

Delabole Community Primary School Newsletter**March 2020****See this newsletter and more on our school website www.delaboleschool.org**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Value this term is ‘Responsibility’ and our Enquiry is ‘How are we looking after our world for future generations?’ Never has there been a more important question. Our youngest children are very focused on our immediate locality and the beautiful but tarnished coastal and ocean environments. They will be looking at the problem of plastics and other pollution impacting on marine environments. The Class 3 children are following the endeavours of Sir Edmund Hilary and his historic ascent of Everest. As part of this they will be considering the impact of mountain tourism on the fragile ecosystems ‘at the roof of the world’. Class 4 are continuing their crusade for children’s rights by becoming UN delegates to consider such issues as open cast mining and the serious consequences for global climate if the powers of the great industrial countries continue to disregard the signals that nature is giving us. We have seen, recently, how the combined voice of our 21st children is gathering momentum, and we know that our pupils care passionately about their planet.

World Book Day – ‘Curiouser and Curiouser’

We were truly blown away by the response to our theme of ‘The Mad Hatter’s Tea Party’ this year. The children’s hats were spectacular – thank you so much for helping them to get creative – and so unique. There were some ingenious ideas and plenty of small details to make us all smile. As well as exploring the work of Lewis Carroll, we shared a very special lunch with as many parents as we could fit in the hall.

Surrounded by all the strange and wonderful artefacts from the story of Alice and Wonderland, we enjoyed our St Piran’s pasties and marvelled at the fabulous hats. These are such memorable milestones for the children and are part of the DNA of our school so thank you for helping us to make it special.



Perhaps as a follow on to the comments above, I would just like to explain to parents why we were only able to open up the lunchtime event to a limited number. It is purely down to the logistics of ensuring that we are able to serve lunch to all our children within a very tight time slot. With over a hundred children in each

school and just about one hour in which to feed them, plus a fairly limited staffing capacity (as the teachers do need a break before they begin teaching in the afternoon) we considered carefully, how many seats we would have. Our kitchens also have limited capacity and these lunch ingredients needed to be



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purchased/made in advance. We try so hard to make it fair and never set out to exclude parents when we plan an event. There will be multiple opportunities for parents to come into school throughout the year and we send clear messages out about how to book a place etc. Our Summer picnic on the field is the event that has no limited capacity, so we look forward to seeing you all then.

Up And Coming Events

Parents Evenings

Next week we will be asking parents to sign up for another round of parent/teacher consultations around the children's progress. Teachers will be talking to you about how your child is progressing against the Age Related Expectations and what we can do to ensure they are learning to their best potential. It is important that your children accompany you so that they are part of this discussion around their learning. Mrs Cox will be available at Delabole on Tuesday 17th and at Tintagel on Wednesday 18th if you should wish to drop by for a chat. If for any reason, you are unable to attend these meetings, please contact us to rearrange a more convenient time.



In addition, Mrs Dingle will be contacting parents of SEND children in order to schedule in review meetings. These will be longer meetings in the week after parent's evenings so there is no need to book a parent evening slot if you have a child with any additional needs. The office will contact you. Teachers will also be released to attend these meetings so that there is joined up communication around the needs of your child.

Sports Relief – Friday 13th March

This will be a day to celebrate getting active and contributing to a very important charity whilst also having some fun. We will be asking children to come to school representing their favourite sport and we would also ask that they please bring £1 for this very worthwhile charity. More details about the menu of various activities will follow.



Coronavirus Information

You will all be very aware that this is a significant issue and is gathering momentum across the country. We would like to reassure all our parents that we are tuned in to frequent updates from the Health and Safety team at Aspire who take their cues directly from the DfE. There are layers of protocols in place and these are in anticipation of all eventualities. The most important way to combat the spread of the virus is for everyone to follow really stringent hand washing routines – both at home and at school. We have spoken to the children about this – obviously without making them fearful - and we are being very vigilant. Please could you support this at home.

We are aware that children often hear adult conversations but don't always understand what is being discussed. This can cause them anxiety, so the best thing is to take time to explain to them at a level that is appropriate and reassure them. This is certainly our approach in school. Again, communication is the key to managing this so do contact the school office if you have concerns or check the Aspire Coronavirus website which will be kept updated with all the latest government guidance - <http://www.aspireacademytrust.org/1434/coronavirus-guidance>. There is also very clear guidance on our website if you go to the Parent pages.

Dogs On The School Premises

We are all dog lovers, and this is absolutely nothing personal, but please could all parents ensure that they do not walk dogs onto any part of the school site in the interests of health and safety for our children.

FODS Easter Competitions

FODS are running Easter colouring and egg decoration competitions. They are free to enter and the winner from each class will receive an Easter egg. Colouring competition sheets are available from the office and you may decorate a real or fake egg. Please hand in completed colouring pages and decorated eggs to the school office by Thursday 26th March.



Best wishes

Sue Cox and the team

Some Helpful Dates

Monday 13 th January – 23 rd March	Swimming for Class 2, Class3, Class 4
Wednesday 15 th January – 25 th March	Swimming for Foundation and Class 1
Friday 13 th March	Sports Relief
Tuesday 17 th March	Class 3 Roughtor visit
Tuesday 17 th March	Warbstow Fun Run
Tues 17 th & Weds 18 th March	Parents Evenings
Thursday 26 th March	Closing date for FODS Easter competitions
Friday 27 th March	Last day of Term 4
Tuesday 14 th April	First day of Term 5
Wednesday 15 th to Friday 17 th April	Y5 Nine Ashes Residential
Friday 8 th May	May Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 11 th May to 15 th May	Y6 SATS
Friday 22 nd May	Last day of Term 5
Monday 1 st June	First day of Term 6
Monday 1 st to Thursday 4 th June	Y6 Bristol Residential
Friday 5 th June	RCS – Community Cohesion Day – school closed
Thursday 11 th June	Year group & Class photos
Monday 15 th to Wednesday 17 th June	Y4 Porthpean Residential
Mon 29 th & Tues 30 th June	Fly Up Days
Wednesday 22 nd July	Last day of Term 6

