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Delabole Community Primary School Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

Here we are at the end of Term 1 and standing on the threshold of Autumn.

It has been a very busy term and seems to have flashed by. We know the children are tired and ready for a break. We wish you a very happy half term and look forward to seeing everyone on the

28th October when our new Value will be *Aspiration* and our Enquiry Question will be:

What is Greatness?

Love Reading

By now, your child should have received their 'Love Reading' journal. We have thought so deeply about how to encourage children and support parents in this, the most important of home school relationships. We purposely did not set homework for Term 1 as we wanted children to get into the rhythm of Reading and enjoying sharing their books. All we would ask over the half term break, is that you continue to really encourage your child and curl up with a book together. As we return in Term 2, we shall be sharing our homework schedules with a focus on the fundamental skills of times tables, spellings and a creative task linked to our Enquiry.



A Harvest Thank You – We Are All Born Under The Same Sky

Our Harvest celebration was a really poignant event and we loved seeing so many families attend. It is always really special for the children to have the opportunity to perform – especially the Reception children who really entertained us for the first time. Whether you contributed a tin of soup or some locally grown produce, your kind donations have been shared with members of our local community and were very gratefully received.

Exhibition of Learning - Home Is Where The Heart Is

It was so wonderful to see so many families in the school hall. We all savoured the combined efforts of the children and there were so many moments when we saw adults led by their children and captivated by the really evocative exhibition pieces. I think we really have truly connected with our local community's history and geography. The children have certainly relished the memories and stories from the past. The pictures below are just a brief capture.



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Arbour App

At the beginning of October we launched our new Arbour app, but unfortunately due to parents having not installed the app we are still spending a considerable amount of money on text messaging alone! This is not sustainable and yet messaging is the most efficient way to communicate with our families. PLEASE PLEASE install the app which means that we can message for free!

Some Staff Changes

Schools are places of change – they rarely stand still, and this term we find ourselves saying goodbye to Miss Sanderson as she moves on to take up a post in a nursery nearer to where her son goes to school. Nicki has been such an important contributor to the life of the school and has touched the lives of so many of our children on a very personal level. She has that rare thing that cannot be taught – she instinctively and sincerely tunes into children and they trust her for it. We are so sad to be saying farewell but so thankful that she helped us to shape the school that Delabole has become. We wish her happiness in her new role.

Miss Ubly has also asked me to inform parents that she too will be leaving us after fulfilling her role as both PE Lead and Intervention teacher, as well as more recently sharing the responsibility of Class 1 with Mrs Campbell. Mrs Ubly is currently absent through illness but will confirm her leaving date in the new term. We wish her well as she moves on. Mrs Campbell will continue to look after Class 1 and Mrs Dingle will take over the Monday slot until we recruit a replacement for Mrs Ubly.

Mrs Stanley will continue in Foundation Class for five days a week until Mrs Dickinson returns after maternity leave on 2nd December. Throughout all these transitions, we will take care to manage the wellbeing of the children so that they continue to make progress and are as unaffected by change as possible.

We are currently interviewing for a full time TA post and will notify parents of the outcome early in Term 2.

Have a lovely break.



Sue Cox and the team

Thursday 17 th October	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 28 th October	First day of Term 2
Friday 20 th December	Last day of Term 2
Tuesday 7 th January	First day of Term 3
Thursday 13 th February	Last day of Term 3
Monday 24 th February	First day of Term 4
Friday 27 th March	Last day of Term 4
Tuesday 14 th April	First day of Term 5
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
Wednesday 22 nd July	Last day of Term 6