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## Newsletter 08.04.22

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### Future Events:

**Easter Break - Monday 11.04.22 - Friday 22.04.22 inclusive**

**Monday 25.04.22 - Summer Term/Learners back to school**

**Bank Holiday Monday 02.05.22 and INSET Tuesday 03.05.22**

**Wednesday 27.04.22 - Parental ASD training with Tigger Pritchard (ASD advocate and trainer) via TEAMS. Invites will be sent out to all parents/carers**



As our Spring term 2022 comes to a close, I would like to thank our whole school community for all of your support. I am very proud of the achievements and commitment from our learners, staff and parents. You are what makes our school so special. We will continue to focus on parental engagement next term, and we hope that you have found our sessions informative and supportive so far. We endeavour to continue to improve and evolve to ensure that our services always provide the best outcomes for all of our young people.

I wish to inform you, that due to changes in NHS regulations, we will no longer be using our Track&Trace email inbox for Covid related absences. Please continue to report all absences via telephone, on (01726) 812757 and select the 'reporting a child absence' option.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish two of our staff members Mark Goodson and Scarlett Dann, who leave the Doubletrees team today, all the very best for the future. We will miss you. Wishing you all a fantastic sunny Easter break.  
*Heidi Hoskin. Head teacher.*



### Parental Engagement

**Wednesday 4th**

**May 2022.**

**11-11:30**

Heidi Bright our Pastoral and Behaviour lead will host our next engagement session

In this session we will cover activities and ideas to support and regulate your child's mental health. This session is suitable for all parents and carers. Look out for your Microsoft teams invite which will be sent to all parents/carers via email.

We hope you can join us!



**5th May 2022 Parent/Carer  
Coffee morning at  
Doubletrees 10 –11 am**

Please drop in for a coffee with Tracey Crowle our family liaison. The meetings are informal, and we discuss a range of school related topics, your views and offer friendship and support.

A very BIG thank you to our Doubletrees community for your very kind donations of Easter eggs and sensory toys for our Easter egg hunt.



# School Improvement

We are currently in the process of developing our post 14 provision. After Easter they will have a dedicated area of the school for both the Elm and Cherry classes. They are busy developing one of the spaces into a little flat, where learners can work on their life skills. This ties in with a development of the post 14 curriculum, which is also being reviewed and which we hope to share in the summer. There will be photos of the finished provision coming soon!

We are identifying all the suggestions that our parents/carers made through our ongoing parent engagement survey. We will share all of our actions and implementations with you.

YOU SAID	WE LISTENED	WE ARE
You think that the home school books are really useful but could be better	We reviewed the layout of our home school books	Putting together a new format for our home school books which we will be sharing with you all soon.



## Parental Engagement

### Useful Contacts for Parents/Carers

We are devising a new list of useful contacts of responsible/contactable school staff and supporting services, so we can sign post our parents and carers to the correct and most beneficial services and support available. We will upload a staff profile each week to our facebook page and in each newsletter with details of who, and where you can contact each person. Our new list is not exhaustive and will be added to as/when a new need is identified/recognised.

#### ***'Who do I contact about transport for my child'***

**Tracey Crowle** our home/school family liaison is our school side contact for school transport and transport requests (TRF's) Please contact Tracey at [tcrowle@doubletrees.org.uk](mailto:tcrowle@doubletrees.org.uk) or via our school reception on 01726 812757. County Transport will be your first point of contact for initial transport arrangements. Their contact details are [School and Post-16 Transport - Cornwall](#)



#### **Parent Survey** - <https://forms.office.com/r/S49aAAfksA>

Thank you to those who have completed our online parent engagement survey. We have decided to keep the survey open for two more weeks. The link is still on our face book page (and above), but if you prefer, we will send a paper copy home with all learners this week.

We really value your views and will use the results to improve our engagement with you.

#### **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.*



# Look What We Have Learned!

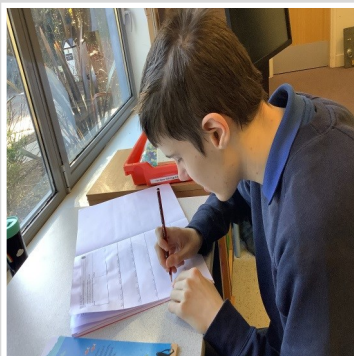


In Apple class we have been enjoying the weather in the sensory garden. We found lots of insects and learned how insects play a part in the development of our ecology. The sensory plants were a real treat to touch and smell.

