Together we grow, together we flourish



Letter from Mrs Huish 09.5.24

Dear Families,



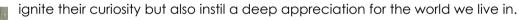
As we step into the vibrant embrace of the Summer term, it's with boundless excitement and a heart full of warmth that we share with you an update of all the wonderful things that have been going on across the school and anticipation of what is yet to come. We hope this letter finds you all well and ready to embark on a season filled with joy, discovery, and community spirit!



The Summer term is like a treasure trove waiting to be unlocked, with each day offering new adventures and

opportunities for our children. From connecting community events to tranquil trips exploring the wonders of the natural world around us, there's something magical in store for everyone.

Picture our little explorers, with beaming smiles and eyes wide with wonder, as they venture on local walks through lush green gardens, dip their toes in cool streams pond dipping, and marvel at the beauty of blooming flowers that they have planted and nurtured across the year. These outdoor escapades not only





But the fun doesn't stop there! Our calendar is brimming with events that promise to bring our school family closer together. From barbeques to sports days filled with laughter and friendly competition, there's no shortage of opportunities for us to create cherished memories as a community.

We understand the importance of fostering a sense of belonging and togetherness, and we're committed to ensuring that every child feels supported, inspired, and celebrated. Together, we'll

make this Summer term one to remember—a time of growth, friendship, and endless possibilities- where we say a fond farewell to our current Year 6 class and welcome our newest members of the school in September.

Warmest wishes, Mrs Huish





Together we grow, together we flourish: Next Curriculum Open Classroom Thursday 23rd May



To finish the end of this short term in spectacular style, we are hosting another curriculum open classroom for you to come in and share the joy of your child's learning with them. You will get to understand what they have been learning across this half term and immerse yourselves within the class community.

Gates will open at 2:15 for parents to join us!

Together we grow, together we flourish: Community Event Thursday23rd May

Excitingly, we are combining this terms Curriculum Open Classrooms with some other community events. The Year 6 children have been fundraising in the community for their end of year extravaganza and have asked to put on a BBQ to raise some more money. These will be on sale from 2:30 for anyone who would like to purchase anything to eat. Alongside this, the PTFA have arranged a jumble sale selling all your preloved items and a cake sale for some delicious treats afterwards. I know the PTFA cake sale was a complete sell out last time so if you would like to buy some cakes, please come between 2:30 and 3:30 and bring some pennies!

To summarise, On Thursday 23rd May 2024, here is the line up...

- 1) BBQ food for sale
- 2) Cake sale
- 3) Jumble sale



2:15 gates will open for parents and families to join the children in class.

2:30 you may take your children and purchase items from the community event. Any children whose parents are unable to attend until later or at all will be doing some activities with their teachers until the end of the school day. If they would like to bring in some money to buy something, they may.
3:15 collection as normal for all children (unless booked in after school clubs)
3:45 close of community event.

Realise the possible: PE Biking lessons next half term

Our mountain biking PE lessons will continue this year with our trained bike coaches. This half term, we will be Swallows. 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. What an incredible addition to our curriculum!

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



Sense of Belonging: Coffee and Connection sessions!

Our coffee and connect sessions are open to all parents. They offer a safe space to come in, meet the staff and ask some questions about the school or wider subject areas. Mrs Strange, our family support worker, leads these but is supported by either Mr Trewinnard, Mrs Huish, Mr Waters or Mrs Eversfield. They are a great opportunity to meet other parents, share thoughts and ask questions. Come and join us on one of the dates below at **09:00!**

8.5.24: Coffee and connect forum: curriculum.22.5.24: Coffee and Connect forum: SEND Space.17.7.24: Coffee and connect forum: SEND Space.

Realise the possible: Natural Art!

As part of our art curriculum, we study different artists, learn new skills to replicate what each artist uses to create their pieces and then the children use this knowledge to create their own individual pieces where they can express their own ideas and creativity. The Starlings have been exploring the works of Andy Goldsworthy this term and some of the children created some artwork using one of Andy Goldsworthy's signature shapes, the spiral!



Removing barriers: Road Safety – safeguarding our children!

This term, we have had the Road Safety team in to help the children to understand more about how to keep themselves safe when crossing roads and walking alongside traffic. We understand that our school neighbours some busy roads and we want all of our children to feel empowered in the knowledge of how vehicles see them and how they can ensure that they are safe when walking across or near busy roads. All children had an assembly where they learnt all about road safety. Afterwards, the classes had the opportunity to explore a big truck to understand how the wing



mirrors can see pedestrians and when the view is restricted. The children were so excited to climb up into the cab and see what it was like seeing the world from a truck's cab!



Together we grow, together we flourish: We are always learning!

We love to hear about children's learning in school and at home. We have been inspired by one of our pupils recently who after visiting a museum has created his own hovercraft. This super engineer brought his creation into school and showed us all how it worked giving us all the information on the special qualities of a hovercraft. What a superstar! DartingtonLAP @DartingtonLAP · Apr 30 ···· We are so proud of our budding engineer who has been building hovercrafts and showing us how they work in school. What a little geniusl





Sense of Belonging: Our Lunch Time Clubs!

We now have an award winning gardening club! Miss Eyland has been working hard with the children and they have been awarded a

certificate in Level 1 RHS Gardening in Schools Award to acknowledge the efforts that they have put in to this rich curricular opportunity for our children. We will let you know when the certificate arrives! Look what the very clever and talented Mrs Wilkinson has painted for Gardening club! Miss Eyland had told her all about how the birds try to eat all of the seeds we plant, and how rabbits had dug up and eaten all of Mrs Lilley's plants in KS2! Gardening club welcome donations of netting!

Together we grow, together we flourish: Well done Mr Waters and Mrs Eversfield!



A huge well done to Mr Waters who ran the London marathon this year with a time of 2 hours and 49 minutes – wow! Mr Waters is always inspiring us with being resilient and aiming high and he models this so well!

In keeping with the Assistant Headteacher sporting achievements, Mrs Eversfield is competing in the world championship rowing races in the Isles of Scilly this weekend too. We wish her all the best luck and look forward to hearing how she got on!



Dates for your Diary 2023-2024:

13th – 17th May – Year 6 SATs examinations Thurs 23rd May – Curriculum Open Classroom Event 2.15-3pm Thurs 23rd May – Community event: BBQ, Jumble Sale and Cake Sale 2:30 – 3:45 3rd -7th June - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Assessment Week 10th – 15th June – Year 1 Phonics screening 17th – 19th June Year 6 Residential 24th – 25th June Year 4 Residential 4th July – Curriculum Open Classroom Finale Friday 12th July – Sports Day 18th July – Year 6 Production PM 19th July – Year 6 Production AM 22nd July – Year 6 Leavers Service

Family Support Parent Dates:

Removing barriers: CAMHS FREE face to face course for parents!

We are running again our children's mental health course to support parents to understand more about the mental health behaviours that their child is showing and some useful strategies to support children to strengthen their mental wellbeing. The dates, if you would like this opportunity, are below. Please see Mrs Strange or ask in the office for more information!

> Summer Term. 19.6.24: UYCMH course. 26.6.24: UYCMH course. 3.7.24: UYCMH course. 10.7.24: UYCMH course.