

## Delabole Community Primary School Newsletter

May 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers

This term we, have begun teaching our new value, Justice, which will continue over into the next half term. Staff have worked hard to plan in some fantastic opportunities for children with the overarching enquiry question of Who Holds the Power?

Class 1 are carrying out an Ocean Study with an exciting beach trip planned in. Class 2 are learning about Victorian Childhood – and have already become historians whilst sharing photographs of their families. Thank you so much for your support with this. Class 3 are learning about 'Power' in the ancient civilization of Greece whilst Class 4 are learning about the divide in Berlin: Building Walls, Dividing People. There is so much to look forward to heading into our final term.

Next week we are closed for the half term break. Let's hope the sun stays shining for us all.

The Summer 2 term starts on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

### **COVID Updates**

Whilst the government is easing restrictions for the general public the updates to safe working procedures and educational providers guidance are minimal at this stage and are unlikely to significantly change this academic year. We will continue to update our school risk assessment in order to adhere to all government recommendations for everyone's safety.

Guidelines continue to stay in place to keep all our staff and children safe in school, reduce contacts and the potential for virus transmission and to allow the personal freedoms at home. Can we please remind you that at present we still need to maintain social distancing at drop off and pick up and that we do continue to ask you to wear a face covering whilst on the school grounds.

In addition, any families planning to travel abroad over the half term holiday, please ensure that you are observing any quarantine measures. Anyone travelling to a country not on the government green list must quarantine for 10 days on return.

### **Sports Day**

We will be holding a sports day this year during our Healthy Active Living week. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, we will be unable to invite parents and carers to join for this event. We do however look forward to sharing photographs of the day with you.





### **School Reports -Celebrations of Learning**

Plans are already underway to write a Celebration of Learning that will be sent out in July. Once again these will communicate with parents how well your children has connected with learning this year. Although it has been another challenging and somewhat different year, there have been many successes we wish to share with you.

### **Royal Cornwall Show Date**

Despite the Royal Cornwall Show not taking place, the school will still be closed for its staff INSET on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Fly Up Days**

This year, in conjunction with the Year 6's transition to their new schools, we have decided to help prepare all children and teachers for their new class environment by having 4 'fly up' days with their new classes. This slightly longer time frame will really help the children get a flavour of future learning experiences, build relationships with a whole new group and will support them in when their next year begins in Autumn.



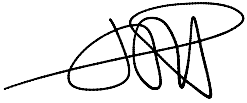
### **Staffing**

As in all schools, we are entering the period of the year where we anticipate our staffing model for September and consider the impact of any staff changes, whilst constantly prioritising the most consistent provision for the children. This is often the time when we say goodbye to staff and thank them for all that they have contributed to Delabole School.

We find ourselves saying goodbye to Miss Piper who has supported the children as a TA for several years. She will be missed but will enjoy encounters with them in our Delabole community, I am sure. Her full-time role will now be taken up by Jenny Flanders who has been working with us this year as part of our provision in KS1 linked to the Recovery Funding. Ms Flanders has quickly made her place in our Tribe of Delabole, brings a wealth of knowledge and passion about how children learn and has forged very nurturing relationships with the children. I am sure you will join us in welcoming her more permanently. Mr Chafer joined us a year ago as an NQT, and again, has brought his own special brand of humour, enthusiasm and dedication to the team. The children have loved having him as their teacher and we will be sad to see him go at the end of July, but we send all our best wishes as he starts a new role at Sandy Hill school in September. For our Reception class, you may already be aware that Mrs Dickinson is expecting her second baby so will remain for the start of the Autumn term but will be replaced by Ms Marshall as the class teacher. What a great team they will make! This is also the time to welcome new staff and we are delighted to share news of our newest recruit – Miss Morse – who will start her career in Class 2. There remains one teaching post to secure, but we will be able to share details of this early into the next term.

28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Best wishes



James Pritchard and the team

**Key dates**

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	First day of Term 6
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Photographs
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	School Closed INSET Day
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> -Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Healthy Active Living Week
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Class 3 & 4 Wavehunters Surfing
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	FODS Disco
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4/5 Delabole Camp
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception/Year 1 Class Beach Trip
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Delabole Camp
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of Term 6