

Delabole Community Primary School Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

This is the time of year when we begin to really step up the momentum of our end of year celebrations – including our Christmas performance and any community projects/fundraisers. There is a lot to organise so this brief Newsletter is just a brief capture of the key events and dates, so that you can be prepared.



Staffing Update

One of the most important jobs a school leader does is to steer a steady course through times of change, so that high quality provision for the children remains as consistent as possible. Parents will be aware that, with so many maternities across the schools over the past few months, and some staff changes, it has been a slightly more turbulent time for us after years of continuity. Such is the way with school life, and I have learnt to look at all change as an opportunity to take the school forward.

We have worked extremely hard in order to recruit some really strong staff to cushion this change and I am now in a position to share information about some new appointments, as well as to welcome back Mrs Dickinson, who is so excited to be back in Early Years for four days a week. Mrs Stanley will continue to pick up Fridays until newly appointed staff have completed their safeguarding checks and are cleared to start.



We have appointed Miss Nayeb as a full time TA, and she will become part of the Class 4 team in place of Ms Sanderson.

Mrs Ubyly is still on school roll until January when her resignation period is completed but will be off sick until then.

For that reason, we have been quick to appoint a very experienced part time teacher to cover Friday In Early Years and Monday in Class 1. Stephanie Cook has been an English Lead, Early Years and KS1 Lead and part of the Senior Leadership Team in her previous school. She is also a trained Read Write Inc Reading Leader. This is a really strong appointment and we also have capacity for her to lead interventions in Phonics and KS1 Reading on Wednesdays each week.

Class 2 parents have been informed that, unfortunately, Miss Whymer is really unwell and needs time to be at home and rest. She is looking for a teaching post closer to home as she has such a long commute each day and will be officially leaving us in February. In the interim, whilst she is away, we have booked Mrs Walker and Mrs Prince to cover the class. Both supply teachers know the school and the children well. We have also been fortunate enough to recruit a lovely teacher for Class 2. Victoria Marshall has extensive teaching and leadership experience and has taught both in England and abroad. She brings a wealth of passion and creativity to the classroom and is an absolute advocate for the development of wellbeing in her children. As a Reading and Phonics expert, she will also add to our really strong English provision.

I am sure you will agree that these very strong additions to our school team, will pave the way to take the school from strength to strength. I have always been fierce about ambitions for our pupils and I know parents will continue to support the school as it drives to maximise the progress of our children, so they can achieve their best potential.





Forthcoming Events

FODs Christmas Fair

This will take place in school on Friday 6th December from 3:15 in the school hall. We hope that as many parents and pupils as possible will attend our festive fundraiser. There will be Christmas Crafts on sale, refreshments and lots of the usual stalls, so do bring your purses!

Non School Uniform Day

On Friday 6th, we will be holding a non-school uniform day in exchange for a donation for the Tombola stall...so please come bearing a gift for the Tombola and you can leave your uniform at home!

Christmas Performances

Preparations are underway for our Christmas Performances. There will be two performances – one in the afternoon, commencing at 2.00pm and one in the evening commencing at 6.00pm. Both will take place in the Delabole Chapel on Monday 16th December. **This will be a traditional candlelit carol service and nativity, so although younger siblings are welcome at the afternoon performance, we would like to reserve the evening performance**

for adults only in order to create a little piece of Christmas magic. Thank you for respecting this decision.

Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day

This will take place on Thursday 19th December. Children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper to school and contribute to the very important Air Ambulance Appeal.

FODS Children's Party

On Friday 20th December, children must come to school wearing their school uniform, but will be permitted to bring a change of party clothes for the afternoon. There will be party food, games and a visit from Santa. I am sure you will join me in thanking the FODS team for their fantastic support of the school.

Heartfelt Thanks

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all who supported this very deserving charity £107.0 was raised at Delabole.

Children in Need Appeal

Once again, our community showed their generosity and £207.17 was raised. Thank you to all who baked, bought and donated.

Cornwall Christmas Box Appeal

Once again, these boxes have been a resounding success with only a few gaps left for the remaining items. Once again, you have demonstrated your generosity of spirit. Please have a look at the lists at the office and bring donations in asap as the boxes go off on Tuesday 3rd December.

Some Requests for Support

Now that the weather has turned cold and VERY wet, we are setting the expectation that all children must have a coat in school each day. We will be expecting children to wear their coats out in the playground and this will be a non-negotiable. Please could you support us at home by ensuring that your child has a named coat in school each day. Many thanks.



With best wishes,

Sue Cox and the team

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| Tuesday 3 rd December | Musical Theatre performance at Trewiston |
| Thursday 5 th December | Class 1 visit to Delabole Fire Station |
| Friday 6 th December | Class 4 Planetarium event |
| Friday 6 th December | Non school uniform in exchange for donation for Tombola stall |
| Friday 6 th December from 3.15 pm | FODS Christmas Fete |
| Monday 16 th December 2pm & 6 pm | Christmas Performance at Delabole Chapel |
| Thursday 19 th December | Christingles with Open the Book |
| Thursday 19 th December | Christmas Jumper Day for Air Ambulance |
| Thursday 19 th December | Christmas Dinner |
| Friday 20 th December 1 pm | FODS' Children's Party |
| Friday 20 th December | Last day of Term 2 |
| Monday 6 th January | Inset Day – School Closed |
| 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 |