

8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Parents,

I can't believe that another term has gone by and what a busy term it has been. We played a football match against Christow on Monday where we not only showcased our great football skills but also our new football kits that we purchased together with the PTFA. We held our Easter celebrations this week and we hope that you enjoyed the Easter bonnet parade as well as the short show. We held two fundraisers – one for Comic Relief and one in support of Ukraine. Many of our pupils successfully represented our school in getting medals and trophies in music as well as sport.



With the restrictions lifting, we are pleased that after Easter our Year 4 children will be going to PGL Barton Hall on a residential with the Year 4 children from ASM.

Please see the links below for more information about PGL Barton Hall:

<https://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/resources/promotional-videos/primary-schools-videos>

[https://www.pgl.co.uk/Files/DocumentManagerDocuments/AdventureUK/Evening%20Entertainment/PGL\\_Barton\\_Hall\\_Evening\\_Entertainment.pdf](https://www.pgl.co.uk/Files/DocumentManagerDocuments/AdventureUK/Evening%20Entertainment/PGL_Barton_Hall_Evening_Entertainment.pdf)

<https://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/primary-schools/centres/barton-hall>

We are also planning a visit to Paignton Zoo in May. More information will be sent to you soon.

### **Guidelines**

Covid is now considered a respiratory illness and the focus is on infection prevention measures. With this in mind, we ask that if your child has got a high temperature, you do not send them to school. They should

stay at home until their temperature decreases. If they test positive for Covid they should self-isolate for 3 whole days from the day they took the LFT test. Children with any other symptoms can attend school if they are well enough. Thank you for your support with this. We continue with all the extra safety measures that we have had in place to minimise the spread of the infection.



**Dunsford Community Academy**  
Dunsford, Exeter  
Devon, EX6 7DD  
T: 01626 572 971 E: [dunsford@lapsw.org](mailto:dunsford@lapsw.org)  
W: [dunsford-lap.co.uk](http://dunsford-lap.co.uk)



## **FLOURISHING FUTURES**

### **After school care (ASC)**

I am aware that many of our families are still in need of an afterschool care. However, we can only offer the ASC if we have two adults running it. With this in mind, I would like to ask anyone who would be interested in volunteering to help with the provision to come forward by the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022. This would have to be someone who would be committed to offer their time from 3.30 to 5.30pm Monday to Thursday every week. If we can't get a volunteer to help run the sessions, then we will need to appoint two members of staff. I would also like to make you aware that this process will most likely take some time and if we are successful in recruiting the right person or people then the earliest that the after-school care could start would be in September.

As well as this, we offer Drama club, Multi-skills club for Reception, Y1 & Y2 children, Tag rugby for KS2 and another KS1 Multi-skills club. Please contact Mrs Sinton for more details.

### **Staff news**

As you know today is Mrs Gray's last day in Dunsford. Mrs Gray has taken a decision to retire and I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best in her new ventures.

Mrs Gray writes:

*'Dear Dunsford Families,*

*I just want to say thank you for all your kind words since I announced my retirement. I will miss all of the children at Dunsford, as well as the staff, the beautiful setting and, indeed yourselves. I hope to come back, from time to time, and look forward to catching up with everybody when I do. Kind regards and best wishes for the future, Jo Gray.'*

I would also like to let you know that Mrs Nadar will be joining our team after Easter as our new HLTA. We can't wait to welcome her to our Dunsford family and I hope that she will enjoy being part of your children's education as much as the rest of the Dunsford team!

Finally, I would like to update you on Mrs Guntrip who still remains unwell. I do not have any further information to share with you at this point but I hope to update you after Easter. I will keep you informed and as soon as I know more, I will share this with you.

I wish you a lovely and peaceful Easter!

Sincerely yours



Mrs Stephens

Executive Head of Newton and Teign Hub