



Autumn Term Week 10 – 22nd November 2024

Dear Parent/Carers,

This week, it has been wonderful to welcome you into school to spend some time with your child's class teacher, finding out how they're getting on in school.

On Monday all Key Stage 2 pupils took part in a free STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) workshop. Pupils taking part in the EKO Robotics Challenge delivered by Hyett Education built and were able to code robots to complete a range of missions. The challenges encouraged teamwork, problem-solving, creative thinking and coding/cyber skills.

I am proud to say that our workshop facilitator, Mr Anderson, commented on the excellent teamwork, courage and resilience demonstrated by our pupils.

Pupils commented on how inspired they were by the workshops with many pupils saying they wanted to find out more about a career in coding!



Playground equipment

We have sourced new playground equipment for our KS1 playground and Mr Nute is looking at ways to make play and lunchtimes better for all pupils by looking at games, clubs and equipment available at these times. He is working closely with our MTA staff, who already work hard to improve lunchtime play- especially when the weather is so wet and we cannot always use the field or adventure playground.

I would like to mention the super job our Yr. 6 playground monitors are doing to support the younger pupils at play and lunchtimes. Thank you goes to Mathew R, Lola G-P, Millie W, Amelia H-P & Freddie H for being such positive role models.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs J Tierney and the Primary Phase team

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Dates for the diary

December

2nd – Non-Pupil Day
School Closed

3rd – Rainbow Theatre

4th – Primary Open Morning @
9.30am

13th – Academy Christmas
Fayre @ 2.45pm

16th – Yr.1 - 6 Carol Service @
St Clements 2.00pm

17th – EYFS Nativity @ 9.15am

18th – Christmas Dinner

20th – School closing at 1pm

January 2025

6th – Back to school

Celebrations

Attendance Matters

This year's attendance by
Year Group:

Reception – 83.8%

Year 1 – 90.7%

Year 2 – 95.7%

Year 3 – 94.1%

Year 4 – 93.7%

Year 5 – 96.2%

Year 6 – 94.5%

Year 7 – 95.1%

Year 8 – 93.4%

Year 9 – 90.3%

Year 10 – 89.4%

Year 11 – 90.1%

School attendance for
the year so far is
currently

92.5 %

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

Primary celebrations

'Stars in our eyes'

Mollie H & Asma J – Nursery

Skyla-Lin G & Tia G – Reception

Hunter C & Kobe-Jack W – Class 1

Jordan Y & Mia M – Class 2/3

Richard R & Kirsty-Mae S – Class
3/4

Leo M & Sofia N – Class 5

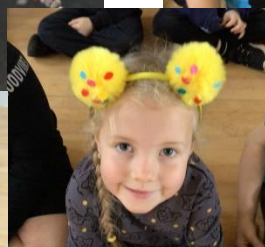
Mollie S & Darcey S – Class 6



What have we been up to:

Children in Need Day 2024

We held our annual Children in Need fundraising day today demonstrating our school's value of **COMPASSION!** Pupils took part in a carousel of activities: hula hooping, skipping rope, dancing with Pudsey, quizzing and creating their own superhero characters using AI! A huge thank you to Miss Duke for organising all the events of the day and to everyone who made donations or bought a cake at the cake sale. **We raised £161.34 to help make life lighter for children across the UK.**



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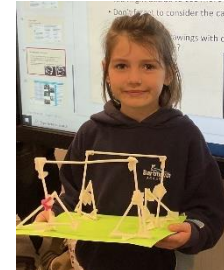
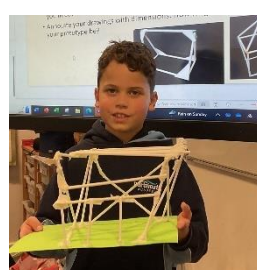
Christmas has officially arrived in 2/3 this week with a particularly rousing rendition of Silent Night on Glockenspiels... Luckily, we have a few weeks to practise!



At the start of the year, Miss Duke and Mr Nute set each pupil in class 3-4 a reading challenge to read 10 books with the associated Accelerated Reader quiz this term. So far, these amazing pupils have all read at minimum of 10 reading books each and completed the comprehension quiz! We are so proud of their hard-work and determination but mostly we are so pleased that pupils in class 3-4 are discovering a love of reading! Collectively as a class, the pupils have read a whopping 96 books this term with a total of 195,810 words! Utterly FANTASTIC! Well done 3-4!



