



Autumn Term Week 9 – 8th November 2024

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term! I have been so impressed with how dedicated all our pupils have been to getting back into class and working with determination and courage.

This half term we will be focusing on our School Value of Compassion. Pupils at Dartmouth Academy are really kind to each other and to others in our community: it's just what we do here. The compass represents the relationship between two points and also reminds us that we have a responsibility as global citizens to look further afield than our own community.



Playground reminder for the mornings

Please remind your children that the start of the day is for saying hello and staying calm and ready for learning. We do not have insurance that covers the playground equipment at the start and end of the day and pupils should not be riding scooters or playing football: there are just too many little ones about for this to be safe.

It is also getting to the time of year when the field gets muddy. Adults on duty will make a decision about whether the grassed playing field is open at break and lunchtimes so that pupils are safe and do not get too muddy. We will still have equipment to play with, even when the field is closed.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs J Tierney and the Primary Phase team

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Dates for the diary

November

12th – Flu Vaccinations

13th – Primary Open Morning @ 9.30am

19th & 20th – Primary Parents' Evening

December

2nd – Non-Pupil Day

3rd – Rainbow Theatre

4th – Primary Open Morning @ 9.30am

13th – Academy Christmas Fayre

16th – KS2 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 – 77.5%

Year 1 – 91.1%

Year 2 – 95.7%

Year 3 – 93.4%

Year 4 – 93.8%

Year 5 – 95.7%

Year 6 – 94.1%

Year 7 – 95.4%

Year 8 – 93.3%

Year 9 – 90.5%

Year 10 – 89.5%

Year 11 – 90.4%

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'

Archie S – Nursery

Jayden H – Reception

Riley Y – Class 1

Archie W – Class 2/3

Jowana S – Class 3/4

Ben R – Class 5

Lola GP – Class 6



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Children in Need – Friday 15th November

Pupils are encouraged to come into school in their **PE kits** but with some SPOTTY accessories as we will be taking part in some events over the course of the morning. We are recommending a minimum donation of £1.00 please but do give what you can as all money raised will go towards helping children in need across the UK.

At the end of the school day, we will be holding a cake sale in the Cube (or in the playground if the weather is good) so please drop your donations into reception on Friday and bring along some coins at the end of the day to buy some cake and raise money for a really valuable cause.



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What have we been up to:

On Monday, parents from the Reception Class joined a project on Mastering Number. Over the next five weeks, the project will support parents to help their children Master Number at home.

The aims of the project are to

- Share some of the ways the children will be learning in school
- Improve confidence in helping children with maths
- Create some games and activities for use at home
- Share the home learning activities

Each week the children will take home a set of games and activities to play with their families.

Thank you to the parents who were able to come along.



Class 2/3 made vehicles using recycling after learning all about how axels and wheels work in DT - we had great fun designing and constructing!

We have been very busy in Year 6. A few weeks ago, we went to Dartmouth Leisure Centre to learn about Life Skills. We did lots of different activities but really enjoyed acting out a lifeguard situation...think dressing up was the highlight! Back in the classroom we have been learning about microorganisms and grew mould on bread! It was really disgusting but surprising! In Maths, some of us have had a go at doing the teaching. Long division is VERY tricky, but we are very quickly becoming confident with it! Next half term brings even more learning opportunities and a trip to Slapton!



In Class 1 pupils are really enjoying a series of Play Park design and innovation lessons. This week we had loads of fun creating swings from craft and junk.



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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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CANDLELIT DARTMOUTH A FESTIVE WEEKEND

Candlelit Dartmouth is back: 29-30 November 2024!



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A FESTIVE WEEKEND



Lantern making workshop

10am till 4pm

9th -10th November At Dartmouth academy



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DARTMOUTH ACADEMY
FRIENDS
**CHRISTMAS
FAIR**

STALLS, FOOD, GROTTTO

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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