

Doubletrees School a member of the  
Special Partnership Trust.

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Autumn term 2



## Doubletrees School Newsletter



### Head Teacher's welcome:

Wow, what a busy and festive few weeks that we have had. Our learners enjoyed making their festive gifts for our annual fayre, and it was fantastic to see all our families enjoying the atmosphere and purchasing the lovely items they had made to sell. Our fayre is not only fun, but educational. Our class teams make, price, sell and count the money and change, which all contributes to their personal learning goals in mathematics. Well done.

Santa came to visit us from his Par Garden Centre grotto to donate and deliver our school Christmas tree, and he stayed to meet all our learners with his two elves. He even posed for some photographs! What a lovely gesture. Santa has also picked us this year to donate his annual earnings from the grotto, to Doubletrees. This is incredible. I would like to extend heartfelt personal thanks to Par Garden Centre and Santa, for their kindness, time and for building local community links with our school.

Our Friends of Doubletrees charity team have also been very busy with their bingo and Christmas market stalls, which raised well over £1000 for our school! They have also secured a grant from the retailer TX Maxx. This is truly overwhelming, and I would like to thank every single member for your commitment, drive and kindness. You are all amazing!

Wishing you all a fantastic Christmas break and new year with your families, and I look forward to seeing you all on the 04 January 2024.

### Key Diary Dates:

Tuesday 19.12.2023. Last day of Autumn term.

Thursday 04.01.2024. First day of Spring Term. Learners back 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

Redwood class have had lots of fun with powder paint, bubbles and sprays, exploring texture and colour for our Christmas crafts to sell at our fayre. Sensory art helps us to understand our bodies using senses such as touch, smell, sight and sound.

## Belong

In Willow class we have enjoyed listening to and reenacting the nativity with our peers. These young actors have been taking it in turns to dress up and act as their favourite characters as well as singing songs from the Christmas Story.

## Communicate

Rowan class really enjoyed seeing Santa and his Elf on their custom motorbike this week! They enjoyed the sounds of the bike and the Christmas music and really got in to the festive spirit. It was lovely to see everyone communicating with them and enjoying the experience.

## Develop

Cedar have been participating in an author webinar. Nick Sharratt and Pippa Goodhart have been reading and discussing their books 'Choose Christmas' The learners had fun choosing their ideal Christmas, while developing their reading and IT skills.

## Enjoy

The whole school enjoyed another visit from Santa and his Elf this week on his custom motorbike. Santa delivered all the Christmas presents that our Friends of Doubletrees charity very kindly provided for all of our learners. Here are Maple class waving excitedly to Santa!

Thank you to Colin and John from St Blazey Railway club for taking your time to make our learner's festive experience.



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We would like to extend a HUGE Thank You to [Par Garden Centre](#) for your incredibly kind donation of our school Christmas tree and for sending your Santa and his Elves to deliver it! Our learners really enjoyed it. The atmosphere was truly magical, to see him walking down the drive ringing his sleigh bells, while carrying the tree! In the New Year 'Santa' has decided to donate his wages that he earnt at Santa's grotto, to our school to purchase some additional equipment for our learners. This is amazing. Thank you all so much Simon, Mark, Sarah and Gayle for your kindness and your time.



## Parental Engagement

With the success of our Christmas fayre yesterday, the total money taken was £379.65! All of this will be used to benefit all learners at Doubletrees. We had over forty of our families able to join us for the fayre and it was a pleasure to see you all.

Following feedback from previous coffee mornings, I can confirm that we have an Early Help Senior Family Worker from the Early Help Hub attending our next coffee morning on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Helen Norman will be with us for bi-monthly drop-in sessions at coffee mornings to direct our families to further sources of advice and help. There is no need to book an appointment to see her, just come to the coffee morning. Helen can help with where to get advice on toilet training, eating and drinking and also sleep. Helen can also attend the Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March coffee morning.

### Coffee morning dates for 2024 10:00—11:30

Wednesday 17.01.24  
Monday 19.02.24  
Wednesday 20.03.24  
Friday 19.04.24  
Thursday 16.05.24  
Monday 17.06.24



## Thank You to our Friends of Doubletrees Charity!

Friends of Doubletrees have been very busy the last few weeks with their fund raising bingo and stall at Charlestown Christmas market . They have raised over £1000 so far!

They have also secured a charity grant from the retailer TK Maxx, St Austell of £500 for us. This is AMAZING.

The money the FOD raise is donated to Doubletrees to fund additional equipment, resources and drama productions at the school.

## Staffing Updates

We would like to offer a very warm welcome to our new staff who will be joining our team in January. Welcome to Tamsin Harding our new Teacher in Little Orchard class, Rebecca Williams who joins our Elm class as a teacher and to Ben Adams who will join our TA compliment.

We would also like to say goodbye to Jenni Stanley who will sadly be leaving us to join another school within our trust. Thank you for all your hard work and commitment Jenni, you will be missed. Hannah Ould will be leaving us short-term for her maternity leave. Wishing you all the very best for your new arrival Hannah!