

Delabole Community Primary School Newsletter

March 2022

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back reinvigorated and ready to go for the new term albeit feeling a little battered by the winds. As ever, this term it is full of promise, rich experience and will most certainly be a great adventure of growth, pleasure and learning for all our children.

Responsibility and the Future

This half term, our new value is RESPONSIBILITY and our Enquiry question across the school is, 'How are we looking after our world for future generations?'. We know how close and critical the Climate Crisis is to our children's hearts and future. Please look out for the Enquiry Webs that have been sent to you or check out the website so you can see the learning that your child will cover this term.



World Book Day – Our lives in Books

We were staggered by the community response to our World Book Day challenge. It demonstrated just how books really matter to our children. We know and believe that reading is the unlocker to all learning. It is why we hold reading in such high esteem at our school. In its own way, the celebration was also an opportunity for ever such a long time to welcome our community once again into the school to share in the children's successes. For those of us lucky to have seen and shared in the delights, it really was a reaffirming moment of joy of what can be achieved. Thank you for supporting your child so marvellously to reflect on the myriad stories that have shaped their lives. Whilst we will announce our two winners in school, including two extra commendations and prizes from our Hub Councillors, Anna Jenner and Marianne Tapper, every entry truly was a 'Thing of Beauty'.



Parent Consultations

We are delighted to be able to offer face-to-face parent consultation meetings this term. These will take place week commencing 21st March. After School Clubs on Thursday 24th March, except for Wild Tribe, will be cancelled whilst parent consultations are taking place. Booking will be available on Arbor. If these dates or times don't suit, please contact the office to arrange a different appointment.

Our Beautiful School

So much of the beauty and uniqueness of our building is wrapped up in its age. Of course, with that comes many and varied challenges. On Friday 4th, at 8:35am we faced one such challenge. Deep within the intricate heart of our byzantine plumbing system, a pipe burst and the ensuing flood of water poured through ceilings, light fittings and a fuse boards. The situation was very quickly made safe by turning off the water and power supplies to the whole building. The decision to close the school had to be made. All of the ensuing procedures and protocols were followed excellently by everybody, including a significant number of children who were in school and on the playground. The safety of everybody was never compromised. The repairs were made, we were given the all clear in the afternoon and there remained a little tidying up to complete. Thank you to the whole team for showing their mettle and our community for their response and understanding.

Science Garden

Spring is well on its way, and we are certainly seeing first signs of new growth flourishing. If we are not too careful this may overwhelm our Science Garden. A little timely intervention one or two afternoons by a small working party would really help. Please could you get in touch with Susan in the office if you like to be a volunteer and make a real difference to our children.

A Child's Garden

Recent and tragic circumstances have demonstrated that more than ever we must remain united and respond to global events with understanding and empathy without prejudice. Across every class, many of our children have had questions and concerns about the conflict in Ukraine. Given the heightened situation and in recognition of the need of appropriate understanding of all conflict, we will be exploring these themes as a whole school this Friday. We will share the book 'A Child's Garden' by Michael Foreman in a whole school assembly. It is a rich and beautifully illustrated story of hope and optimism, seen through the eyes of two children caught up in conflict. We will then make the connections to our own set of Values that underpin our curriculum. The teachers will then deepen this understanding in each of their classes.

Moreover, our Trust has coordinated a Just Giving page, please see link below.

[Aspire Academy Trust is fundraising for Unicef UK \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/AspireAcademyTrust)

Best wishes,

The Delabole Team

Key Dates

Spring Term 2022	
Tuesday 15 th March	Class 2 Baby Bay visit
W/C 21 st March	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 23 rd March	Year 3 & Year 4 Farm & Country Day
Friday 8 th April	Last day of Spring Term 2
Summer Term 2022	
Monday 25 th April	First day of Summer Term 1
Monday 9 th May – Friday 13 th May	SATS week
Tuesday 24 th May – Friday 27 th May	Y6 Bristol Residential
Friday 27 th May	Last day of Summer Term 1
Monday 6 th June	First day of Summer Term 2
Friday 10 th June	INSET day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 29 th June to Friday 1 st July	Year 4 & Year 5 Delabole Camp
Friday 22 nd July	Last day of Summer Term 2
Monday 25 th & Tuesday 26 th July	INSET days – school closed to pupils

