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Delabole Community Primary School Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

As we approach the end to this challenging and extraordinary term, we just wanted to bring you up to date with some important celebrations which we hope will bring a smile to everyone's faces and reinforce that all important sense of belonging that is so vital to us all, and which we know is a lifeline for our children.

World Book Day Celebration

World Book Day takes place on the 4th March and this year more than any other, we have felt the need to mark the moment and share the passion for children's literature, which is so much a mark of our school. This year we will be celebrating the best of children's literature with a school and community project entitled: 'Books – Our Windows into Other Worlds'

You will soon see a little promotional video on your child's Seesaw portal and also on Facebook and Twitter. This will clearly explain our vision for a simple but delightful shared project that will hopefully bring some joy to us all.

We would like you to select a favourite book and represent it in a window display using objects, characters and clues from the setting but very importantly...**please do not include a picture of the book cover!** We would like each child to upload a photo of their fabulous window display onto their Seesaw account.



We will then post entries on social media for everyone to enjoy with prizes for the best EYFS/KS1 and KS2 entries. Once we have a number of window entries, we will compile a competition sheet and children will be able to use the clues to match the mystery window to a book. The closing date for all photos will be on Wednesday 3rd March. We are also hoping members of our village community also take part.

We hope you have a lovely time thinking of ideas and bringing the world of a book to life in your windows. We are excited to see the results as you set your imaginations free.



Return to School Transition Project – A Little Man, The Magic of Words and A Mystery Envelope!

We have long held the belief that words can bring us together in times of hardship and as we approach the possibility of once more potentially welcoming our children back into school around the 8th March – dependent of course on government advice - we have designed a transition project for every child to take part in and which we hope will help all our pupils to reconnect as they return once more to the classroom.

As part of this project, we will be conducting an envelope drop into children's homes tomorrow - 11th February. **When the envelope comes to you, please could you keep it safe and not open it until Monday 22nd February.** There will be an accompanying trailer for the project on each child's Seesaw account and the English remote learning tasks will be

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linked to the project in the first week back after half term. It is really important that your child takes part in this project as part of the social and emotional support for transitioning back into school and sharing each other's experiences whilst away. It is an important part of belonging to our Tribe so do please support and encourage your child.



INSET Days – School Closure on the 11th and 12th February - Time for a Rest

As we say goodbye to everyone for a few days, we should all just take a moment to reflect on the huge endeavours and achievements of this term. The children have really given their best efforts as we celebrate a take up of online engagement at around 96% in schools this term. Many parents have worked so hard to enable their children to continue with their learning and the staff have done

everything in their power to remain connected and deliver a different but meaningful menu of learning opportunities. It has been the steepest of learning curves for us all.

We hope that you have a lovely half term break with freedom to enjoy relaxing, being outside and no pressure of remote learning. More than anything, we hope that next term will see us all together once again as a vibrant school community.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Sue Cox".

Sue Cox and the Delabole team

Key dates

Wednesday 10 th February	Last day of Term 3
Thursday 11 th February	Inset Day
Friday 12 th February	Inset Day
Monday 22 nd February	First day of Term 4 for Critical Workers
Thursday 1 st April	Last day of Term 4
Monday 19 th April	First day of Term 5
Monday 3 rd May	May Bank Holiday – school closed
Friday 28 th May	Last day of Term 5
Monday 7 th June	First day of Term 6
Monday 7 th to Weds 9 th June	Y4/5 Delaware Residential
Friday 11 th June	Inset Day – school closed
Thursday 8 th July	SJS Y6 Transition Day
Thursday 22 nd July	Last day of Term 6

