



All through edition: Spring Term 1 Week 8

12th January 2024

Happy New Year!

We hope this message finds you well and filled with joy. The new year has kicked off with tremendous enthusiasm and hard work from our incredible pupils. We are delighted to share that their dedication and positive energy have set an inspiring tone for the term already.

Our pupils have embraced challenges with resilience, and their commitment to learning has been truly commendable. Their achievements, both in and out of the classroom, reflect their passion for knowledge and personal growth.

As we look ahead to the coming weeks, the anticipation for exciting events, projects, and learning experiences is palpable. The teachers and staff are thrilled to continue fostering an environment that nurtures curiosity and fosters a love for learning.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to you, our supportive community, for your continued partnership in your child's educational journey. Together, we look forward to creating more memorable moments and achieving new heights throughout the term.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful and successful remainder of the school year!

Warm regards,

The Dartmouth team

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Dates for the diary

January 2024

- 16th – Yr.9 Immunisations
- 19th – Yr.10 Exeter College Trip
- 29th – House Cake Sale
- 30th & 31st – Primary Parents' Evening
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- 31st – Yr.9 Parents' Evening
- 30th – 6th Feb – Yr.11 PPE2 week

February

- 6th – Nursery Drop in
- 7th – Parent Forum @ 3.15pm
- 12th – 18th – Half Term
- 20th – ESW Yr.5 Art Workshop
- 28th – Yr.11 Parents' Evening

March

- 4th – 15th – Assessment Fortnight
- 7th – World Book Day
- 18th – School Closed staff training
- 19th – House Cake Sale
- 27th – ESW Yr.5 Science workshop
- 29th – Easter Holidays

April

- 15th – Back to school

Celebrations

Attendance Matters

This year's attendance by
Year Group:

Reception – 93.1%

Year 1 – 95.8%

Year 2 – 93.6%

Year 3 – 93.2%

Year 4 – 94.4%

Year 5 – 92.3%

Year 6 – 95.3%

School attendance for
the year so far is
currently

91.8 %

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

Primary celebrations

'Stars in our eyes'

Alivia W & Ezra S - Nursery

Sophie W & Coby L - Reception

Astrid B & Joury A - Class 1/2

Scott M & Violet H - Class 2/3

Mason K & Oakley G - Class 4

Harry H & Noah S - Class 5

Kaleb B & Jacob L - Class 6



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Celebrations

Attendance Matters

This year's attendance by Year Group:

Year 7 – 94.5%

Year 8 – 90.9%

Year 9 – 91.8%

Year 10 – 88.8%

Year 11 – 84.5%

School attendance for the year so far is currently

91.8 %

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Secondary celebrations

Seneca Leader Board

1st – Josephfine N

2nd – Noah P

3rd – Eboney H

4th – Lauren P

5th – Ben H

6th – Samuel C

7th – Leon R

8th – Oliver D

9th – Uliana N

10th – Lucas D



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Keeping up to date

As an Academy we endeavour to provide as many opportunities as possible to keep parents and carers up to date with information and this is done in the following ways:

- Newsletter (information and updates)
- Emailed Letters (notification of events)
- Texts (important immediate information)
- Group e-mail (important immediate information)
- Facebook
- Website <https://www.dartmouthacademy.org.uk/>
- Phone calls (emergency communication)
- Safeguarding concerns safeguarding@dartmouthacademy.org.uk

In the event of any issues or concerns these must firstly be raised with the class teacher/ tutor whose e-mail addresses can be found on the school website: <https://www.dartmouthacademy.org.uk/1184/staff-list> subsequently the relevant Senior member of staff:

Mrs Tierney – Primary Principal

Mrs Gorton – Assistant Principal/SENDCo

Mrs Darke (maternity leave) Assistant Principal/ Ms Hladkji – Behaviour and Attendance

and finally, the Principal Mr Girardot.

e-mails to staff email addresses may be missed so we would encourage e-mailing admin@dartmouthacademy.org.uk as this mail box is regularly screened and messages will reach the correct person.

