



We have continued to find new and brilliant ways to fulfil the children's request to get to know each other, across the Trust. West Alvington, Charleton and Thurlestone all went away on a residential together. We held a story telling event where every school in the Trust joined in and there continue to be collaborations between classes in different schools.

The staff at Dunsford and All Saints Marsh have also begun working across both schools, sharing knowledge and skills. Mrs Babbage who is RE lead at All Saints Marsh has been leading RE in Dunsford. Mr Thorne is our new SENDCo, and he has been working with children from both schools and sharing best practice. Miss Morley from Warberry has been working with the teachers and Miss Massey to enhance the History curriculum and Mrs Russell at Lifton, our newest family member, has been spreading her Science brilliance and helped teachers across the Trust.

We believe every child should flourish and leave primary school with not only the necessary skills and knowledge but has been inspired and made lifelong memories which may help them later in life. By having a greater pool of experts who have a shared responsibility for all children, we can better achieve this.

Finally, in the last newsletter I began to share videos from our schools. Last month was Thurlestone and this month we would like to introduce you all to Lifton, who are based in West Devon:

<https://vimeo.com/686689984/7f7c8a0fd9>

Spring has definitely sprung, and I hope that you and your child have a successful and happy Spring term.

March 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome back to Spring 2! I wanted to acknowledge that it must seem confusing that while society has gone back to normal, we continue to limit parents in school. Why? Cases are still high, and we are seeing high infection rates in staff. Supply teachers are in short supply, and we want to avoid staff absence leading to a move to remote learning because it is disruptive to parents. I hope that you can bear with us. We are monitoring cases and as they start to reduce, we will open things up. For now, we hope that you understand that our decisions are to ensure we keep face-to-face learning open.

We have been busy investing in the curriculum offers for your child. Last half term we invested over £30,000 in addition to school budgets. This funding will directly benefit your child as it will further increase resources and equipment and support curriculum areas such as Art, History, Geography, etc.

Each year we invest in additional equipment and resources for our youngest pupils. Together Dunsford and Ilsham have been allocated £15,000 to refresh and renew equipment and provision in their reception class areas. Don't worry, all schools benefit from this additional funding on a rolling programme! Pupils at Warberry, Ellacombe, Little Stars, West Alvington and Charleton have already benefited from this additional investment. At a time when many schools are finding budgets stretched, we are thrilled that your child can benefit because their school is part of our School Trust family.



Best wishes

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