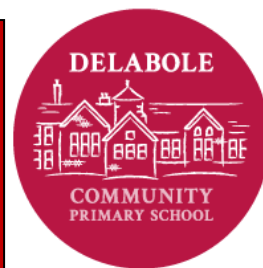


Delabole Community Primary School Newsletter

July 2018

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Dear parents and carers,

Our Value this term is 'Pride'

Our Enquiry question is 'How can we measure pride?'

Something To Be Really Proud Of...

We have had so many high profile events over the past few days that it is hard to summarise them in just one newsletter, but perhaps the most important thing to recognise is the fantastic staff team effort in coordinating all these opportunities both within and beyond school, and to praise the children for all their commitment and endeavour. In addition, we have frequently been supported by our wonderful FODS group who have served refreshments and generally 'been there' for us. Thank you so much. Finally, we would like to thank parents who have attended events – especially the fantastic turn out for our Sports Day. We hope you enjoyed basking in this lovely weather and sharing in aspects of our school life. It means so much to the children when they are supported by family.



Fly Up Days

These are really important transition milestones for the children, and the staff work really hard to make sure they are positive, enjoyable and that the children create something for their new classroom environment come September so that there is a sense of belonging as they walk in. I spoke to many children across the two days and they seemed very excited and happy to be moving up through the school. Similarly, we missed our Year 6 children who had 'flown the nest' and visited their Secondary Schools. I am sure they were great

ambassadors for our school but for now they have returned and are very focused on their final performances.

Sports Day

This is a huge event to plan and coordinate and it takes a lot of focus and attention to detail in order for it to run smoothly. For the past few years we have made the decision to embrace several events throughout an entire day – beginning with our Olympic Values Assembly to inspire the children, moving on to our Class Dance Competition which is something of an opening ceremony, and then completing the morning with a carousel of team building events led by our Class 4 leaders. This is an opportunity for children of all ages to work collaboratively and enable our older children to demonstrate leadership skills. It is always so lovely to stand back and observe their interactions and one of my favourite parts of the day. Obviously, the



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competitive track events in the afternoon are the more traditional aspect of Sports Day. Again, it is always a delight to see how readily the children challenge, support and care for each other. There were several examples of pupils demonstrating such amazing sportsmanship and fellowship. Proud moments indeed for any headteacher, member of staff or parent. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Once again a huge thank you to volunteers who provided refreshments



Healthy Active Living Week

This year, for the first time, as a staff we decided to really focus on raising the profile of being healthy generally in mind and body. For this reason, across both schools we have had a carousel of activities ranging from healthy eating, to mindfulness, to yoga and relaxation. The children seem to have really thrived on this – so much so that we will incorporate aspects into our weekly curriculum moving forward. More about that in September. Suffice to say that at a time when everyone is

talking about the pressures on childhood, the resulting anxieties and challenging behaviour, and ultimately the impact on self-image and readiness to learn, we have to begin to think more creatively about how we ‘grow on a young person’ and enable them to be happy, build their resilience and ability to face the world. With external agencies at breaking point and school budgets squeezed so tightly, this is the only way forward. I would like to thank the staff for being so resourceful and open-minded with their approaches during these weeks, and praise the children for rising to such a wealth of different challenges. I hope they will come home enthused and ready to tell you all about it.

A Word about The Weather

Yes – it is fantastic that we are having such spectacularly sunny days but it is very hot in school and the children are tired. We are managing exposure as much as we can – especially in the heat of midday. Please send your child to school with a water bottle and hat. In the morning, plaster them in as much sun tan lotion as possible. They look like slipper sardines, but they are at least protected throughout the day.



A few key dates for the last two weeks of term:

Monday 9 th July	FODs Disco
Thursday 12 th July	Foundation Beach visit
Thursday 12 th July	Class 3 visit to Davidstow War Museum
Friday 13 th July	Class 4 performance 2pm & 6pm
Monday 16 th July	Classes 1 & 2 Beach visit
Thursday 19 th July 11 am	School performance in Carnival marquee
Friday 20 th July 10.45 am	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Friday 20 th July	Last day of Term 6

With best wishes

Sue Cox