

## Delabole Community Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Pupil Voice – The Leadership Tribe**

We have a new tribe to celebrate in our community, the Pupil Leadership Tribe. It is comprised of a number of children from each of the classes who were democratically chosen from across the school. We had a magnificent number of children who participated and put themselves forward to represent their classes. Following well prepared presentations, votes were collected, and candidates were chosen. These children will have a very important responsibility to listen, distil and reflect the voice of their peers and become an integral part in shaping and driving our whole Tribe forward. They will have a wide-ranging brief including Health and Safety, Sports, Teaching and Learning, Health and Well Being, Anti Bullying and Sustainability.

### **Communication**

We all know how important communication is between all of us. It is, of course, part and parcel of everyday school life and above all critical to all our children's needs. We are always grateful for everyone's kind and sensible approach even though the conversations can sometimes be challenging. Moreover, within a tight knit community, it is always important to respect everyone's lives and go through the correct channels at appropriate times. All feedback and concerns will be responded to in an appropriate timeframe and resolved to our best abilities to ensure the best for all our children. Contact with either your child's teacher or Mr Pritchard can be made in person, telephone, letter, email or indirectly through the office. Mrs Chapman will be on hand across the whole week (now that Mrs Bosley is no longer based at school on Mondays) and will be able to direct your inquiry to the correct person using [hello@delaboleschool.org](mailto:hello@delaboleschool.org).



### **Harvest Festival – Digital Performance**

Following sensible advice from the Trust and Public Health England, we will be unable to celebrate Harvest Festival together as a community as we would of course, have loved to do. However, each of the classes will still be presenting a Harvest Performance celebration which will be presented digitally via our online learning platform Seesaw. We will also still be collecting donations in school which will be organised and distributed to our community by our fabulous FoDS. All donations will need to be in school by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Riding to School**

We have been really encouraged to see the number of children coming to school safely on their bikes or scooters safely wearing helmets despite the increasingly autumnal weather. The bikes, scooters and helmets should be left in the shelter on the field using the playground entrances rather than outside the office. We are currently considering how we can improve our bike and scooter storage solutions working with our Estates Team and the Leadership Tribe and would always welcome suggestions and support.

### **Car Parking and Clubs**

One of the many challenges of having our wonderful and historic school building is managing its relationship with modernity. In particular, the car park in front of the office is certainly one of those areas. We have noticed an increasing amount of traffic using the car park area across the whole day which presents a risk. There are pedestrians at the start and end of the day and throughout the day. Our children do also use the office entrance for many different reasons. We would kindly request that parents do not bring their cars in that area either to turn or to park. We will also now be using the normal playground exits when children leave their clubs.

### **Home Learning -Seesaw for Families**

Home learning is now up and running on Seesaw. The children have their accounts set up and many are already completing their three tasks that will be set every two weeks. Invites to a sibling app, [Seesaw for Families](#), will be sent out soon for parents and carers to share and celebrate in their children's learning.



### **Holidays**

We have all been through a very turbulent 18 months where holidays have been cancelled and we understand how important 'family time' is. However, we need to remind everybody that we are unable to authorise any holidays in term time. We are working hard with our children to cover the curriculum. Every day is precious in bringing them back on track with their learning.

### **Residentials**

We are thrilled to be able to confirm our Year 6 residential will take place from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022. A letter providing more details will be sent home shortly.

### **Phonics Workshop**

As part of our commitment to making every single one of our children love reading Mrs Campbell and Miss Honey will be running a Phonics Workshop on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. It will be a bitesize parent session which is designed as an introduction to Read Write Inc. It's a fantastic opportunity to gain an insight into the structure of the program and how best to support your child. We would love you to join us, for a short presentation, opportunity to ask questions and to see the fabulous resources we are using in school.

### **Science Garden Clear Up**

Mrs Chapman is currently organising a working party to tackle our Science Garden that is in danger of becoming a burgeoning jungle. With a couple of hours of threshing, a few trundles of the wheelbarrow and a couple of runs to the tips we'd like to hope that the area will be restored to its formal glory and ready to be used safely by the children once again. There are rumours of a pasty lunch being offered to tempt any willing volunteers who are available to help on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Belonging - Community Gratitude**

Everyone will have been thrilled to see every one of our children exploring the village over the past few weeks as part of their learning about Belonging and 'Home is Where the Heart is'. We have received an inspirational collection of local artefacts, photos, and memories. Moreover, we have been able to welcome notable and celebrated members of our community into school in person and digitally to share their magical memories of the past of our iconic village. Thank you to everyone who has enabled this but in particular we would like to thank Linda Pooley, Johnny Welford and Patricia Molloy for

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their time and passion that they have shared with our children to make it such a memorable learning experience.

### **Parent Meet and Greet**

For all the parents who were unable to attend the Parent Meet and Greet meetings the accompanying presentations are now on the school website. They contain essential information about the school day, ongoing provision, expectations, and the shape of your child's learning.

### **Parent Teacher Meetings**

Parent meetings with your child's teacher are so important in enabling your child to do their best. The first opportunity to catch up will be over the week beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup>. They will address, how your child has settled in, their readiness to learn as well as individual concerns you may have. Unfortunately, they will not be held in person although we do sincerely hope this will change soon. We will organise and send out booking slots for a phone conversation through our Arbor app in due course.

### **Rob Round**

Our school community is saddened to hear of the passing of one of our previous governors Rob Round. He was a governor, advocate, supporter and friend to so many across the school community for so many years. We thank him for everything that he contributed that made a difference to so many children in our village.

Best wishes,

The Delabole Team

### **Key Dates**

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu immunisations
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 5.30pm	Phonics Workshop
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Science Garden Clear Up
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day for Harvest Donations
W/C 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Teacher Meetings
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> to Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Bristol Residential