Class 3/4 have been busy in our DT lessons considering and evaluating; designing and making prototype bird hides after Mrs Tierney set us a challenge! The class realised that their structures were not strong enough with just parallel sides and discovered that a triangle helps make a structure a lot stronger.



Year 6 recited, 'In Flander's Field' by John McCrae as part of our Remembrance service at school. They were so calm and respectful of the event and did a super job!



PCSO Jess- Dartmouth Police visit

Year 5 and 6 were visited by our local Police Community Support Officer, Jess. She talked about how we can keep ourselves safe on our phones and to only send messages that are thoughtful and kind.

Jess also spoke about keeping safe at the park and even if playing rough is a "laugh" or a "joke", it makes the community feel unsafe and the police will intervene. The children were also told what to do if they feel unsure or see something unsafe happen and where to find the police station.

PCSO Jess also spoke about the use of appropriate language in public places and advised pupils that swearing and abusive language is not allowed in public places- just like at school!

She warned pupils about keeping away from the New Cotton Farm playground that is under development as there has been an increase in anti-social behaviour there recently that police are keeping a close eye on.

We also spoke about how our school rules were still in place while pupils were in their school uniform, even if it was outside school and outside of school hours.

All of the children listening intently and asked really good questions. PCSO Jess said she would be increasing her visits to the local park and encouraged pupils to come and say hi when they see her. We will be working with PCSO Jess more closely over the course of the year.



We are so lucky to live in a community where we all work together to keep our young people safe.

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School Support & Snacks



Where: Dartmouth Health & Wellbeing Centre, Wessex Way, TQ6 0JL

When: Monday 25th November 9-10.30am

Who: ALL parents/carers/families of children at Dartmouth Academy

What: A coffee morning (with pastries!).

An informal opportunity to talk alongside other parents/carers, professionals and local community members about how **WE** can support and help **YOU** with your child attending and thriving at school.



We will be joined by:

- SEMH Team
- Communication & Interaction Team
- Educational Psychologist
- DiAS (Devon Information, Advice and Support Service for SEND)
- Opticians
- Dartmouth Caring
- The Police
- Action for Children
- Youth Mental Health Foundation
- Dartmouth Medical Practice
- Early Help



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In Mrs Perrott's Art Room

christmas Bauble Workshop
3RD of December 2024
3.30-5pm
Dartmouth Academy
£5 per Bauble
Refreshments will be
provided



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If you have any unopened bottles, tins, biscuits or chocolates that you would like to donate to our tombola, please drop at reception before Friday 6th December. Thank you

DARTMOUTH ACADEMY
FRIENDS
**CHRISTMAS
FAIR**

STALLS, FOOD, GROTTO

RAFFLE AND TOMBOLA

13TH DEC	STALLS £10.	2.45- 6.30PM
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IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A
STALL PLEASE GET IN TOUCH
WITH SCHOOL.

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FREE

Dartmouth Open Space

Every Thursday
Starting September 5th 2024
1.30pm - 3.00pm

Come and Play!

**Dartmouth Family Hub,
Milton Lane,
Dartmouth,
TQ6 9HW**



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Step by Step 10.00am - 11.30am Totnes For children 0-5 years with additional needs *Please Book*</p> <p>Citizens Advice appointments and drop ins Last Monday of every month 10.00am - 1.00 pm Totnes from 23/09/24 For appointments *Please Book*</p> <p>Open Space 1.30pm - 3.30pm Totnes A time to meet other children and families, play and explore</p> <p>SENDtastic Kingsbridge 2.30pm - 4.30pm Kingsbridge For anyone age 0-25 years with additional needs *Please Book*</p>	<p>Bump and Baby Space 10.00am - 12.00pm Totnes A space for pre-walkers and their carers to meet and play</p> <p>Lets talk, read and play 1.00pm - 2.30pm Location varies A group to support speech and language development for children age 2-3 years *Please Book*</p> <p>SENDtastic after school 3.00pm - 4.30pm Totnes For anyone age 0-25 years with additional needs *Please Book*</p>		<p>Baby Massage 10.00am - 12.00pm Location varies A special time for you and your baby through massage, for babies 6 weeks+ *Please Book*</p> <p>Open Space 1.30pm - 3.00pm Dartmouth A time to meet other children and families, play and explore</p> <p>Taste and Explore 3.30pm - 4.30pm Totnes Please keep an eye on our facebook page for further information</p>	<p>Eat, Talk, Thrive 9.30am - 11.30am Totnes Please keep an eye on our facebook page for further information</p> <p>Open Space 1.30pm - 3.30pm Totnes A time to meet other children and families, play and explore</p>

For ***bookable*** groups and sessions, please scan the QR and complete a **Request for Contact** form stating which group you are interested in attending.

