

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents,

We have had another lovely week here at Dunsford. It's been great to be back after a period away from the school.

Unfortunately, Mrs Guntrip remains unwell, and I am sure you will join me in wishing her a speedy recovery. I would like to thank you on her behalf for sending her the lovely flowers! I have no doubt she will appreciate all of your good wishes.

### COVID Update

Since the start of term, we have had three positive cases of COVID within the school however, I would like to reassure you that we continue to have all the enhanced measures in place to stop the spread of the virus. These measures are designed to ensure that we keep classes open with minimal disruption to school life.

Even though national guidance is subject to change, can I please ask for your continued support by wearing face coverings when you enter the school site. We have seen an increase in teachers being off with COVID related absences across the school trust. We need to minimise infection and transmission as there are not enough supply teachers available to cover classes and we really want to avoid closing classes and moving to remote learning.

Can I also remind you that if at any time your child develops COVID-19 symptoms, even with a negative LFT, please isolate them and book them a PCR test. As per current guidance children can return to school if the test is negative, or after their self-isolation period has ended if they tested positive. You can find current government guidance on self-isolation here: [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection)

Thank you again for your continued support and understanding as we continue to work together in partnership to ensure the safety of our school community.

### Number Day

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February we will be supporting the NSPCC's Number Day; which is a maths-inspired fundraising event. On this day, please can the children dress up in a number inspired outfit and support the event with a donation (suggested £2). During the day there will be opportunities for children to have fun with Maths! All the money raised will go to a great cause, so thank you in advance for your support!

### Football Match

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February we will be holding a football match here at Dunsford. ASM's football team will come and play against our team, and I am sure you will join me in cheering our team on! Go Dunsford!

### Extra Curriculum Clubs

We are looking to extend our extra curriculum offer and we are in contact with Mr Kirk to see if he has any availability and will keep you informed. We have also been in contact with Exeter Chiefs and Premiere



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## FLOURISHING FUTURES



Education to see if they might be able to provide an additional sports club. Unfortunately, they are unable to run a club in Dunsford at the moment due to staff shortages.

As many of you may know we are keen to set up a Drama club for Cedar and Oak class children after half term. The club will be run by Ruth Gray, who is an experienced drama teacher. We are finalising the details and will keep you informed.

We currently have two multi-skills clubs for KS1 and KS2, Netball club, as well as Find Your Wild. The club is open to children in years 2 to 6 and is run by Ms Twelvetrees, who is looking into offering an additional session. If you are interested in finding out more, please email [jtvelvetrees@findyourwild.org](mailto:jtvelvetrees@findyourwild.org) or call 07837988619.

### **After School Provision**

I am aware that many families have been struggling with after school childcare. I have been exploring a number of opportunities in which we can support our families with this. We have been in contact with various providers including The Spires College to see if they can offer extended childcare provision.

In order to move forward with this, I need to understand what our families need. I am attaching a parent survey to gauge if there is sufficient interest in after-school provision or additional after school curriculum clubs. Can I ask that you please complete this by **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**. Please note that there is a space for you to add any additional comments that might not be covered in the survey.

### **Queen's Jubilee**

As I am sure you know, this year is the Queen's Jubilee and we have an extra bank holiday. This means that the last day of the Summer term will now be Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July, and not Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

### **Mealtime Assistant**

Here at Dunsford we have a wonderful opportunity for someone to join our school family as a Mealtime Assistant. We are looking for someone who is passionate about providing the best provision for our children and who is looking to contribute positively to our school community. If you are interested in the position, please contact Mrs Sinton in the office.

### **Volunteers**

I know there are a number of parents who are keen to volunteer at the school. In the current climate, in order to keep our community safe, we are looking at introducing more volunteers back into school gradually. Thank you to all the parents who would like to support the school as this is greatly appreciated and we are looking forward to working with you in the near future.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Kind regards

Mrs Stephens  
Executive Head of Newton and Teign Hub