



All through edition: Autumn Term Week 2  
13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Welcome back to the new school year and welcome to the many new pupils starting with us this year. We are delighted to have you all in school and we are looking forward to another positive year at Dartmouth Academy.

Already this year, I see our pupils wearing their uniform with pride, coming into school on time with their equipment: ready and eager to learn. I am proud to see how well our pupils demonstrate our school values of Courage, Compassion and Ambition. We will be spending time in assembly learning about the values, starting with courage and what it looks like in a learner.

Home learning has been sent out this week as well. We noticed that pupils engage in spelling games on Spelling Shed at home more than practising spelling by writing them out. Instead of asking your child to do this writing at home, we have made the decision to do this every morning when pupils first arrive into class, so no one misses out. If you would like to do these at home as well, please ask your child's class teacher and they can help with this. In fact, if you have any queries about home learning, or how your child is getting on in school, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Recently, we have welcomed resettled families from Afghanistan in school. These families, who have assisted the UK efforts in Afghanistan, standing up for values we sometimes take for granted such as democracy, women's rights, freedom of speech, and rule of law have taken a long time to be resettled. We are privileged to be able to reopen the door to the many future opportunities that education provides, and we welcome these families into our school community.

Please do read the information about Cashpot for Schools. I was made aware of this by a parent who has already begun earning much-needed money to help restock our library just by shopping at Asda.

Have a lovely weekend: let's hope this sunshine lasts...

**Mrs J Tierney and the Primary Phase team**

## Dates for the diary

### September

16<sup>th</sup> – Open Morning @ 9.30am

25<sup>th</sup> – Open Morning @ 9.30am

### October

2<sup>nd</sup> – Open Evening @ 4.30pm

11<sup>th</sup> – Class 5 Harvest Assembly

24<sup>th</sup> – Food Festival

28<sup>th</sup> – Half Term

### November

13<sup>th</sup> Primary Open Morning @ 9.30am

### December

2<sup>nd</sup> – Non-Pupil Day



**Primary:**

Start

8:40am

and Finish

3:10pm

# Celebrations

## Attendance Matters

This year's attendance by  
Year Group:

**Reception** – 100%

**Year 1** – 95.4%

**Year 2** – 97.7%

**Year 3** – 93.7%

**Year 4** – 95%

**Year 5** – 98.1%

**Year 6** – 93.9%

**Year 7** – 97.6%

**Year 8** – 97.6%

**Year 9** – 92.5%

**Year 10** – 91%

**Year 11** – 91.1%

School attendance for  
the year so far is  
currently

**94.7 %**

**Thank you for supporting  
our target of 96%**

## Primary celebrations

### 'Stars in our eyes'

L Keeley – Nursery

Clayton A – Reception

Olly W – Class 1

Jack L – Class 2/3

Oakley F & Stanley C – Class 3/4

Joshua T – Class 5

Dainton F – Class 6



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# What have we been up to:

Class 2/3 explored wheels and axels as part of their Mechanisms topic in Design Technology. They used buttons and cocktail sticks to make wheels and axels and attached these to pegs to make racing cars. It was fiddly but they rose to the challenge and thoroughly enjoyed the lesson!



All of the children have settled into Year 6 brilliantly and are enjoying getting to know one another better. We love to work with our partners and give each other tricky questions in Maths and have learnt about how to classify animals into different groups. In English, we are learning about Mesopotamia and how it inspired SF Said to write Varjak Paw. Next week, we are going to be finding out about different leadership opportunities in Primary and may even apply for different roles.



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We're so proud of how calmly Class 1 have settled into the new routines of the term. We've had lots of laughs exploring feelings as part of our learning in English inspired by the book, *How do you feel?* Yesterday we investigated the scientific characteristics of ice cream using all of the five senses - we decided taste was the best! Well done for a super first week Class 1.



In Nursery and Reception, we have spent the week focusing on settling into school, learning our routines and making friends. The children had a great first forest school lesson on Wednesday and PE lesson on Thursday. We have been so impressed by how the children are managing with the expectations. We are seeing new friendships forming, great listening and focus and huge effort in the challenges.

The new year 5s have settled in so well this week becoming familiar with their new environment and working hard to present their best selves. We have been emersed in some great stories this week, in particular the tale of Varjak Paw and his adventure into the ancient city of Mesopotamia! We are looking forward to diving into our Autumn term topics and producing some fantastic work.

