

# Delabole Community Primary School Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

## St Nectan's Expedition

As part of their exploration of the story of Orpheus and Eurydice, our Class 3 children enjoyed a fantastic quest through the wooded valley of Trethevy, following the course of the river until they finally reached the waterfall. Along the way, they followed Orpheus' quest to find his Eurydice – into the underworld, following the River Styx and crossing the bridge guarded by Cerberus. Standing in the Kingdom of Hades in front of the waterfall, they gazed in wonder then closed their eyes and felt the spirit of this very special place. On their way back out of the underworld, they wrote memories on paper boats and floated them out along the river. It was truly a moment of wonder. We are so fortunate to have such magical places on our doorstep – and equally fortunate that the staff have the capacity to plan creative, memorable experiences which bring the children's learning to life.



## Book Snuggle

A huge thank you to all those parents who brought their children to the Book Snuggle – and equally to those of you who joined Mrs. Cox in the school hall for a little insight into our approaches to the development of Growth Mindset for Learning.

## European Day of Languages

Just a reminder that we will be celebrating our 'Day of Frenchness' on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October. There will be food tasting as the school hall is transformed into a Café Français, the sharing of a beautiful story book and lots of games and activities in French. We will be inviting children to come to school in the colours of the Tricolor Flag.



### **Parents Evenings**

Please could parents sign up for parent's evenings on the signing in sheets which will appear in school on Monday. The sessions will run on the following days:

Delabole School - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 3.30 till 6.30pm and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 4.00 till 7.00pm

If parents cannot attend on either date and require a separate opportunity, please could they contact the office for an appointment. For most children, we would ask that they accompany parents to the meeting as this is a focused conversation around their learning and they are an important part of the learning contract. We hope to see as many children with their parents as possible. On the late evening appointments, Mrs Cox will be available in the entrance to each school, and will be sharing information about the end of Key Stage 2 assessments so that parents of any year group can have a look through last year's papers and ask questions about the implications for their child, as they move up through the school and prepare for this important milestone before transition to secondary school.

### **Harvest Celebrations**

These will take place on Thursday 18th October at 10.30am at St John's Church. We would like children and families not only to join us for this event but more importantly, to support our harvest celebration with donations which should be brought to the School hall on Wednesday 17th October. All donations will be circulated to our local families in Delabole by our FODs group. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### **Staffing Updates**

Some parents may be aware that currently we have some staff absence in school. Mrs Ubyly is unwell at the moment and we have also been notified that Mrs Hibbert is unlikely to be in school next week due to illness. Under these circumstances, the school leadership team aim to ensure that there is as little disruption to learning as possible, and in the short term, we do use our experienced TAs as cover since they know the children best. That said, we have booked a supply teacher for Class 1 for the coming week and Mrs Binney will be supporting. I will keep parents updated on the situation.

### **Congratulations to Mrs Dickinson**

Parents of our Reception children will already have been notified that Mrs Dickinson is expecting her first baby in the Spring. She will be continuing to work in Early Years until February and we will be looking to recruit a maternity cover teacher over the coming weeks. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well.

Best Wishes  
Sue Cox and the team

### **Key Dates**

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Change of Menu – All Day Breakfast
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 North Cornwall Book Festival
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	KS2 Cross Country Event - Wadebridge
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 3.30 till 6.30pm	Parents Evening
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 4.00 till 7.00 pm	Parents Evening
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Day of Frenchness
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 10.30 am	Harvest Celebrations at St John's Church