School Starts: 8:50am

Gates Open: 8:40

Pupils are not supervised until 8.40am

School Finishes: 3:15pm

You must notify the school of an absence, or for any other reason please call 01803 839719

Focus on English

More than any other subject, English – and especially reading – gives pupils access to the rest of the curriculum and is fundamental to their educational success. This is why the introduction to the national curriculum says: '**Fluency in the English language is an essential foundation for success in all subjects**'.

But English is so much more than the gateway to success in other curriculum subjects. Through studying literature, pupils' eyes are opened to the human experience; they explore meaning and ambiguity as well as the beauty and power of language. English also has a strong creative and expressive dimension. A strong command of the spoken word is a crucial outcome of English education. The benefits of spoken language extend beyond just success at school. Becoming an articulate, effective communicator forms the basis of democratic engagement within wider society.

Through our analysis of homework completion, it has shown that pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9 have some limited completion of their English homework which is designed to further enhance the learning in class. Following pupil feedback on Bedrock which we were using we have moved to Sparx reader to align with Maths. This programme is very easy to use and has the following benefits:

- Pupils can choose from a range of texts
- Everyone can be successful in their reading through personalised targets
- Regular quizzes help to check understanding and develop comprehension
- Books from home and the library can be added.



The time expectations are as follows:

Y7 – average 30 mins/ week

Y8 – average 35 mins/ week

Y9 – average 40 mins/ week

*Pupils can of course do more if they wish,
you can never do too much reading!*



RECEPTION APPLICATIONS 2024

If your child was born between the 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, next Monday 15th January 2024 is the deadline to submit a timely application for their Primary place for September 2024. late applications will only be considered after timely applications-

Apply using the link below-

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/>



What have we been up to:

Staff surprised pupils in our end of term assembly with a short pantomime of Cinderella – What an end of term spectacular!!



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Forest School

A really important part of our curriculum offer at Dartmouth Academy is Forest School. We are fortunate to have our very own Forest School leader, Mrs Thompson, who takes classes in blocks of 4 weeks to carry out sessions in our outdoor learning provision. Forest School focuses on the interests of the child and is learner centred. It focuses on curiosity rather than completed outcomes and helps children to grow socially, emotionally and physically.

Class 2/3

Class 2/3 enjoyed making and sailing conker boats last term.



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DARTMOUTH ROTARY

We have been lucky enough to receive funding from Dartmouth Rotary Club towards some new book purchases for our school library. The children will definitely benefit from these resources in the future and enjoy the variety of topics that they can access through print. We would like to send a big "THANK YOU!" on behalf of us all.



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Fundraiser for Borneo Expedition 2025

From the raffle below Blackawton Shop have kindly donated £75.00 towards the Borneo fund. We would like to thank everyone who bought a ticket.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

ALL PROCEEDS TO DARTMOUTH ACADEMY AND
BLACKAWTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

LOTS OF PRIZES!!

Shop hamper, Red Hill Market Garden
Veg Bag, Bottle of Prosecco, Chocolates.




TICKETS ON SALE AT THE SHOP £1 PER TICKET
DRAW ON FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2023 AT 4PM

THANK YOU!





YEAR 11 and parents/carers:

SDUTC in Newton Abbot (not South Devon College)

Please see below the dates for the upcoming South Devon UTC events.

Please follow the link for more information and details on how to book a place: <https://southdevonutc.org.uk/open-days-and-events/>

Open Events:

- Monday 8th January from 10am to 11am
- Monday 19th February from 10am to 11am
- Thursday 7th March from 6pm to 7.30pm
- Monday 25th March from 10am to 11am

Taster Sessions:

- Thursday 11th January from 10am to 1pm
- Thursday 22nd February from 10am to 1pm
- Wednesday 27th March from 10am to 1pm



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Parents/Carers welcome to the
presentation from 3.30pm

Year 5 Art Workshop

on Tuesday 20th February from 1.30pm to 4.00pm



*Music investigating emotive use of colour
Photography, drawing and writing
Mixed media self portrait*

Milton Lane, Dartmouth TQ6 9HW
01803 839700 option 1 - events@dartmouthacademy.org.uk

From Nursery to Year 11

OPEN EVENTS

Nursery Drop In Sessions

Tuesday 6th February
Thursday 21st May
10am to 11am



Nursery & Primary Open Events

Tuesday 11th June
9.30am to 10.30am