For any further information scan the QR code to complete the form and a Family Hub Navigator will be in touch





Free NHS mental health support for parents across Devon

If you are struggling with low mood, anxious thoughts, sleep difficulties or aren't quite feeling yourself, help is available.

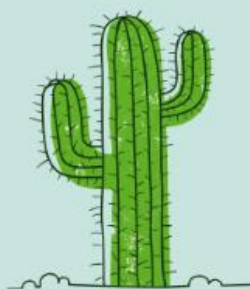
TALKWORKS is Devon's free and confidential **NHS Talking Therapies service**, here to help adults over the age of 18, living in Devon (outside Plymouth which is covered by **Plymouth Talking Therapies**), improve their mental and physical wellbeing. Treatment and support includes one-to-one sessions with a therapist, access to employment support, interactive group courses, wellbeing workshops and online self-help.

You do not need a referral from a GP to access TALKWORKS' services, you can **refer yourself online** or over the phone. For more information on the different treatment options and therapy services, please visit the **TALKWORKS website** or call 0300 555 3344.

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PUBERTY OR THE ART OF CUDDLING A CACTUS

FREE WEBINAR
Thursday 28th November
7-8pm



Veronique Mertes Parenting Coaching

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DAFC YOUTH



TRAINING TONIGHT

DARTMOUTH ACADEMY

JUNIORS - 4:45 - 5:30 HALL

U9'S 5:30 - 6:30 FIELD

U11'S / U12'S 5:30 - 6:30 FIELD

U13'S 5:30 - 6:30 HALL

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL:
dafcwelfareofficer@gmail.com

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What You Need to Know to Dartmouth Swimming Club

All our sessions are coached by Senior Head Coach Mat



Junior Squad

For level 7 and above

We are a friendly competitive club and coach to a high standard. The next step to take your swimming aspirations and fitness to the next level is to join a swimming club.



Masters

For age 18 and over

This is a coached session for adults that can swim at a reasonable pace for one hour.



Dippers

For age 6 and over

This is a fun coached session for children not quite ready for the Junior Squad. Its about building confidence, water safety, games and water polo.

(should be able to swim 25m)



Rookies

For age 8-12

This is a lifeguard programme taught using fun and varied lifesaving activities to give children the skills they need to be confident in the pool and sea.



When

Junior Squad - Fri 4.15 and 5pm

Junior Squad Additional Sessions

Mon 7.15-8pm

Wed 6-7pm and 6-8pm

Sat 7-8.30am

Masters - Wed 7-8pm

Sat 7-8.30am

Dippers - Sat 8.45-9.30am

Rookies - Mon 6.30-7.15pm



Cost - Monthly

Junior and Masters

1 weekly session £25

2 weekly session £37

3 weekly session £50

4 weekly session £57

Dippers - £15

Rookies - £25

+ yearly membership fees

dartmouth.dsc@gmail.com

Contact us for a free try out

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South Hams

— G O L F —

FREE GOLF TASTER SESSIONS

Join us at South Hams Indoor Golf for a fun and exciting introduction to golf. These after-school taster sessions run all week commencing 25th November 2024. Book your child's/children's place ASAP... numbers are limited for safe capacity.

- ✓ **FOR GIRLS & BOYS AGED 5-11**
- ✓ **25TH-28TH NOVEMBER 2024**
- ✓ **SESSIONS AT 4PM/4.45PM EACH DAY**
- ✓ **EXCITING INDOOR ENVIRONMENT**
- ✓ **PGA PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTOR**



SCAN TO BOOK

**GET
INTO
GOLF**
Rookies



Find us at Noss Marina, just 2 minutes from the Higher Ferry (Kingswear-side) TQ6 0EA

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