

Delabole Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are already well into the first half of the Autumn Term! The weeks are flying by, and there has already been so much to celebrate.

I have been delighted with how well the children have settled into the new school year. Our routines for learning are becoming well established, and there is a lovely sense of purpose and enthusiasm around school.

Our pupil leadership roles for the year are also taking shape. We already have our fantastic House Captains and Playground Leaders, and we are now recruiting our Pupil Leadership Team. There have been some brilliant applications, with class votes taking place before the new team is announced next week. Together, our pupil leaders will help ensure that children's voices are heard and that they have a genuine part to play in shaping and improving our school.

There is lots to look forward to, and we are excited for the year ahead!

Parents Evening

Our Parents Evenings will take place during the first week back after half term (week beginning 2nd November), with appointments available to book through Arbor from next week.

We deliberately meet with families early in the year to talk about how children have settled, their attitudes to learning and how we can work together to support them. These ten-minute meetings are not focused on attainment but are an opportunity to touch base and reflect on the first half term.

We would love you to bring your child with you where possible. It is important that children see home and school working together, and understand that they are part of these conversations too.

If the available times are inconvenient, please contact the office so that we can arrange an alternative. We would really like to speak with every family. If you need to arrange a meeting before then, please catch your child's teacher on the gate or contact the office to arrange a meeting or phone call.

Good communication between home and school matters to us, and our door is always open.

Harvest Festival

We would love to invite you to the school hall for a Harvest celebration on Thursday 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.



Open Classroom

At the end of term, we like to open the doors at the end of the day and encourage you to come in to see your child's wonderful learning. We are starting this again this half term and this is going to take place on Tuesday 20th 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 as an expression of interest. We would like to invite you in on Monday 19th October, straight after school to talk a little more about the offer for anyone who would like more information.

This meeting will take place at 3:30pm in the hall.

Parent Code of Conduct

Please find attached our updated Aspire Parent Code of Conduct, which outlines our expectations around areas including communication, social media and safeguarding. We kindly ask all parents and carers to take a few moments to read the document.

Working in positive partnership with our families is an important part of ensuring that we provide the very best support for our children.

Kind regards,
Lou Kirkman



Key dates

Autumn Term 1	
Tuesday 15 th September – 24 th November	Rockhead & Pengelly weekly swimming
Monday 12 th October	Rockhead Widemouth visit
Tuesday 13 th October	Individual and sibling photos
Monday 19 th October 3.30pm	Y4, 5 & 6 Residential meeting
Tuesday 20 th October 3.15pm	Open Classrooms
Thursday 22 nd October 9.30am	Harvest Festival in School Hall
Friday 23 rd October	Last day of Autumn Term 1
Autumn Term 2	
Monday 2 nd November	First day of Autumn Term 2
W/C Monday 2 nd November	Parents Evenings
Monday 9 th November	Flu immunisations
W/C Monday 7 th December	Last week of clubs
Wednesday 9 th December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 18 th December	Last day of Autumn Term 2