

Delabole Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term, one that is always a hive of activity. We have lots of lovely things planned over the next two terms and hope to get the children outside as much as possible. Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing in school for all weather possibilities – a coat if it is colder as well as hats and suncream as the days become warmer. Could you please ensure these are named. It is also important that your child has a water bottle with them each day, so they remain hydrated.

Curriculum

This half term our value is CREATIVITY, which underpins our enquiry 'How Does Kindness

Shape Our Future?'. We will be learning about creativity in many senses. Class 1 will be learning how to be meteorologists and will learn more about Luke Howard, Namer of clouds. Class 2 will be finding out about the life of Leonardo Da Vinci and the history of flight. They will have the chance to design and make their own flying machines as part of their learning.



Class 3 will build on their learning from last half term and will be focussing on rivers. This will include a walk to a local river so they can carry out some fieldwork. They will also be delving into key parts of the classic story, Tarka the Otter.'

Class 4 are already immersed in their new enquiry where they will be learning about the life and achievements of Isambard Kingdom Brunel. They took part in a fabulous immersion day where many came in role as Victorian visionaries.

You should now have received your Enquiry webs via email that will give you more information on all the learning taking place in your child's classroom this term.

Statutory Testing

The summer is the time of the year that the government set their statutory tests for our oldest pupils. These start for Y6 in May (Week Beg 13th May). All Y6 children will be given a timetable shortly and there will be a revision breakfast club for them (free of charge) from 8:30am each morning of the tests. You will soon receive a parent leaflet with some FAQ linked to the SATs. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with Mrs Kirkman.

There are no official SATs for Y2 this year, however our Y1 children will take part in a Phonics Screening Check in June and our Y4 pupils will have an online Multiplication Check which also takes place in June. More details will follow to the relevant parents nearer the time.

Attendance

Mrs Campbell continues to have regular meetings with the Education Welfare Officer who helps the school monitor attendance. Can I please remind you that if you require any leave of absence, you need to complete a form from the office. As you are aware, we are unable to authorise any family holidays.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Miss Redden to our tribe who is now working alongside Mrs Campbell in Class 3, I'm sure you will join me in making her feel welcome. We also have Mrs Blamires who taken up the post in Class 4 with our oldest children.

Miss Morse will be leaving us for her maternity leave at the end of this half term – with her last date being the 24th May. Miss Smale, our new maternity cover teacher will be starting on the 7th May so there is a good transition for the children.

Books

You will know how important books and reading are to us, and we have dedicated large amounts of money over recent years to ensure our book stocks are replenished, current and enticing. There are some class book corners where shelves are looking a little bare, could we please ask you to search your homes and children's bags in case you have any books belonging to the school that your child is no longer reading so that they can then be shared and enjoyed by others. Many thanks.



Future Dates and Events

There are various events and activities coming up in the coming weeks which we will communicate to you via Arbor. Please ensure that you check regularly so your child doesn't miss out as there are different things for different classes and year groups.

Please see a list of dates at the bottom of the newsletter for your calendars.

Clubs

You will have received a clubs letter this week with clubs starting next week. Clubs are run by teachers and TAs in the school and can have a waiting list. It is important that children attend each week unless they are unwell. If your child has a place in a club and changes their mind, please let the office know so we can offer the space to someone else. We also expect children to behave well in clubs. Please ensure you speak to your child about this before they attend. Thank you.

Kind regards,
Lou Kirkman

Key dates

Summer Term	
W/c 22 nd April	Full Price Book Fair
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday
W/c 13 th May	Year 6 SATS week
Friday 24 th May	Primary School Swimming Gala
Friday 24 th May	Last day of Summer 1 Term
Saturday 25 th May	Deli Farm Run
Monday 3 rd June	First day of Summer 2 Term
Tues 4 th to Fri 7 th June	Year 6 London Residential
Monday 10 th June	Class and Year Group photos
W/c 17 th June	Healthy Active Living Week
Tuesday 18 th June	Classes 3 & 4 Surf Day @ Polzeath
Wednesday 19 th June	Sports Day
Mon 8 th to Weds 10 th July	Year 4/5 Bristol Residential
W/c 8 th July	After School Clubs finish this week
Friday 19 th July	Last day of Summer 2 Term

