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Friday 24 March 2023 Spring term 2



Doubletrees School Newsletter



Head Teacher's welcome:

As a school, we always strive to work closely together with our learners' parents and carers. Whilst we want this to be a positive experience. We will, occasionally, get things wrong from time to time. If you do feel there is something we are not quite getting right, I encourage you to raise this at an early level before they escalate so we can address things quickly and promptly. If you have previously raised concerns and you do not feel they have been resolved to your satisfaction,

please do get in touch with either a phase team leader or a member of the senior leadership team. We guarantee to get back to you promptly, to listen to you carefully and to take all reasonable steps to address any concerns you may have.

Who do I contact? Your first step is your child's class teacher.

Gemma Stockley, our Family Engagement Lead is always happy to try to resolve any concerns you may have or will make sure the most appropriate person to address your concerns gets back to you. If you want to escalate your concern the following team leads can help -

Lower School Team Lead	Middle School Team Lead	Upper School Team Lead
Caitlin Humphreys	Lucy Hall	Rachel Facey

Or feel free to contact one of our Senior Leadership Team -

Headteacher	Deputy Headteacher	Assistant Headteacher
Heidi Hoskin	Lou Doyle	Jo Hobbs

We can only resolve what we know about, so please so not hesitate to get in touch if you feel we can help. Heidi Hoskin. Head teacher.

Key Diary Dates

Tuesday 28th March—'Bloomin Marvellous' art exhibition on site at Doubletrees for parents & carers 14:00—15:15 Friday 31st March end of term— 15:30 learner finish time. Easter Holiday: Monday 3rd April—Friday 14th April Inclusive

Monday 17th April—Summer term starts **Thursday 27th April**—Parent coffee morning at Doubletrees 09:30—11:00 am with learn Makaton!

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

Cherry Class welcomed a local artist Fiona Chivers in to class last week, teaching everyone how to make paper flowers. Learners had opportunities to ask her questions about her work and improve their own skills. We took the opportunity to brush up on our own artistic skills, so we can showcase our talents at our art exhibition.

Belong

We have been looking for Signs of Spring both in our school environment and at the Eden Project. We noticed lots of daffodils, and have been growing our own sunflower seeds which we hope to share at the Bloomin' Marvellous Exhibition. We have also been making orders when in the cafe and modelling good manners when enjoying our snack there after walking around the biomes. It has been lovely getting back out in to our community and re-establishing our sense of belonging.

Communicate

School Improvement

Our curriculum has been in place for three years now and we are taking the opportunity to reflect in its success and also refine this further.

Your views are important to us and we would really like your feedback regarding this. Thank you to those who have already completed this. The feedback is really helpful and will inform our next steps with curriculum design.

The feedback has shown there are a few parents who have not yet heard about the Evidence for Learning app, where we can share photographs and videos of your child/young person's experiences and learning in school.

We will resend the invite letters out again after the Easter holidays so you can sign up, or you can request these directly through the home school book.

Please take the time to complete this survey. It takes two minutes. We would appreciate your input into our curriculum design. Thank you.





Develop

This week in Oak class, we have been thinking about our sense of hearing. In Communication and Language we have been listening and exploring the sounds that instruments make. Some of us have been making our own sounds on the keyboard. Learning to listen to sounds with help us develop early reading skills.

Enjoy

This week, as part of our transport topic, Rowan learners really enjoyed exploring a tractor and developing their knowledge of machinery. We looked at the colour, the flashing light and some of us were able to sit on the tractor seat!

In Apple class we have been enjoying and exploring the outdoors for our topic of horticulture, and getting ideas for our bloomin' marvellous art display. We took in all the sights, smells and sounds for inspiration.







Parental Engagement

I look forward to meeting more of you and welcoming you into school before the holiday for some class Easter events. As we move into the summer term I am pleased to announce the next Parent coffee morning on Thursday 27th April!

Helen Green, Makaton Tutor and SPT Therapy Service Manager is joining us for a two part series, with the second session taking place on Thursday 25th May. Both sessions are 09:30—11:00. Come along and learn Makaton with us!

Red Nose Day 2023

Thank you to everyone who participated and donated for our wear red to school event last week.

We raised £39.45 for this fantastic cause. Thank You!









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Bloomin Marvellous Art Exhibition

We are extending an invite for parents and carers to come and join us at Doubletrees on the 28th March for our Spring art exhibition. Learners across the school are engaged in horticulture, craft and arts and want to share their creations with you.

Come and join us in the Orchard building 14:00-15:15.

Easter Egg Hunt. Can you help?

We are looking forward to our class annual Easter egg hunt next week. Thank you to those who have already donated eggs and sensory toys. ASDA St Austell have donated a box of bubble tubes and the Friends of Doubletrees have donated some sensory toys. Thank you!

There is still time to add to our collection, so if you would like to make a donation, we are looking for some eggs please. We are low on chocolate. Any donations would be gratefully received, and by Monday the 27th March.

It is with mixed emotions that we say farewell to Caitlin Humphreys, who will be moving on to pursue other opportunities after the Easter break. Caitlin has been a valuable member of our team and has made a significant impact on our learners during her time here. We are grateful for her dedication and hard work, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours. We know that she will continue to inspire and make a difference in the lives of learners wherever she goes. Thank you, Caitlin, for your contributions to our school community.

In addition, I am thrilled to announce that we will be welcoming a new teacher to our team at Doubletrees School. Miss Jasmine Oak will be joining us as Holly class teacher after Easter and will be bringing her skills and experience to our school. Jasmine is an experienced SEN and early years educator with a wide range of teaching experience from both specialist and mainstream provision. Her previous role was working a specialist Areas Resource Base educational setting; she has a passion for SEN and a love of maths! We are confident that she will be a wonderful addition to our team and will make a positive impact on our students. Welcome!



- Are you passionate about the pupils of Doubletrees?
- Are you a parent, carer, relative, staff member OR friend?
- Are you able to spare 30 minutes, three times a year?



Join us in making a difference. Friends of Doubletrees Charity raises funds to support the school and benefit the pupils with new equipment, special activities, group therapy sessions, gifts, and trips.

We need your help to continue this charity's good work. You can support us in a variety of ways to fit around your schedule: attending meetings (online or on-site), fundraising, helping to arrange events, administration tasks or simply just spreading the word.

Please contact Doubletrees' Family Liaison, Gemma, on 01726812757 or gstockley@doubletrees.org.uk to register your interest.

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