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Tuesday 17.01.23 - Parent resource group 09:30 - 11:00 am Orchard Building

Friday 03.02.23 - NSPCC Number day. Dress up as a 'number' for a fun day of maths activities

Friday 03.02.23 - Apple and Redwood classes Sensory session. Parents invited. Details to follow

Tuesday 07.02.23 - Safer internet day & coffee morning. Parents invited onsite at our Orchard building from 09:30 for our coffee morning with a safety theme. Further details to follow.

Thursday 02.03.23 - World Book Day. Dress up theme 'favourite person who keeps us safe'



Happy new year to you all. I hope you have had a lovely fun filled break with your families. I really enjoy the Spring term; the evenings start to get lighter and the first signs of spring start to emerge. We have lots of exciting opportunities and events planned for this term, and we look forward to updating you and sharing the pictures as they happen.

I would like to draw your attention to the section on attendance in this newsletter. One of our big focusses for us is attendance and punctuality. There is a large Government drive to get attendance back to the levels it was before the pandemic. The focus will be supportive. See below for further details.
Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Heidi Hoskin. Head Teacher

Friday 27th January 2023 - Reminder of INSET day



We are celebrating World Book Day on the 2nd March. Our theme this year is 'People who keep us safe' Our learners can come to school dressed as their favourite 'Safe person' Eg Emergency Service, plumber etc. We are hoping to have some representatives from our safety services to attend the school to talk about their roles with our learners.

If any of our parents are employed in these sectors we would be delighted if you could join us briefly to share your experiences?
If you are able to help out for an hour, please contact our family

liaison Tracey Crowle on 01726 812757 or

tcrowle@doubletrees.org.uk before Friday 10th February to book in. Thank you



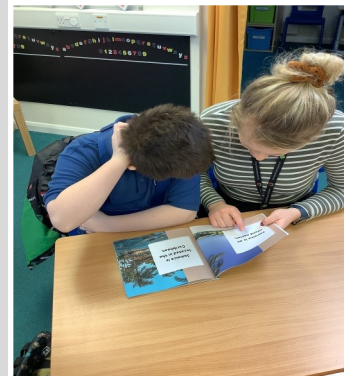
Look What We Have Learned!



Cherry & Elm Class have been very busy this week planning for their Happy Hump Day Café enterprise initiative which runs every Wednesday. First they collected orders from across the school staff team. Next they used their developing data handling skills to write lists of what they needed. Finally they were all actively engaged in wearing their PPE and making bacon and vegetarian baps for the staff team. Here we are in the school kitchen organising the bacon and veggie products to be cooked. We then began slicing and buttering up baps, back in our classroom. This work also supports the learning they are doing in RE about the link between religion and food. Cherry Class have been learning about religions where people eat meat and others follow plant based, vegetarian and vegan diets.

Redwood celebrated the start of the New Year by listening to Big Ben's chimes and counting down with party poppers. We listened to some traditional music linked to the new year from different cultures.

In Apple class we have been selecting herbs to plant in our outdoor garden. We made the experience a sensory one, exploring the plants with touch and our noses!



Maple class have been introduced to their new topic this week and have been finding out all about the country of Jamaica. They have used non-fiction books to research facts and enjoyed listening to Calypso music.



In our music lesson this week, Cedar class explored what makes a musical instrument. We explored a range of instruments and the noises that they make. Then we had a go at making our own instruments and playing them to the beat of a song!

In Willow's English reading comprehension and writing skills lessons, we have been studying the Jamaican folk tale, Tiger Soup, by Frances Temple. During our sensory story time everyone has shown a preference for the coconut's hairy shell!



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This week in Rowan class, we have been looking at Arawak sculpture and had a go at creating our own sculptures using clay and tools. We looked at photographs to inspire our own designs.



This term in Holly class we are learning all about different methods of transport. Here we are exploring the tyre prints by rolling them through paint - we had lots of messy fun!



In Oak class as part of our Cognition and Understanding the World, we have been thinking about our senses and exploring various stimuli. Our tactile pockets are very 'squishy' this week!

NSPCC Number Day! Friday 3rd February



Non Uniform day. Dress up with a number theme!

We are celebrating NSPCC's Number Day on the 3rd of February. We have an action packed fun filled day of maths activities and games planned. Learners will be permitted to wear non uniform and/or dress up with a number theme! Why not decorate an old T-shirt with numbers, dress as a calculator, clock or domino..... There are lots of fantastic idea's!

[Number Day 2023 | NSPCC](#)

School Improvement

One of our big focuses over the next few terms is attendance and punctuality. There is a large government drive to approve attendance, following the pandemic. This is because national average school attendance has not yet returned to its pre-pandemic levels. The Educational Welfare Service has now been made statutory, so all schools receive involvement. The focus is meant to be a supportive one. If young people are experiencing barriers to accessing their education, we are looking to work collaboratively to try and overcome these by working with parents and other relevant agencies to help overcome these.

We are also looking forward to our Internet safety week in Early February. The focus here will be identifying things that make us feel good or bad. If things make us feel bad, how do we access help? This is linked, both to our PHSE focus on relationships and also online habits—choosing what is good or bad and reporting harmful content.



Parental
Engagement

Apple and Redwood Sensory Sessions! Friday 3rd February 2023.



Apple and Redwood classes would like to invite parents to join in with their child, and attend one of their atmospheric sessions on the 3rd February. Classes will send further details with times. If you would like to join in the fun, please let your child's class team know and book in!

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.

Shallal

**Community Dance
Improvisation
with Shallal**

**Everyone welcome
all ages and
no experience
necessary**



**Friday
13 January
5 - 6.30pm**

**St Austell Parish
Holy Trinity Church
Church St
Saint Austell
PL25 4FZ**

**Free
suggested donation
£6 adults, £3 children**



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