<u>Doubletrees School</u> a member of the <u>Special Partnership Trust</u>.

10.11.2023 Autumn term 2



Doubletrees School Newsletter



Head Teacher's welcome:

We have had another actioned filled week at Doubletrees with some classes participating in BikeAbility lessons at Par running track and Rebound trampolining therapy in PE lessons. These therapy lessons are not only fun but also contribute to our learners educational targets.

Thank you to our parents and carers who attended our parental engagement coffee morning this week. We really value our engagement sessions at Doubletrees. We use the opportunity to share our visions and provide information, support and guidance to our families. Please come along to our next coffee morning on the 27th November to share your experiences and learn more about how we deliver communication at Doubletrees.

Our post 14 teams ran a very successful Halloween pop up café for staff, in our food technology room last week. I'm looking forward to seeing what will be on offer in this week's winter theme pop up café. Well done post 14, your efforts all contribute to your work relating learning targets.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. Heidi Hoskin. Head teacher.

Key Diary Dates

Monday 13.11.2023 - Whole School Photographs with Harlequin Photography. Friday 17.11.2023 - Children in Need - Wear lots of spots day! Monday 27.11.2023 - Parental Engagement Event & Coffee Morning - an introduction to 'Total Communication' @ Doubletrees Orchard building at 10:15 am.

Thursday 14.12.2023 - Christmas Fayre in the school hall at 13:45—15:00

Tuesday 12.12.2023 - Santa and his Elves visit the school on their motorbikes!

Wednesday 13.12.2023 - Whole school Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch.

Child Protection Information

If you are concerned about the welfare of a child at Doubletrees School please contact Guy Chappell or Heidi Hoskin (Designated Safeguarding Leads) on 01726 812757.Alternatively you could report your concern to Cornwall Central Referral Unit for Child Protection on 0300 123 1116.

Achieve

In Holly class, during English, we have been practicing our mark making skills. This week, we have been working on holding mark making tools and drawing vertical and horizontal lines on a chalkboard!

Belong

Rowan class have started their rebound therapy this half term to support their physical and sensory as well as communication targets! The first week has already been a huge success!

Communicate

In Cedar class, we have begun learning all about poetry in English. To coincide with our Light and Dark theme, we are exploring poetry about fireworks. This has been a fantastic opportunity to learn more about onomatopoeia. The learners had fun, making fireworks sounds using instruments and their voices. They participated in fireworks painting in response to the poem, making sounds of fireworks as they splatted string, dipped in paint onto black paper! This week, we will begin forming our own poetry, using onomatopoeia.

Develop

Cherry Class opened their pop-up Halloween Café on Friday, serving a bowl of Squash Soup with a buttered role to staff. It was as a brilliant afternoon, and everyone who tried the soup commented on how delicious it was, and how well the learners ran the café. They all had the opportunity to develop their work related learning skills in hospitality; working with money, health and safety, customer services etc. Next week we are running our pop-up Fireworks Café!

Enjoy

In Oak, we have been looking at the Hungry Caterpillar for one of our sensory stories. The learners have been engaged listening to the story and enjoying the sounds made by the adult. The children have been introduced to colourful semantics and used different props to help tell the story. Here we are making the caterpillar eat the fruits!



We are pleased to let you now that we have booked Harlequin Photography this year, to take our whole school photographs. They will attend our school at 09:30 am on Monday 13.11.2023. Harlequin will provide all parents with a log in and pin to enable photographs to be viewed and purchased on line.



Don't forget our Parent event on Monday 27th November 10.15am - 11.30am. We will be delivering 'An intro to using a Total Communication Approach' to support your child's communication needs. Including learning some core Makaton signs and receiving some symbol resources to take home!

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Parent Engagement

Firstly, thank you to those parents/carers that joined me for Thursday's Coffee Morning. It was lovely to see you all and for you to have the chance to get to know each other a little better. Feedback surveys filled in at Coffee Mornings will help me to focus content and themes for future events.

Our next one is **Monday 27th November 10.15am-11.30am,** and the focus will be **"An Introduction to using a Total Communication Approach" with Helen Green** Specialist Intervention Team Manager. Please do come along to find out more about supporting your child with communication (including use of AAC devices) and enjoy a hot drink and a chance to chat with other parents/carers. Please see the school's Facebook page and the school website or email, me for details.

We will be wearing "Lots of Spots" for Friday 17th November for Children in Need 2023! I look forward to seeing everyone's outfits/spotty items- it could spotty socks, spotty face paint, a spotty hair/headband or a whole spotty outfit! Whatever you have at home that fits the theme is fine. *Gemma Stockley. Family Engagement Lead*

Children in Need. Friday 17.11.2023.



We are supporting Children in Need this year with a wear 'Lots of Spots' to school theme. If you would like to make a donation to children in need, please click on the link below to donate. ** Please note. This is a direct link to children in need through Parent Pay, and is not active in individual parent pay accounts.

https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=11919

Christmas Fayre - Thursday 14.12.2023

We are very pleased to announce that we have booked a date for our Doubletrees Christmas Fayre! This event will be run by our Post 14 class teams and will be an opportunity for our families to join us in the festivities. Our learners will be selling their festive fayre and gifts, so come a long and grab yourself a bargain. More details to follow in regards to the timing of the event and parking facilities. Watch this space!

