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Future Events:

Monday 14.11.22 - Wear odd socks to school for Anti Bullying week

Friday 18.11.22 - Children in need. Wear lots of spots to school!

Tuesday 22.11.22 - Parent Coffee morning 9:30 -10:30 in the Orchard building

Thursday 08.12.22 - Christmas Fayre 10-12. Details to follow from our Post 14 team



We welcome everyone back after half term with another busy week, including celebrity visitors! We were delighted to welcome Dame Darcey Bussell (Strictly fans have been very excited), who introduced her DDMIX dance programme to some of our learners. We also had a visit from King Henry VIII to our Key stage 3 classes as part of their Tudors topic. He was quite a regal figure wandering through our corridor. We are quite the celebrity hotspot at the moment! It's a very busy half term, as it always is before Christmas so please take note of all the dates and events we have coming up. We look forward to seeing lots of you at the coffee morning soon, and at the Christmas fayre. Heidi Hoskin. Head teacher



Parental Engagement

**Parent/Carer Coffee Morning on
Tuesday November 22nd 9.30-
10.30 in our Orchard Building.**

The Doubletrees parent group is there for all parents/carers who have children and young people who come to our school. The group meets regularly during term time. We have lots of new parents this term and would especially like to welcome them to join us. The parent group provides parents and carers with a positive opportunity to meet and exchange ideas and experiences in a relaxed atmosphere. The group is led by the parents/carers and it is a great place to meet others share information and have a cuppa. Points which may be raised in the group will be taken away by family liaison (Tracey Crowle) to ensure parents/carers feel their views and opinions are listened to. Any outcomes will be shared with the school community and subsequent actions will be communicated.



BBC Children in Need

We are supporting children in need on **Friday 18th November 2022** with our Wear Spots to School day. Simply click on the link below to Donate via Parent Pay. *We are unable to accept cash payments for this event*

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=8164>



School Improvement

As part of our continuing drive for self improvement, our focus for the past few weeks has been reviewing the quality of lessons and learning across our school. We have done learning walks in all the classrooms and are currently working with our subject leads to review the quality of the work our learners produce within their curriculum subject areas.

This is an important part of our school improvement, as it allows us to celebrate our strengths and share great practice where we see it. It is also to identify what we need to improve and what training will help us to do so. We have also been working with some of our new support staff to develop their use of communication strategies, which are essential to all that we do.

Retired ballerina and former Strictly Come Dancing judge, Dame Darcey Bussell visited Doubletrees this week!

Maple class had a visit from Darcey Bussell this week. She came with her colleagues at DDMIX dance for schools; Amy, Jo and Giselle who all enthusiastically joined in with Jo Conac's dance lesson with our learners. Everyone had a great time dancing together like Henry VIIIth and his many animals. Wow!



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!



This week in music Willow class have been exploring instruments and sounds from Tudor times. As a class we experimented and played together enjoying the resulting concert!



Redwood had a spooktacular first day back! We were supported to encounter experiences around us. We explored the inside of pumpkins and listened to Halloween sounds. Later, we had the opportunity to be proactive and respond to items such as sticky slime, wiggly worms, bubbly cauldrons in the dark and a spooky sensory trail!

In Holly class maths lessons, we have been practising our early counting skills by making groups of objects using visual support.



Cherry and Elm Class had a Toga party before half term to celebrate the end of their Greece topic. We all had a fabulous time dressing up and dancing. A brilliant end to the half term!



Here's Apple Class enjoying their daily hall time slot where we have plenty of room to practice our Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy targets.

Maple class had a visit from Henry the VIII this week! We had a great morning with lots of topic related learning which included a Presentation as Henry VIII (with mystery objects. What the Tudors have done for us - mix and match card sort. Timeline of the six wives of Henry VIII (pegged on a washing line) and a ball and cup game.



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In English this half term, Cedar class will be learning about instructions. This week we followed instructions to make a potion and thought about what ingredients we might put into our own spooky potions!



In Rowan class we are working on our fine motor skills - exploring coloured pasta, capturing objects in a hoop and completing beautiful transient art using loose parts.



We welcomed a new learner to the Oak and Little Acorns class this week! In communication and language we have been developing our attention and understanding through experiencing the key on-body signs - 'finish'

Governors



We are very pleased to welcome the following new Governors to our Doubletrees team!

Welcome to Lucy Hall our Maple class teacher who has been appointed the role of Staff Governor and to Mia Hanney who has been appointed the role of Parent Governor.

We welcome you to the Governing body and look forward to working with you both in your additional/new capacities.



Anti-Bullying Week 2022 is coordinated in England and Wales by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. It will take place from 14 to 18 November 2022 and has the theme Reach Out. The week will start off at Doubletrees with our Odd Socks Day on Monday 14th November where adults and children wear odd socks to school to celebrate what makes us all unique! All of our classes will integrate the ethos of the week in to their learning.



Being different is ok, Wear odd socks today.

Lest we forget...

Our post 14 learners will be selling Poppies and poppy related items in school from Monday 7th—Friday 11th November for Armistice Day. If you would like to purchase any items, we are able to accept cash for these in the sealed collection tins available on site.