Class 3 /4 have started working on illustrating stories in art. The children (and Mr Nute) loved experimenting with charcoal and chalk to create a small world scene.



**Children's author Peter Bently** will be signing copies of his books at Dartmouth Community Bookshop, 9/9A Foss Street on Saturday 21 September 10.30 -11.30am. Do come along and meet him!

(A chance for children who do not come to his event on Friday morning to meet him)

AND ... Alexandra Dawe will be selling and signing "The Stitchwort Curse" 12- 1pm, - about a haunted house and spiders, for older children. One reviewer said "Fantastic! But arachnophobes beware!"

**Parentkind** – a charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support our school, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

The supermarket has joined forces with Joe Wicks to support the initiative – look out for the TV advert, radio ads and social media coverage!

### It's as easy as 1,2,3

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)
2. Choose our Primary School – either searching by name or postcode
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop

Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most. We are aiming to spend our donations on restocking our library.

Remember, anyone can sign up – so start spreading the news and raising funds for our school.

This initiative is on top of the existing Asda Rewards benefits you get as a shopper – so you won't lose out on any of your own earnings or Cashpot, so everyone is a winner!



## Fundraising for Borneo Expedition 2025



Join us at **Dartmouth Academy** in The View.

On any or all of the following dates:

13<sup>th</sup> of September

4<sup>th</sup> of October

8<sup>th</sup> of November

10<sup>th</sup> of January

Doors open at 18.30 for eyes down at 19.00

Cash prizes, plus cash jackpot game.

Raffles, tea, coffee, cake.

Money made from the event will go towards Camps International Borneo 2025

For all volunteer pupils on the evenings

If you would like to donate to the whole school Borneo Team, please do so at:

**Account Name: Education South West**

**18412868 Account Number**

**30-94-72 Sort Code**

**Reference: Borneo 2025**

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Dear parents,

I am a parenting educator and my passion is to support parents and their children towards and through the **bumpy ride of teenage years**.

Please find a flyer attached for the **upcoming workshop on supporting parents of teens and pre-teens (10-18years)**.

*Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at The Tribe,  
Berry Pomeroy near Totnes,  
10am-4pm.*

I am trained in children's development and family therapy, an **anxiety expert**, and my work **is based on the latest neuro science**.

My colleague Nette Hargreaves is a **human design expert**, supporting parents with valuable **insights into their kids' strengths and skills**.

Together we will **support you to really understand the behavioural changes happening in your pre-teen and teens** and support you via **insights, tricks and tips** so that you can be the parent your teenager needs.

Parenting a teenager is a totally different job description from parenting a child. We'll show you ways to communicate going forward and ways to keep or (re)build a positive relationship.

By using the discount code 'MYSCHOOL' you'll receive a special discount of £20

We look forward to meeting you!

Veronique Mertes  
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[Decoding Your Teenager - Workshop - 22nd September 2024 - 10am-4pm - Veronique Mertes Hypnotherapy \(vmerteshypnotherapy.co.uk\)](#)



} In the cube  
Straight from school }

3.15 - 4.30  
Parents collect at 4.30

# New Mondays

## CRAFT ART CLUB

Years 3 to 6

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Sept  
16th



Bird houses

Sept  
23rd



Nature clay

Sept  
30th



Ink animals

Oct  
7th



Create your own!

Oct  
14th



Crazy big art

Oct  
21st



Pumpkin fun

**BOOK ONLINE BY SUNDAY 15TH AT 3PM**

[www.incybox.com](http://www.incybox.com)

£6 per session  
booked per half term } £36



Instagram - incybox

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# Emergency Services Open Day

**Coronation Park, Dartmouth**  
**Saturday 14 September**  
**11:00am - 3:00pm**



**Come along to the emergency services open day with your family and friends to meet your local emergency service teams. They will explain the range of different roles that are available to you within the emergency service sector.**

**Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service, Devon and Cornwall Police, Southwestern Ambulance Service, Royal National Lifeboat Institution and His Majesty's Coastguard will all be attending.**



**Devon & Cornwall Police**



**DEVON & SOMERSET  
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**



**South Western  
Ambulance Service**  
NHS Foundation Trust



**Lifeboats**

