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## Newsletter 02.12.22

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### Future Events:

**Tuesday 06.12.22 - Parent coffee morning & packing Shoe boxes for the elderly. 09:30 - 10:30**

**Wednesday 07.12.22 - Santa & Elves visiting the learners on site with presents and School Christmas dinner.**

**Thursday 08.12.22 - Christmas Fayre in the Orchard building at 1:30 pm. All welcome!**

**Friday 09.12.22 - Christmas jumper day!**



I can't quite believe that we are entering the festive season already. I don't know about all of you but it really seems to have sneaked up on me fast this year. Next week's busy activities most definitely means that Christmas is coming!

I love seeing all the wonderful learning that our great team provide for your young people—this week is no exception—lots of wonderful creations for our school Christmas market are being prepared. We do however, have quite a lot of staff (and learners) feeling a little bit under the weather and we have been impacted by staff and pupil absences. It is lovely seeing your young people but please do ensure they are well before returning as these bugs do spread very easily. We very much look forward to seeing many of you during our Christmas festivities and I wish you all a lovely weekend. *Heidi Hoskin. Head teacher*

We are really excited that Santa is visiting Doubletrees on Wednesday 7th December. All of our learners will receive a gift very kindly supplied by our Friends of Doubletrees charity. For more information about the Friends of Doubletrees; maybe you would like to join the team? Please visit our website to find out more.

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### Parent coffee morning and shoe box appeal packing!

Come and join us on site next Tuesday 6th December to help pack shoe boxes for local elderly residents. The local community group, 'Christmas gifts for elderly friends, shoebox appeal' distribute food stuffs and comfort items to those who find themselves alone or in vulnerable situations. Thank you so much to everyone for your very kind donations so far! If you would like to contribute, please send any items in to school reception. We welcome all of our parents/carers to our coffee morning to join in and help the learners make the boxes look nice and festive.



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# CHRISTMAS MARKET

A stylized illustration of Santa Claus with a white beard and red suit, holding a brown gift box. The background is blue with white clouds and green trees.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
13.30-15.30 in the  
Orchard building @  
Doubletrees School

Come to Doubletrees for Christmas. All  
classes will have a stall selling Christmas  
things they have made! See you there.

Poster made by Benjy. Post 14 team

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# Look What We Have Learned!



In Oak's expressive art lessons, through continuous provision we have been learning to engage and explore various activities (PSED). This week our learners requested painting. We enjoyed the sensory quality and making big and small marks



We are exploring Winter this week in Redwood class. In our sensory story, we have responded to the sounds of winter, crunching of snow under our feet and patter of rain on our umbrellas. To finish we enjoyed the smell of hot cocoa and the warmth of a woolly hat and scarf!

The Elm Elves have been very busy this week! They have been cutting, moulding, painting, shaping, sticking and making everything sparkle and shine for our forthcoming Christmas Fayre!! The Elves in Elm class are truly 'Enterprising'



Cherry class learners have been busy preparing for the Christmas Market. Raven and his friends have been helping decorate the canteen for the other learners to enjoy and to make the Christmas market really festive. The Cherry class have been making lots of lovely things to sell, like these colourful Christmas cards. We hope you can make it!



This week in Science, Cedar class have been looking at animal habitats. We researched animals that live in the Arctic and looked at how they adapt to survive. We did an experiment to learn how blubber helps to keep animals warm!



Willow class have been engaging with Baroque style music this half term and practising for our Christmas song. We've focused on listening to instructions like 'go' and 'stop'.

In Rowan class, we have been following a sequence of images to create Christmas products to sell at the Christmas fayre.

We have also been creating snowy scenes using blue and white paint in art.





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English - As part of our English lessons this week, Holly class have engaged in a sensory story version, of the Nativity story. Learners got to explore different sounds, props and actions to represent key parts of the story!

Maple class have been constructing with willow this half term in Design Technology. They created willow wands last week and this week they were making willow lanterns. Next week we will decorate them with layers of tissue paper.



Apple class have been making lots of hand made goodies and gifts in their art lessons, for our Christmas fayre next week. We hope you can join us to see what we have made and join in the festivities!?

## Christmas JUMPER DAY



### Friday 9th December.

It's time to get those jumpers out and rock your festive wear! We are having a fun day, so wear your Christmas jumpers to school or bring an old jumper to customise in class! We can accept donations on site, for the Save the Children UK, charity.

# School Improvement

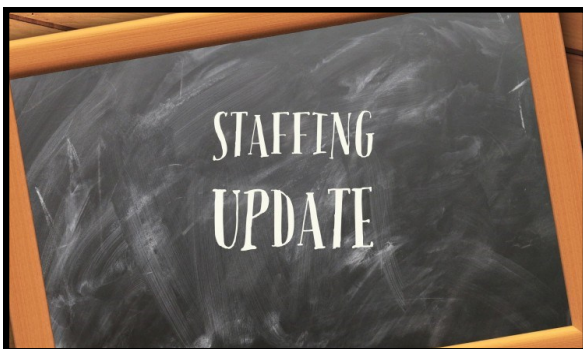
Our governors spent a Monday doing learning walks in lots of the classes. It was lovely so see the diverse range of experiences and learning opportunities that our young people experience during their day at Doubletrees. All the classes were very focused and purposeful.

Also over the next two weeks, lots of our subject and phase leads are attending Trust meetings with their counterparts from other schools. This is to share best practice and also collaborate to further improve identified areas in all schools and is proving very useful.



We would like to welcome Victoria Farrelly to our Doubletrees team! Victoria will join us in a teaching capacity next year, as our Spring Term commences.

Welcome Victoria!



We say a sad goodbye to one of our teachers Rhiannon Jandrell who leaves us this term. Rhiannon we thank you for your dedication and the huge difference that you have made to the lives of all learners who have been in your care. We will miss you and the glitter!

## Staff changes in Willow Class

We would like to inform you of some changes to the class teacher for the Willow class. Shivonne will be leaving us at the end of this term. We wish her every success in her new venture and thank her for all the work she has done within this class since she joined us. The class teacher from January will be Jo Conac. She is an established teacher within our school and has been working within the Willow class already, delivering various aspects of the curriculum, therefore knows the young people within this class well. She will be spending an increasing amount of time in there over the next three weeks to make this transition as smooth as possible and will lead the class full time from January. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or queries.

### 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.*