

Delabole Community Primary School Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Term 2 and our Value of **Aspiration.**

Under the overarching theme of Aspiration, we will be exploring the enquiry question

‘What Is Greatness?’

This will be a thread running through all our learning. Do look on our website under the Class Pages to catch a glimpse of just what it looks like on the ground - whether it be an exploration of our extraordinary Seafaring Heritage in Cornwall (Class 3), the incredible events around the Moon Landings in the 1960s and a look at current aspirations to explore the universe in Class 4. Class 2 are also pushing the boundaries of Scientific Exploration and Technology starting with the foundation of the Royal Society of Scientists following the Great Fire of London, and the rebuilding of our capital city according to Christopher Wren’s great vision. Class 1 and Early years are busy following the events of The Great Fire of London and through many connected learning opportunities will come to understand how a great city was destroyed but then rose from the ashes.



Remembrance

This year due to a clash with training commitments, we have requested that the British Legion host a special Remembrance commemoration for the school on Friday 8th November at 11.00am. The children will be walking to the Delabole Memorial garden for 11:00am. This is always a very moving community event, so we would like to thank the British Legion for accommodating this. If you are able to support us by walking to and from the memorial with the children, please could you let

the office or our child’s class teacher know. We look forward to seeing you there.

Book Snuggle and Reading Workshop

This very popular celebration of Reading will take place on **Thursday 14th November**. Your child will receive a personal invite to a story telling session with their class and of course, it is customary to arrive in pyjamas and onesies! Whilst this is happening, parents will be invited to a talk in the school hall with Mrs Cox about some



new approaches to early reading and phonics as we adopt the Read Write Inc programme. We think this will be of huge benefit, especially to parents of Early Years and Key Stage 1, but all parents are welcome.

Children in Need



We are looking forward to our '**Children in Need**' day on Friday 15th November. We would like to invite all children to bring £1 and come to school wearing something spotty and/or yellow. As a special fundraising opportunity for this very important children's charity, we will also be hosting a **Children In Need Very Spotty Bake Off!** We are currently putting together a flier with competition entry details, but just to let you know that there will be both adult and children's entries with certificates for winning adults and prizes for winning children. The cakes will then be sold and all proceeds donated to Children in Need. Mr Pritchard is already worried about his waistline!

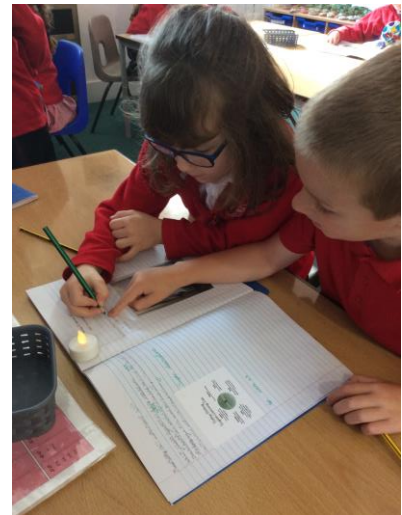
Important Attendance Update

Parents and carers may remember that last term, Aspire updated their attendance policy and sent communication out to schools that they would be taking a highly robust stance with regards to attendance and levels of unauthorised attendance across the schools. Our response to this as always has been to talk to both the children and yourselves about how important it is that children attend school every day unless there are exceptional circumstances.

As always, we will take each child's individual context into consideration, but there are now clearly designated thresholds of low/inconsistent attendance and we would like parents to be clear about these. The Aspire policy has now been ratified and can be viewed on our website. It is very important that parents view this document as there are a sequence of measures in response to unauthorised absence or persistent absence through illness which are being introduced from this term.

Tomorrow, we will circulate the Aspire covering letter with respect to this – it is a formal but generic letter across all 28 schools. We will also share a flow chart of responses so parents can see the consequences of ongoing poor attendance. To accompany these documents, there will be a new request for absence letter which we would ask all parents to please use moving forward as it supports our record keeping within Aspire systems.

If you have any worries or questions about this, please talk to your child's teacher in the first instance or contact Mrs Cox via the school office. **Please remember, we value the relationships we have with our parents, we are here to support your child's learning, and we want to work with you.**



Some Help with Standards and Safety

Please could we remind parents that we do not encourage jewellery in school, other than small stud earrings. This is a safety measure but also prevents the loss or breakage of precious objects. We have also noticed increasingly that some children are wearing nail varnish. Whilst we understand the appeal for this, we do not encourage it and would rather nail varnish were removed before coming to school on Mondays. The children look so smart in their uniform and it is so much a part of our

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identity as a tribe of learners, that we wish to maintain these standards at all times. Thank you for your understanding in this.



Sports Round Up

The first round of the Cross Country Series was a truly fabulous and memorable event for everybody who was involved including the event organisers, teaching staff, volunteers, parents and most of all the children. Beneath a biblical storm of epic proportions, all of our children ran in torrents of rain and finished gloriously. Most importantly everyone is even more keen and eager to compete in the next event on the 19th November.

With best wishes,

Sue Cox and the team

Thursday 14 th November 5 pm	Book Snuggle
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need Bake Off
Monday 16 th December 2pm & 6 pm	Christmas Performance at Delabole Chapel
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 20 th December	Last day of Term 2
Tuesday 7 th January	First day of Term 3
Thursday 13 th February	Last day of Term 3
Monday 24 th February	First day of Term 4
Friday 27 th March	Last day of Term 4
Tuesday 14 th April	First day of Term 5
Friday 8 th May	May Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 11 th May to 15 th May	Y6 SATS
Friday 22 nd May	Last day of Term 5
Monday 1 st June	First day of Term 6
Monday 1 st to Thursday 4 th June	Y6 Bristol Residential
Friday 5 th June	RCS – Community Cohesion Day – school closed
Wednesday 22 nd July	Last day of Term 6