

Delabole Community Primary School Newsletter

September 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers

A huge warm welcome back, we hope all families managed to get some time together and had a lovely summer break. We can't believe we find ourselves here at the start of the Autumn Term so soon.

The school has been spruced up, the adults are excited for a new academic year and the classrooms are alive with the sound of learning and laughter. It has been a delight to see the children, including a few new fresh faces in Reception, all back looking so smart, ready and eager to participate, see their friends and come together as a school community once again.

Teaching and Learning

Our value for this term is '**Belonging**' under the umbrella Enquiry of '**Home is Where The Heart Is.**' This Enquiry draws directly on our local area and the children will be learning more about our village of Delabole and its special history – its importance and relationship to themselves, each other and beyond. Every class will have opportunities to explore the village this half term and learn more about their community and know more about where they belong.

To compliment and enrich their learning, we would like to ask for any artifacts/photographs/information about Delabole that you would be happy to loan us and share their delights with the children. Please do let your child's class teacher know.



Staffing

We are delighted to welcome our new members to the team to our Tribe - Paul Stevenson and Jade Morse as Class Teachers and Jenny Flanders as a Teaching Assistant. They have already fitted in seamlessly and each has become one the team. Of course, we do all have our class responsibilities, but as a team, one of our guiding principles at our school is that we all own and are responsible for every child.

Structure:

Foundation: Miss Marshall, Mrs Campbell, Mrs Binney and Mrs Cousens

Class 1: Mr Stevenson, Miss Flanders, Miss Carnon

Class 2: Miss Morse, Miss Florance

Class 3 Mr Pritchard, Miss Thomas, Mrs Dingle, Mrs Morris

Class 4: Miss Honey, Miss Nayeb

Mrs Smith will continue to work across the school delivering French.

Mrs Campbell continues in her role as Reading champion across the school as well as supporting in Class 3.

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Mrs Dingle, our SENDCo, will be in school on a Monday and Thursday. If you would like to speak with her about all things SEND, please book an appointment via the school office.

Mr Pritchard, our Head of School, will continue to teach in class in the mornings and will be available in the afternoons if you would like to speak to him.

Mrs Cox will continue to support us supremely in her role as our Strategic Partner as well as several other schools in our Trust.

And most importantly, we are now lucky to have, the ever lovely, Mrs Chapman in the office across the whole week. She will be able to help you with any questions, worries or information you might have, need or want to share.

School start and finish times

A reminder that Classes 1, 2 and Foundation start at 8.45am and finish at 3pm. Pam will open the gate at 8.30am and an adult will be in the playground at 8.40am so the children can start on time. Classes 3 & 4 start at 9.00am and finish at 3.15 pm. These times ensure a smooth and prompt start and finish to the day for all children. Early morning learning is often focused on Reading, Phonics our fundamental number work as part of our Recovery Curriculum. Your child is missing vital learning if they are even 5 minutes late.

If children arrive late, the various gates will now be closed from 9:00am so they will only be able to enter the school via the front entrance. Late arrivals must be recorded on our system for statutory safeguarding responsibilities and are monitored by the Education Welfare Officer so please do encourage children to arrive on time.



Permissions and Information

We will continue to use last year's permissions regarding photo consents, walk home alone authority and collection arrangements. If you would like to make any changes, please contact the office via email on hello@delaboleschool.org. This year we will not be sending out the Data Collection sheets for you to check and return. Therefore, please could you log in to Arbour and check the information we have on file is up to date, if you need to make any amendments please do so.



Meet and Greet

We would like to welcome you in for a class meet and greet in the school where your child's class teacher can share any information about the learning within the class and answer any questions you may have. These have worked really well in the past. These will take place the week beginning 20th September. We will send more details next week when we know the exact date and time for each class.

Swimming

We will begin our swimming lessons week commencing 20th September. Sometimes daunting but always rewarding, we are really looking forward to all of the children getting back into the pool to develop this essential life skill. Whilst the

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coach company cannot insist on the wearing of face masks on the coach, they have asked if we would kindly consider wearing them. We can supply children with a face mask if necessary. Classes 3 and 4 will need their kit every Tuesday. Classes 1 and 2 will need theirs every Thursday. Foundation Class will be swimming later in the school year.

School Uniform

The children look fantastic in their smart new uniform this week. Thank you. To help us keep control of lost property, please name everything. We will check for named clothing next week. A particular thank you to all those parents who have ensured their children have the correct PE kit and have brought wellies into school.

Water Bottles

We really encourage all children to have access to a school water bottle. The links between good hydration and better learning have been confirmed for many years now. Our school water bottles are available from the school office for £1.75.

It will be busy and productive term and we are really excited to get stuck in and back into a great learning routine.

As always, if you have any concerns, worries or questions, please don't hesitate to get in contact with us.

Best wishes,

The Delabole Team

Key Dates

Tuesday 21 st September	First swim session for classes 3 & 4
Thursday 23 rd September	First swim session for classes 1 & 2
Thursday 23 rd September	Individual photographs
Thursday 7 th October	Flu immunisations
Friday 22 nd October	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th October	Half Term

