



# Together we grow, together we flourish

## Letter from Mrs Huish and Mrs Eversfield 04.07.25

Dear Families,

At this point in the year, we are reminded how fast time moves in school life. With the successful transition afternoon this week as well as the excitement around preparing for sports day on 18<sup>th</sup> July and the Year 6 production, it is an opportune moment to stop and take stock of just how much the children have flourished across this last academic year.

It was a pleasure to drop into the transition sessions happening across the school on Monday and see how happy and excited all the children were to meet their new teacher and future classmates. It was amazing to see so many parents and families joining us for the meet the teacher session and supporting the children to create their pupil passports. These are invaluable as they will ensure that each child is heard and every adult across the school understands how best to support all children. If you did take these home to complete, please make sure you bring them back to share with class teachers.



Hopefully, you have now had the opportunity to meet Miss Coombe, our new head teacher at one to the 'Meet the Head Teacher' sessions this week. If you haven't, she will be popping up on the school gate over the next couple of weeks. Please do stop by and say hello so that she can start to meet as many of our community members as possible. Miss Coombe's priority is to get to know as much as she can about the community. Once she has a level of familiarisation, she will then be able to share with you her values and aspirations for the future.

With the launch of our first Parents in Partnership meeting this week, there seems to be a renewed sense of togetherness in the school community which really is a wonderful thing to experience. Full details of the forum are detailed below including the actions which have resulted from this meeting.

As always, we will be on the gate every morning alongside Mr Trewinnard and Miss Wilson, our Family Support Worker. Please come and speak to us if you have any questions.

Warmest wishes,  
Mrs Huish and Mrs Eversfield



## Stronger Together: Staffing Update

We have been working hard to ensure we have strength and continuity in our teaching team again next year and are delighted that we will be welcoming two new teachers to the Dartington team. Mr Bird will be joining Miss Zaki, covering Mrs Caulder's maternity leave, to teach in Swallows class and Mrs Stoneman will be joining Mrs Faulker in Tawny Owls. Mrs Stoneman will then be leading the Tawny Owls class full time when Mrs Faulker goes on maternity leave in October. Mr Bird is an experienced teacher, having worked at several schools across the Trust. Mrs Stoneman is a science specialist, and we look forward to the benefit of her wisdom in augmenting our science curriculum further. Mr Walters will be taking up a new role as Assistant Head across two schools within the Trust, All Saints Marsh and Dunsford. Mrs Babbage, Ms Seabrook and Miss Irvine will be leaving the team at the end of this year to take on new adventures. We would like to take the opportunity to thank them for all they have done for the children and the community here at Dartington and wish them the best of luck for their future endeavours.



## Stronger Together: Parents in Partnership

Forging connections and collaborating to support the school; this week saw our first Parents in Partnership forum.

This is intended to be a space for the community to come together to create a sense of space for inspiration and connection across school life. Topics of discussion included how we can strengthen communication across the community, developing a greater understanding of SEND provision and the graduated response, strengthening our parental engagement (what can parents do to support the school and what would support does the school need from parents), funding and resources and educational philosophy (how the vision and values support learning). From these discussions, we have agreed on the following actions:

- a series of SEND coffee mornings will be held in the autumn term
- as feedback on the whiteboard at the front of the building is a success, we will build on this by introducing Key Stage notice boards outside classrooms
- communication has been highlighted as a key priority. This will be the focus of the next meeting in the autumn term

The next forums will be focused on the following:

### **Autumn 1: Communication**

#### **SEND coffee mornings**

### **Autumn 2: The school vision and values, to include our pedagogy of teaching and learning**

#### **Spring 1: Resources and Funding**

We will then regroup and look at the next areas of focus for the remaining school year.

## Stronger Together: Behaviour Coffee Mornings

We have had fantastic engagement in the behaviour coffee mornings over the last two weeks. It was great to share the new policy with our community and to discuss how this is being developed. Thank you to all who have attended. Feedback has been that they were very useful. Look out for the slides which have been shared via email and further workshops next year.



## Realise the Possible: Year 2 poetry

Year 2 have been busy writing poems inspired by the poem 'If I was in charge of the world' called If I was in charge of Dartington Academy:

If I was in charge of Dartington Academy,  
I'd cancel RHE,  
I'd ban assembly,  
I'd delete early mornings,  
And put an end to carpet sitting.

If I was in charge of Dartington Academy,  
Times tables would be a gooey smore,  
Books would be made out of everlasting ice cream,  
Pencils would be sour laces,  
Working walls would be cheese cake,  
And pen pots would be crumble!

If I was in charge of Dartington Academy,  
We wouldn't have deforestation,  
We wouldn't have name calling,  
Or "Get on with your work!"  
We wouldn't even have any work to get o with.

If I was in charge of Dartington Academy,  
Wonder Woman would teach DT,  
We'd all have moon howling wolves as friends,  
And a person who rides a dodo to school,  
Would still be allowed to be in charge of the school.

By Kora

## Realise the Possible: Year 4 Residential







Sun, sand, and seafoam vibes Skimming the waves, paddling with joy, and sculpting masterpieces in the sand. Pure beachside bliss. Year 4 had a brilliant time on their residential at Forest and Beach in Beasands. The sun shone on them as they created rockpool habitats, learned archery and explored the beach and forest habitats. Relationships were forged and the children challenged themselves to take part in adventures they would not have otherwise had the opportunity to do. We are proud of how all the children developed their trust in themselves.



### Realise the Possible: Aurthur competes for Team GB!

We are so proud of everything that our children achieve across the year, but this year Arthur has shown such courage and determination out of school too in his training and during his competitions competing for Team GB in the British Cycling National BMX event that took place in May in Manchester. We could not be prouder of having one of our pupils representing Great

Britain in this sporting event. Amazing job Arthur!



### Stronger Together: Office Communication Times

Mrs Pugh is in our admin office daily to answer any questions. Our office communication times are detailed below:

Monday	08:30 – 12:30	14:00 – 16:00
Tuesday	08:30 – 12:30	14:00 – 16:00
Wednesday	08:30 – 12:30	14:00 – 16:00
Thursday	08:30 – 12:30	14:00 – 16:00
Friday	08:30 – 12:30	



At all other times, we ask that you use the bells posted in the school reception, email or speak with the class teacher or school leader on the gate. There is a wealth of information for parents on our website too including our new 'Virtual Admin' section as your one stop shop to getting the information you need from wherever you are [Dartington Church of England Academy - Home](#)

### Dates for your Diary 2024-2025:

**7th – 9th July – Year 6 Residential**  
**16th July – Year 6 Performance 9.30am – 10.30am**  
**16th July – Curriculum Open Classroom 2.30pm – 3.15pm**  
**17th July – Year 6 Performance 1:30pm – 3pm**  
**18th July – KS1 Sports Day AM**  
**18th July – KS2 Sports Day PM**  
**21st July – Year 6 Leavers Service 2pm – 3pm**