



## Doubletrees School Newsletter



### Head Teacher's welcome:

There have been lots of interactive learning this week and our learners have enjoyed Rebound therapy on the trampoline, music lessons with Cornwall Music Service trust and BikeAbility lessons at Par track. Our learners not only enjoy attending these activities, but they often count towards each individual's personal learning goals.

We have another Parent Coffee Morning on Monday next week centered around 'Total Communication' We use the opportunity at these events to share our visions and provide information, support and guidance to our families. Our Specialist Intervention Team (SIT) will be delivering the event, and will be sharing their wealth of knowledge around Makaton and the use of symbols and objects to support your child's communication.

Christmas is fast approaching and I can see that classes have already been preparing and making their wonderful items to sell at our Fayre. We hope that you can join us on the 14th to support our learners efforts.

Wishing you a lovely weekend. Heidi Hoskin. Head Teacher

### Key Diary Dates:

Monday 27.11.2023 - Parental Engagement Event & Coffee Morning - an introduction to 'Total Communication' @ Doubletrees Orchard building at 10:15 am. \*Please park at the front of the school after 10:00 am .

Thursday 30.11.2023 - Santa & his Elves deliver our school Christmas tree at 10:30 am. Thank you [Par Garden Centre](#) !

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.

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

Tuesday 19.12.2023 - Last day of Autumn term.

Thursday 04.01.2024 - First day of the Spring term. Learners return to school.

### 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*

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Orchard and Maple class really enjoyed their time at Par running track for their BikeAbility lessons. Everyone engaged and used the opportunity to brush up on their biking skills. We had all sorts of different bikes available to us, including electric and 3 and 4 wheelers.

## *Belong*

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Learners from Elm class enjoyed the opportunity to play different instruments in their orchestra session. They had a great time playing loudly and softly and making music together with the music teachers Steve and Sinne from Cornwall Music Service Trust. Each learner waited their turn to play and re-enforce their chosen instruments place and belonging in each song. Well done Elm class!

## *Communicate*

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In Oak class maths lessons, we have been focusing on our counting to 10 using confetti cannons and photos of fireworks, singing 10 little fireworks when we count to each number. We use the props to encourage communication, engagement and anticipation of the task. Everyone had so much fun!

## *Develop*

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Apple class loved the surprise inside the Curiosity Box this week. It was a super squidgy, cold, slimy, scented and wobbly octopus donated by Lush. The learners initiated reaching and peeping inside the box in anticipation and had fun exploring and developing their senses with the textures, tapping it to make a wobble. They also enjoyed the lovely, fresh soapy scent.

## *Enjoy*

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Redwood have started a new sensory story this half term, Lollipop land. We are exploring candy land stimuli such as peppermint scent, pom pom grass and our favourite bubbles!! Sensory stories help us to understand the world around us. The combination of the sensory experience and the story helps bring the story to life and we really enjoy the interaction.



### Children in Need

We wore lots of spots for our school Children in Need fundraiser. We raised the total of £36.65 for the cause. Thank You.



### Harlequin Photography

Order forms have been sent home to families this week, with details of how to purchase your prints. Free delivery to school is available by the deadline of 01.12.23. After that all orders will be sent to home addresses, provided upon purchase.

### Christmas Jumper Day 13.12.2023

Don't forget to wear your fantastic Christmas jumpers on the 13th of December!



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## Parental Engagement

What a busy second half of the Autumn term we are having so far!

Following the successful coffee morning a few weeks ago, our Total Communication Approach session is coming up on Monday 27th November. Please join me and find out more about supporting your child's communication.

Coming up in the last few weeks of term are many exciting Christmas events including a visit from Father Christmas himself! Each child in the school will receive a gift kindly funded by the Friends of Doubletrees.

I look forward to even more parents/carers joining me for coffee mornings and support events in the new year, including Internet Safety and supporting your child's mental health. *Gemma Stockley. Family Engagement Lead.*

## Trackit Lights Certificates



At Doubletrees we use a system called Trackitlights where we record each individual learners behaviours. When a learner achieves a target, they earn points that work towards a Bronze, Silver and Gold certificate to take home with them to recognise their efforts. Each academic year our learners work towards a new set of targets that are based upon identified need, and encourage behaviour towards positive outcomes.

## Christmas Fayre on the 14.12.2023 at 13:45— 15:00 in the school hall.

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. Parking on the day will be the car park to St Blazey Cricket club, PL24 2JH. Please follow the path behind our Orchard building, and follow the signs past the playground to the school, where you will be greeted by staff and signed in.