the school. We cannot wait to see the difference that they will make!

## Community News: Donation of Playtime Equipment

We have been very lucky to have been awarded a large sum of money by Cy from the Dartington Village Stores. NISA, one of their main suppliers, run a scheme called 'Making a Difference Locally'. When you as customers buy certain products, Cy and his team accrue funds from those products which are saved and donated to local good causes. We asked our Pupil Voice group what they wanted to spend the money on, and they decided that playtime and lunchtime equipment needed an update. As a result, this money has been allocated to buy some more lunch time and playtime equipment. The sports leaders will be sharing these out across the school and training the children on how to use it all. It will provide more activities and choice in lunchtimes. A big thank you to Cy and his team from the Dartington Stores who have helped to make this possible!



## Community News: We Need Your Help for School Funding

### What is Census Day?

This is an important day for the school because the DFE calculate the school funding on this day. They allocate a budget based on two criteria:

- The number of children who attend the school that day
- The number of children (in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2) who have a school dinner on that day

**We can win £750 for the school if we have the highest attendance on Thursday!**

### What happens if my child is not in school or does not have a school lunch?

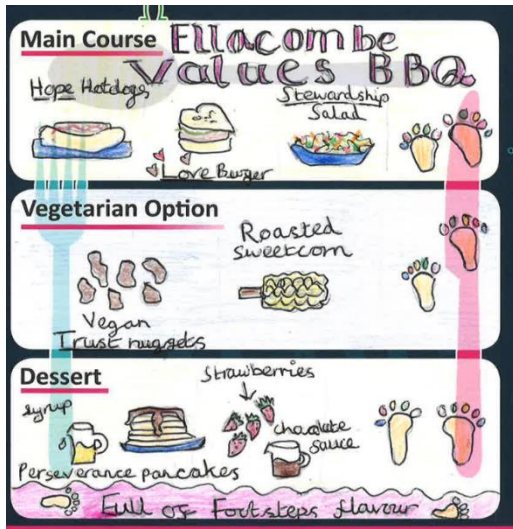
If your child is absent from school and does not have a school lunch, in KS1 and EYFS, the school does not receive funding for your child. For example, if 20 children are off and do not have a school lunch, the school would not be funded for those 20 children which would be over £80,000 of lost funds.

### What is happening on this day?

All children on this day will be provided with a special Census school lunch designed by one of our Trust pupils from our recent competition that all children entered. We are delighted to announce that our school winner, Lottie Mae, also won the Hub menu and reached the final stage. Well done Lottie Mae! The winning menu for the Trust that will be prepared by our kitchens and served on Census Day – 5<sup>th</sup> October was from



Ellacombe Academy. *The tasty Values BBQ menu is detailed below and will be available free of charge to every child!*



Hope Hotdogs or Lovely Burgers  
Trust Vegetable Nuggets (Vegan)  
Served with Stewardship Salad, Roasted Corn on the Cob & Fries

Perseverance Pancake with Strawberries and Maple Syrup or Chocolate Sauce

#### What do I need to do?

We will be providing every child across the school with a free school lunch on this day. They will just need to choose which of the delicious BBQ menu they would like!

Thanks for helping us to get the school funding that we need for our children!

#### Dates for your Diary 2023-2024:

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October – census school lunch day  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Oct – Year 6 Junior Life Skills in Totnes  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct – Curriculum Open Classroom Event 2-3pm  
16<sup>th</sup> Oct/19<sup>th</sup> Oct – Parents evenings  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Non pupil day  
Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Lunch Day  
Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Curriculum Open Classroom Event 2-3pm  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – KS1 Aquarium trip  
Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Jan – Curriculum Open Classroom Event 2-3pm  
29<sup>th</sup> Jan/1<sup>st</sup> Feb – Parents Evenings  
Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March – Curriculum Open Classroom Event 2-3pm  
Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Curriculum Open Classroom Event 2-3pm

