

Delabole Community Primary School Newsletter

September 2018

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Dear parents and carers,

Firstly, we would like to wish you a very warm welcome back after the summer break, especially to those parents and children who have joined the school for the first time. We have had a lovely start to the new term with pupils enjoying the sunshine and coming back refreshed from their rest.

Looking back at last September, it seems that the school year has passed in a flash. So much was achieved in partnership with our parents last year – and the children truly benefitted in so many ways. Once again, we have high aspirations for the school this year and the team is really looking forward to working with our parents and the wider school community to ensure our children absolutely flourish.

‘Trust and Collaboration’

With the new start to the term, it seems only fitting that a focus on ‘Trust and Collaboration’ is a great way to gather our school community together, share our aspirations and help all our children to understand that working together, we can achieve more. Alongside that, we shall all be exploring the Enquiry Question ‘How Are we Stronger Together?’ Through all our learning, we will be revisiting this theme so that children grow to understand the breadth of their individual responsibilities, the importance of their participation and the core value that we support and encourage each other. Our children learn better when they learn together.

1What does excellence look like?

We will be exploring this question and looking at how a team can use the sum of multiple small excellences to reach the highest standards. We know it takes focus, commitment, self-belief and relentless attention to detail. We know that children live in the moment and if we get each moment right for them, they will feel safe and thrive into the future. This year we are ‘going for gold’ and with your support will continue to build on last year’s achievements.



Getting involved

We have a fantastic track record of working closely with our community. If you or someone in your family feels that they would like to get involved in school life in any capacity, please let us know

Friends of Delabole School (FODS)

This vibrant team of parents are a driving force behind many of the additional activities that our children enjoy. The money they raise is enjoyed by every child. All parents are automatically part of the Parent Teacher Association but if you are

keen to take an active role in any way (and have some fun), please let the office know.

7th September 2018

'Meet and Greets'

Once again, the staff have reflected on the success of last year's Meet and Greet sessions and we will be conducting these again. This is an opportunity for teachers to welcome you into your child's classroom environment and really engage parents in partnership around the daily routines and expectations. It is also an opportunity for you to share any small worries before they become big concerns! There will be more information on these in a letter next week. This year, very importantly, we will be discussing new approaches to marking, assessment and value children's efforts. Dates will be circulated next week.

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. Please be reminded that only black school shoes are accepted as uniform and there should be no jewellery other than small stud earrings. We will request that these are taken out for PE days for safety reasons.

Water Bottles

September has got off to a lovely warm start! 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. Please can we remind parents that children are only permitted to bring water to school.



Clubs

Our club list is hot off the press.

As always it contains a wide variety of choices and we aim to ensure that all children have some opportunity to take part in these additional activities across the year. If your child signs up to a club, please do ensure they attend and places are not wasted when other children could benefit from them. We are looking to broaden our clubs provision further and for that reason some clubs will be provided by external people. There will sometimes be a small weekly charge, but we believe this will still constitute brilliant value for money.

Best wishes,

Handwritten signature of Sue Cox

Sue Cox and the team.

Diary Dates

Copies of holiday dates can be seen on the website (delaboleschool.org)
A full list of Key Dates for this term will be shared with parents next week.