

Delabole Community Primary School Newsletter

November 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Values and our Enquiry

This half term our Value is Aspiration. Our Enquiry focus is What is Greatness? Every class will question and consider the meaning of Aspiration and Endeavour and use it as a driver for their learning. Class 4 will explore the vastness of Space and exploration of our Solar System from Galileo up to the present day. Class 3 will learn about the intrepid voyage from Newlyn to Australia made by seven brave Cornishmen in 1850s. Their learning will culminate in a trip to Falmouth Maritime Museum in December. Class 1 will step back into history and learn about the Great Fire of London in 1666, whilst Class 2 will learn about the exceptionally great talent, Sir Christopher Wren, who rebuilt and reenergised our capital city following the inferno.



Learning Celebration

At the end of last term, we held a collaborative Celebration of Learning of the children's outcomes across the school as the children learnt about Belonging and their own roots. It was a fabulous slice of the history and geography that have shaped our community which was enriched by everyone's time, commitment, and generosity to make the learning so very good. Thank you to everyone for their efforts and endeavours in making it possible.



Site Improvements

Thank you to everyone who has made possible the renovation of the Giant's Glade and the building of a fabulous new learning resource replacing the previous shed. The project was only made possible with a substantial grant from the Good Energy Delabole Wind Farm Community Fund. We now have another excellent addition to our outdoor area and a fantastic space to use, store and access our outdoor learning equipment safely and effectively.

Attendance

Well done to everyone (including the school building) for battling through Storm Ciaran. Despite the challenging situations, we had excellent attendance in every class. Currently the school's rate of attendance is 93.1% and our team is working hard to help and support everyone to maximise their attendance – it really does matter. We know that arriving on time and keeping up good attendance makes a real difference academically but even more so for the social and emotional development of all our children.

Children in Need – Spotty Day

To support Children in Need, we will be asking the children to attend in a 'Spotty' themed costume on Friday 17th November. We will be collecting donations at the gate at the beginning and end of the day. And, not to forget, FoDS will be hosting a fabulously Spotty Disco in the evening.

Remembrance Service

A reminder that the whole school will join with our community by attending the Remembrance Service at the Memorial Gardens from 10:45am on Friday 10th November.

Beautiful Book Snuggle

We will be once again holding our Book Snuggle on Tuesday 14th November from 5 – 5:30pm. For this event, children are invited back to school in their pyjamas/dressing gowns/slippers with their favourite teddy, for a bedtime story read by the adults in their class. The classrooms will be transformed! The event is designed to celebrate our love of reading, and of course, there will be hot chocolate being served. Whilst this is happening, Mr Pritchard will be sharing a story for the adults, with some helpful tips on how you can support your child by reading to them at home. We hope you will be able to join us. There is nothing more important for a child than having stories read to them in the early stages of their development. We want to ensure we are doing everything we can to give them the best start in their reading career.

The Darley Oak Tree

Members of the Pupil Leadership Tribe helped to plant a particularly special tree that was given to the Delabole Parish Council to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The sapling was grown from an acorn that came from the Darley Oak, Cornwall's oldest tree, reputed to be over 900 years old. The oak tree will be carefully nurtured and take pride of place in the school field for years to come and will of course serve as an excellent reminder of our fabulous Queen who was so particularly fond of oak trees.



Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying week will take place the week beginning 13th November. It will be an excellent opportunity for the whole school community to consider, reflect and celebrate Anti Bullying across the week. The theme this year is 'Make a noise about Bullying.' It will be an excellent starting point for our Pupil Leadership Tribe to lead Anti Bullying across the school and during PSHE lessons in each class. We will be supporting this by taking part in 'Odd Sock Day'. All your child needs to do is wear odd socks! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week! Odd Sock Day will be held on Monday 13th November.

Christmas Festivities

This year, Class 1 and 2 will celebrate by performing their version of the Christmas Story on Wednesday 13th December. There will be an afternoon and early evening performance. More details will follow. On, Monday 18th December, we would like to welcome our whole school community to take part in our Community Carol Service. FoDS will be serving up traditional fayre including mulled wine. The songs will be led by the children in Class 3 and 4 but we would encourage everyone to take part. We are currently compiling a playlist which we will be sharing it with you to help learn the words once we have finalised the song choices.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our lovely Lynn, who married Kevin at the end of the October. We wish the new Mr & Mrs Canter many years of happiness together.

Key dates

Autumn Term	
Thursday 9 th November	Cornwall Schools Parliament - Truro
Friday 10 th November	Remembrance at War Memorial
W/c 13 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 13 th November	Odd Sock Day
Monday 13 th November	Class 4 Space Odyssey
Tuesday 14 th November	Nasal Flu Immunisations
Tuesday 14 th November 3.30pm	Reception 2024 Open Afternoon
Tuesday 14 th November 5pm to 5.30pm	Book Snuggle
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
Friday 17 th November	FODS Disco
Thursday 23 rd November	Year 1 Hearing Screening
Wednesday 29 th November	Bag 2 School Collection
W/c 4 th December	Clubs end this week
W/c 4 th December	Half Price Book Fair
Wednesday 13 th December	Class 3 – Falmouth Maritime Museum
Wednesday 13 th December	Class 1 & 2 Christmas Story
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Dinner
Monday 18 th December	Community Carol Service
Tuesday 19 th December	Class Christmas Parties from 1 pm
Tuesday 19 th December	Last day of Autumn 2 Term
Thursday 4 th January	First day of Spring 1 Term

Thank you to each and every one of our Tribe for their continued support.

The Delabole Team