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Delabole Community Primary School Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

This is the time of year when we begin to really step up the momentum of our end of year celebrations – including our Christmas performance and any community projects/fundraisers. There is a lot to organise so this brief Newsletter is just a brief capture of the key events and dates, so that you can be prepared.

Staffing Update Linked to Recovery Funding

As part of our Recovery Plan for Learning, each school has received a little top up funding in order to set up catch up interventions. These must be used strategically with very focused outcomes for children and we are accountable for showing the impact of any additional provision that is put in place. The Recovery Funding lasts for one year only. In Delabole, we have been fortunate to be able to employ an additional TA daily from lunchtime until end of day. We are therefore delighted to welcome Jenny Flanders to our school. She will be part of the lunchtime team and will then support Class 2 so that Miss Florance – who has been trained as our Read Write Inc intervention TA – can support the Year 2 and Year 1 children in preparation for their phonic screening tests. These are the children who have missed so much of their early phonics and reading development due to lockdowns, so we feel this will make a huge difference in enabling them to close the gap to where they need to be by end of year.

We have also purchased the Fresh Start programme for KS2 children who are struggling to achieve fluency and accuracy in their reading as this is a priority for Secondary readiness and accessing the rest of the curriculum confidently. This will be rolled out from January and your child's class teacher will talk to you if they are part of this programme.



Forthcoming Events

Delabole Advent Windows

This is a lovely community idea and we are delighted to be taking part in it. Our window will light up on December 9th, so we hope you enjoy looking at it.

Christmas Cards

Children are still able to bring in Christmas cards this year. In order to do this in a safe way, each class will have its own box/basket. All Christmas cards will need to be brought in by Monday 14th December at the latest. These will then lie fallow and will be handed out over the last few days.

Christmas Performances

Preparations are underway for our Christmas Performances. These will – of course – be very different this year as there will be no live performances in school. That said, we are very keen to continue the important traditions and milestones that mean so much to our children so we would like to reassure parents that there will be a digital offering from each class very much similar to our Harvest celebrations, with Mrs Dickinson's class taking centre stage with the Nativity. Each of the other classes will contribute a poem on Seesaw and on our Website. There may even be a little Christmas offering from the staff so watch out for some much-needed festive cheer.

Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day

This will take place on Thursday 17th December. Children must wear their school uniform on this day but are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper instead of their school sweatshirt. We are asking for donations of £1 which will go to the Cornwall Air Ambulance appeal.

Children's Party

On the afternoon of Friday 18th December, we will host children's parties, but these will be confined to their class bubbles. We would like children to come into school wearing their party clothes and there will be party food and games. I am sure you will join me in thanking the FODS team for their fantastic support of the school in this. They will be preparing 'sealed' food from home and dropping it into school for the teachers and TAs to serve.