As part of Science week in the Oak class, we explored the theme of growth through a range of activities. To encourage curiosity we explored how to make balloons grow and float, trying water, rice and air. This activity helped us practice our fine and gross motor skills using our developing hand eye coordination to reach, pass and bounce the balloon.



We made chocolate spread and icing sugar dough in our sensory cooking classes this week in Rowan. We enjoyed rolling it out and forming it in to new shapes.



In Elm class we have been learning about instructions and how we follow them. We have been matching shapes and investigating properties of different shapes.



In Willow we have been looking at measuring in maths. As part of our lesson we made a healthy fruit salad following a recipe, and we tried out lots of different fruits.

Cherry Class are learning about explorers this term. We made our own explorer's picnic last week for an exploratory trip to our Forest School.

Everyone chose healthy ingredients, along with a few cheeky packets of crisps, and made themselves a drink for the trip. Due to the unpredictable Cornish weather we ate it in the classroom. It was such fun that we will definitely do it again (weather permitting!)



In Redwood class we have made the most of the lovely weather and our new playground equipment. We have been sharing the equipment and having a lovely time together, whilst also working on our physio and communication.





# Look What We Have Learned!

PE lessons - Some learners in Holly class enjoyed the use of the trampoline this week as part of Rebound Therapy. We practised a variety of different ways to bounce on the trampoline, and enjoyed it as part of our sensory regulation.



Maple class have enjoyed exploring growth in Science week. We watched bubbles grow and had fun chasing them. We also experienced anticipation as we watched what happens when mento's were added to Diet Coke. POP!!



In Cedar class we have been following and writing our own instructions. We really enjoyed following instructions to make our own Pizza for snack.



Can you help our resource group? We are looking for donations of Blue, White or Silver material. Especially anything light or net. Scarves would be ideal. Also clean coloured towels and duvets and battery powered string lights. We use these items in our sensory lessons. Thank You!





## *Time2Move Holiday Programme, on site at Doubletrees School*

The Time2Move Holiday Programme is open to ALL young people and are FREE for those aged 5\* to 16 on benefits related Free School Meals and **FREE to All Doubletrees Students 5-19**

Activities will be delivered by Active Cornwall and partners to ensure all children in Cornwall eligible, will be offered activity during the three main school holidays or Easter, Summer and Christmas.

### [T2M Holiday Programme – Active Cornwall](#)

The Time2Move Holiday Programme offers free out-of-school activities during the Easter, Summer and Winter holidays in Cornwall.

It aims to support families on low incomes who are more likely to experience 'unhealthy holidays' in terms of nutrition and physical health.

Those eligible can access activities free of charge by using a unique booking code – you can read more about that in our [blog](#). (\*\* Quoting Doubletrees School/Free when booking)

Our providers offer a wide range of activities across Cornwall, from football to water sports, from arts and crafts to adventure playgrounds.

All children are welcome to attend our sessions – every child that attends is offered a healthy meal free of charge.

The Time2Move Holiday Programme was launched in 2021 and we are pleased to announce a further three years funding to expand the provision.

We have partnered with Parent Carers Cornwall to support children with SEND. A representative will speak to parents directly about the needs of their child to ensure they are met when attending sessions.

**For more information call 01872 323335 or book via the email below, quoting Doubletrees Student/Free placement - [TimeMove.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:TimeMove.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk)**

**Or book via - <https://playwaze.com/active-cornwall-autumn-21/58txmpldufc/session-display?eventid=PhysicalEventSeries/50913-B&d=null>**





Pre-general release screening  
of the acclaimed documentary film

# 'It's OK to be Different'



'Drama Express is a Cornish youth charity for young people with disabilities. Rooted in their experiences of living through a pandemic, this is a story of remarkable resilience to perform their play at the iconic Minack Theatre'

Narrated by Morwenna Banks

**Sunday 10th April Truro Plaza Cinema 11am**

*"Challenging perceptions of disability on and off stage, the film is a testimony to the vitality and drive of an extraordinary and inspirational group"*

*"A heart-warming, feel good film. I left the cinema with my emotions laid bare"*

**Bookings: Please contact [dramaexpressoffice@aol.com](mailto:dramaexpressoffice@aol.com) 07724 930 744**

