

Doubletrees School Newsletter



Head Teacher's welcome:

The NEU teaching union intends to take strike action in schools on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July 2023. With the first day of strike action taking place on Wednesday 5th July, I am getting in touch to give you a further update - that we will be partially opening on this day. As previously shared we are also aware that we had a pre-planned INSET day (Monday 3rd July) where the school would have been closed to pupils the same week as the recently announced strikes. After careful consideration and in order to minimise the disruption to our families we have moved our INSET day from the Monday to the Friday of next week so that our learners are only impacted on two days rather than three days without this change. So next week will now look like this:

- Monday 3rd July—School is open to all pupils (INSET moved to the Friday).
- Tuesday 4th July – School open as normal.
- Wednesday 5th July – Strike action day and partial school closure. We have sent an email today outlining the affected classes. A copy of this letter is also available on our website and Facebook page.
- Thursday 6th July – School open as normal.
- Friday 7th July – INSET day (moved from the Monday) and strike action day. School closed to pupils.

We would like to assure you that we are committed to providing the highest quality education for your children. Our priority remains the well-being and high-quality education for all of our students, and we will continue to strive for excellence in their education despite the current challenges.

Heidi Hoskin. Head teacher.

Key Diary Dates

Monday 03.07.2023— School open to learners as the INSET day has been changed to Friday 07.07.2023

Wednesday 05.07.2023— Strike action & partial school closure. *Please refer to email sent home today*

Friday 07.07.2023— INSET day. School closed to pupils

Sports Days—Tuesday 11.07.2023 and Wednesday 12.07.2023. Please see our schedule of the day on page 3 of this newsletter

21.07.2023—Doubletrees Prom—please see page 3

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

In Elm class, learners had the great idea of practising their money and counting skills by making their own shop and restaurant outside. Prices were labelled up. Customers came and bought fish and chips as well as dinosaurs. They also organised a tip box for happy customers.

Belong

Maple class have been exploring recipes in English. As part of this, we sequenced a Cornish pasty recipe, as our theme this half term is Our Local Area. In DT we were able to use our recipes and made yummy pasties. We learned how to fold and crimp the pastry, keep safe in the kitchen and why it was important to include lots of vegetable in the pastry.

Communicate

The Friends of Doubletrees are a registered charity (number 1027045) who work to raise funds for Doubletrees School. Our members include ex and current parents/grandparents and school staff.

We aim to raise funds through organised fundraising activities, applying for grants and other sources of funding, and increasing the awareness of the school within the local community. The money raised is used solely to benefit the children of the school in terms of new equipment, accessing activities and supporting the development of new facilities.

Some of our fundraising efforts have paid for I-pads, waterfall playsets, sensory toys, cycle helmets, Christmas presents for the pupils, new photograph displays, dance clubs, polytunnel refurbishment and play equipment for the early years foundation stage (EYFS) area. A recent fundraising effort has supplied the school with its own defibrillator, which is now situated in the corridor by the library.

We have also been successful in applying for a number of grants which allow large items to be purchased like the acheeva bed, eye-gaze systems and items for our sensory room. We are also lucky to receive a number of donations from individuals and groups who raise money on our behalf.

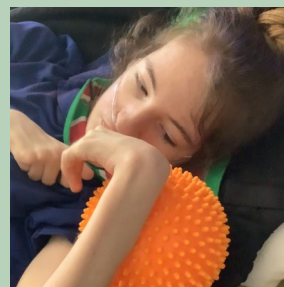
Do you have any fundraising ideas that you could share with us? Would you like to join us and make a real difference? Please contact Gemma Stockley if you would like to register your ideas and find out some more about what the Friends of Doubletrees do. gstockley@doubletrees.org.uk

Develop

Redwood have been working on physical coordination by exploring objects in front of us. We have been noticing, reaching and touching with our bodies to make something happen. Practising this skill helps us to develop and maintain our motor skills to explore our environment.

Enjoy

Apple Class really enjoyed our pottery workshop. The clay felt cold, soft and wet. We enjoyed squishing it through our fingers. We used some of our favourite toys and objects meaningful to us to imprint patterns in the clay.





TUESDAY 11TH JULY 2023 Schedule

Learning to Learn – Rowan, Apple, Redwood 10:00 – 12:00 Start in the hall then split to Playground, outside Redwood, Outside Rowan and finishing in the Hall.

Ready to Learn - Maple, Cedar and Cherry classes – 13:30 – 15:00 – at the Cricket field. Cherry class are also serving refreshment.

EYFS – Oak - 10:00 – 12:00 in the Rainbow Room

WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY 2023 Schedule

Bridging to Learn - Elm class – 10:45 – 11:30 in the top yard
Holly class - 13:30 – 14:15 in the yard
Willow class – 14:15 – 15:00 in the yard
Little Orchard – In the Little Orchard outdoor space at 14:30

Doubletrees Leaver's Prom

Doubletrees Leaver's Prom will be held at our school on Friday 21st July 2023 from 14:00 to 15:30. Parents and Carers of our leavers are invited to join us to celebrate all of their achievements and to say goodbye, as some of our learners move on to colleges and further provisions. The dress code for the day is 'Dress to impress!'

We hope you can join us! Please check your child's home/school books and class posters for updates and information about the day.

** Poster opposite created by a learner and leaver in our Cherry class**

Temporary Playground Closure

Unfortunately we had to take the difficult decision to close our school's adventure playground this week. This is due to health and safety concerns. This beautiful weather has caused some of the wooden structures to shrink in their concrete housing and have the potential to become unsafe. In the interim, we are using the adventure equipment in the sensory playground, outdoor gym area and the yard for our outdoor activities. We are working on resolving this as soon as we are able as we understand how important the play area is to our learners, but as always, health and safety is at the forefront of this decision. We will keep you all updated as they progress.

Doubletrees Graduation Prom

