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## Delabole Community Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are almost at the end of what has been the strangest half term for everyone. Like all other schools, we are turning our attention to September and beginning to consider the implications of the most recent government announcements this week. Although this is another period of uncertainty for parents, we will be releasing a comprehensive plan before the end of term, so please rest assured that you will have a clear understanding of the structure of your child's school day for September.

We would just like to request that, when the information is shared with you, each parent takes the time to read through the implications fully so that if there are any questions or concerns, you can approach us **before the end of term** and have these clarified. We will have very little flexibility in September to change any arrangements, due to the nature of safely returning all children back to school and sustaining the wellbeing of our whole school community. This is something that the Leadership Team feel very strongly about in their commitment to upholding a sustainable and safe learning environment.



### Transition

Following on from a recent letter, you will now know which class and teacher your child will be working with in September. Ordinarily, we would have arranged 'Fly Up' days for children to get to know their new classroom and the adults they will be working with. **This year, all teachers are going to be creating a short video clip to introduce themselves and connect with the children in their new class. It is vital that all parents from Yr 1 to Yr 6 log in to**

**Seesaw to view this.** New parents to the school will have received their link to Tapestry within the information pack and will access welcome videos and shared tasks on the school website under the Parents drop down and then the Starting School tab.

This year, in order to reconnect children with learning, all pupils will be set a lovely challenge to complete over the summer and bring with them in September. Again, we are asking that parents please use the Seesaw Virtual Learning platform to ensure their child does not miss this. It is so important that your child feels part of the tribe when they return, so please do take a look. We hope each child feels inspired and motivated to make a small contribution to the classroom on the first day back in September.

### Year 6 Leavers

Sadly, we won't be able to hold our traditional Year 6 Leavers Assembly in the last week of term, but the Y6 team are working hard behind the scenes to create a video of memories that will be shared on the last day. Please do check our school website and/or Seesaw to view this and other planned activities. We will still be clapping out our Year 6 pupils that are currently in school on the last day of



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term and please know that you will be invited to join us in a socially distanced ceremony to wish them all the best as they leave the school for the last time.



### **Book Drop**

Unfortunately, we are currently unable to share another round of books with our Delabole children as we have had less than 50% returned to us and we simply don't have enough. We are still hoping that there will be a flurry of returns on Monday and we will then contact parents to let you know whether this can go ahead. If you have a book at home, there is still time to drop it back so that we can deliver a little reading love to the children.

### **Uniform**

We know that over the coming weeks, you will be getting your child equipped and ready for September. Children need to have the correct school uniform – including plain black shoes/boots please. All children will need a PE kit to be kept in school. This should be a Delabole School T shirt (available on ParentPay), black shorts, black jogging bottoms/leggings for the colder months as well as a plain black sweatshirt. We also ask that your child wears trainers for PE as opposed to plimsolls. We really appreciate your support in this as it helps our children to feel smart and part of the tribe. As always, we ask that you name each item of school uniform. It is such a costly outlay for parents, and we want to be able to return lost items to you.

### **Outdoor Learning**

This year we are asking that every child please brings a pair of named wellies into school as our September curriculum is very much focused on outdoor learning at every opportunity. These wellies will need to be left in school. Your child will also need waterproofs for all weather adventures in learning.

### **Our Journey Back into Learning**

We are currently designing a curriculum for our children that is based on nature and the outdoors. There is so much evidence to support the fact that children who are immersed in hands-on opportunities to learn through nature are inspired with a sense of curiosity and wonder. That is exactly what we feel our children will need. We are making every effort to create a welcoming, nurturing environment for your child's return to school. The learning will be shaped to inspire, will be child focused and very much with wellbeing at the forefront of everything we do.



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There is much work to do in terms of rebuilding our learning community, reigniting aspiration and rekindling confidence. Never before has the relationship between home and school been more important in ensuring our children feel safe and excited to return to school. If you have any anxieties or concerns and would like to talk to a member of staff, please do so before the end of term so that we can put a package of support together to help your child back into school. The last thing we want is for parents and children to be fearful over the holiday period. The work we do together now, will pave the way for a beautiful return in September.



We look forward to it.

Sue Cox and the Delabole team