Heartfelt Thanks

Children in Need Appeal

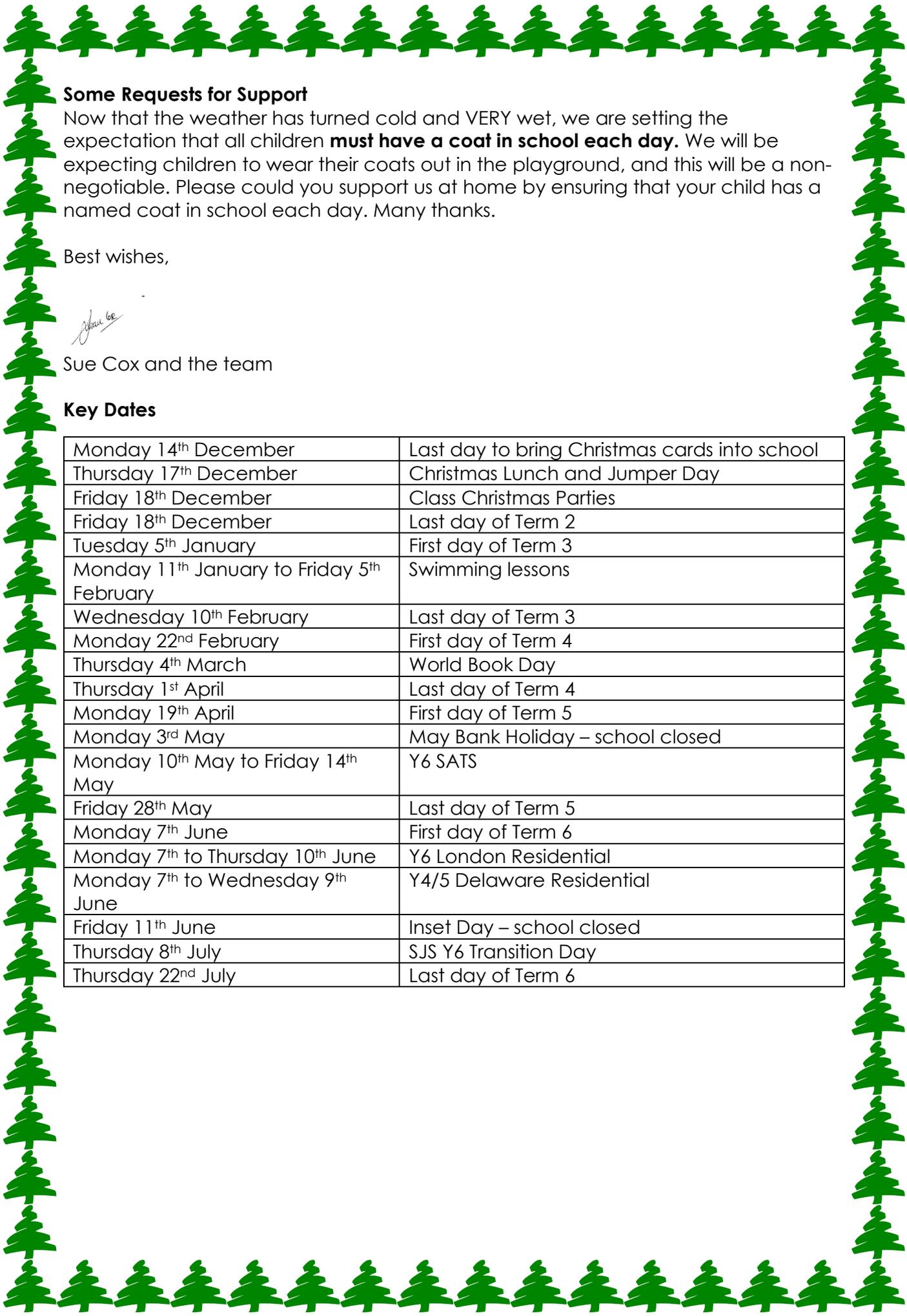
Once again, our community showed their generosity and £126.3 was raised.

Cornwall Christmas Box Appeal

The donations are beginning to arrive for these boxes. Once again, you have demonstrated your generosity of spirit. Please have a look at the lists online and bring donations in asap as the boxes go off on 9th December.

Message from FODS

Thank you for your support over the year. We are looking forward to holding more events next year and always welcome new members.



Some Requests for Support

Now that the weather has turned cold and VERY wet, we are setting the expectation that all children **must have a coat in school each day**. We will be expecting children to wear their coats out in the playground, and this will be a non-negotiable. Please could you support us at home by ensuring that your child has a named coat in school each day. Many thanks.

Best wishes,



Sue Cox and the team

Key Dates

Monday 14 th December	Last day to bring Christmas cards into school
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day
Friday 18 th December	Class Christmas Parties
Friday 18 th December	Last day of Term 2
Tuesday 5 th January	First day of Term 3
Monday 11 th January to Friday 5 th February	Swimming lessons
Wednesday 10 th February	Last day of Term 3
Monday 22 nd February	First day of Term 4
Thursday 4 th March	World Book Day
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
Monday 10 th May to Friday 14 th May	Y6 SATS
Friday 28 th May	Last day of Term 5
Monday 7 th June	First day of Term 6
Monday 7 th to Thursday 10 th June	Y6 London Residential
Monday 7 th to Wednesday 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