

Delabole Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The first half of the Autumn Term is slipping through our fingers and already there has been so much to celebrate.

I am really pleased with how the school has settled with our new class structure and routines for learning are now well established.

We are delighted to have appointed all of our pupil leaders for the year with House Captains, Playground Leaders and a new Pupil Leadership Team all in place that will act as the pupil voice for school improvement moving forwards.

Everything is up and running, ready for a great year ahead.

Parents Evenings

Parents evenings will be taking place the first week back after half term (week beginning 3rd November) Next week we will have the slots set up on Arbor for you to book your slots. We like to meet with you early in the year to share how your child has settled in and to discuss their attitudes to learning and anything that you can do to support them. This meeting will only be a maximum of ten minutes and won't be attainment driven – more of an opportunity to touch base on how the first half term has been. We encourage you to bring your child along as this is another way they can see how we all work together to support them. If the timings are inconvenient, please contact the office for a separate meeting. It is really important we touch base with all families at this early stage. If you need to see your child's class teacher before this or at other times during the year, please catch them on the gate or arrange a suitable time via the office. We want to maintain strong communication links with you and can always make time for a meeting or phone call.

Harvest Festival

We would love to invite you to the school hall for a Harvest celebration on **Wednesday 22nd October at 9:30am**. This will be for a short assembly where each class will be sharing a short performance with you. We hope you can join us. This year our lovely FODS team are collecting non-perishable donations. These will be distributed amongst the community – either within the village or to local food banks. There will be a box available in the playground at drop off and pick up. Thank you for supporting this event.



Reception Intake for 2026-2027

It is the time of the year where parents are making the decision about which school to send their pre-school child to next year. This year we will be holding our open afternoon on Monday 20th October at 3:30pm for any prospective parents to showcase all that Delabole School has to offer. This will be a stay and play session with an opportunity to meet staff and to have a tour of the school. Please help us spread the word.

Open Classroom

You may remember in the past, that at the end of term, we open the doors at the end of the day and encourage you to come in to see you child's wonderful learning. We are starting this again this half term and this is going to take place on **Thursday 23rd October** straight after school. Your child will be dismissed as normal at the end of the day and then you are welcome to bring them back in to have a look at the classroom environment and their books/learning. This is a great opportunity to celebrate all they have achieved in their first half term. We hope you can make it.



Residentials

We feel passionate about giving our older children the opportunity for enrichment through our residential offer.

Parents in Y4,5 and 6 should have received a letter inviting them to a residential information meeting next week on Monday 13th October.

We encourage parents from these year groups to come along to find out what is on offer this year. This meeting will take place at 3:30pm in the hall.

Kind regards,
Lou Kirkman

FODS – Friends of Delabole School Update

We're excited to share some fantastic community news! FODS has received a generous £250 grant through the Co-op Local Community Funding scheme. A huge thank you to Camelford Co-op, and especially to their lovely store manager, who kindly delivered the cheque to us in person. We're so grateful for their continued support, which helps us provide even more opportunities and resources for our children.



Donations for the Harvest celebration can be dropped off in school or at Camelford Co-op in the lead-up to the event. Every contribution makes a big difference — thank you!

Key dates

Autumn Term 1	
Tuesday 9 th September – Tuesday 25 th November	Weekly swimming - Pengelly and Rockhead classes
Monday 13 th October 3.30 pm	Years 4, 5 & 6 residentials meeting
Tuesday 14 th October	School photographs 8.15 am for non-school sibling photos
Thursday 16 th October	Medrose Class village walk
Monday 20 th October 3.30 pm	Reception '26 Stay & Play session
Tuesday 21 st October	No swimming this week
Wednesday 22 nd October 9.30 am	Harvest celebration
Wednesday 22 nd October	KS2 Cluster Netball
Thursday 23 rd October 3.15 pm	Open classrooms
Friday 24 th October	INSET Day – School closed
Autumn Term 2	
Monday 3 rd November	First day of Autumn Term 2
w/c Monday 3 rd November	Parents evenings
Thursday 6 th November	Bags2School collection
Friday 19 th December	Last day of Autumn Term 2

