

## Delabole Primary School Newsletter

October 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The first half of the Autumn Term is slipping through our fingers and already there has been so much to celebrate. Every class has planned opportunities to be out in the local environment to help the children understand more about nature and make the most of the wealth of geography on our doorstep.

We are delighted to have appointed our Y6 House Captains for the year, and we are in the final stages of recruiting a new Pupil Leadership Team that will act as the pupil voice for school improvement moving forwards.

We also have children taking on the roles of Playground Leaders, showing leadership attributes in supporting younger members of our tribe over lunchtimes. Everything is up and running, ready for a great year ahead.

### **Behaviour and Culture**

A real focus for the school this year is setting expectations and cultural norms with regards to behaviour and attitudes for learning. There has been a lot of training for staff behind the scenes already, and a revised Behaviour Policy will be sent out to you shortly.

I am delighted that as a school, we have been working with Ellie Cudmore – a local play therapist who has been working with staff on 'The Windows of Tolerance Theory' which has been really insightful. I will be inviting Ellie to come and run a parent workshop for you as I think you will find her work fascinating - with many strategies that you can use in your own home, linked to how the brain works and what we can do to support our young people. I will send the date out when it is confirmed and hope that as many of you will attend as possible. There will be no charge for this – the school will be funding this to support you. Please do make the most of this.

### **Parents Evening**

You will be aware that Parents Evening slots are now available to book on Arbor. We would like to meet with you early in the year to share how your child has settled in and to discuss their attitudes to learning and anything that you can do to support them. This meeting will only be a maximum of ten minutes and won't be attainment driven – more of an opportunity to touch base on how the first few weeks have been. We encourage you to bring your child along as this is another way they can see how we all work together to support them. If the timings are inconvenient, please contact the office for a separate meeting. It is really important we touch base with all families at this early stage.



9<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### **Harvest Festival:**

We would love to invite you to the school hall for a Harvest celebration on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 9:30am** This will be for an assembly led by Geraldine Ashton, where each class will be sharing a short performance with you. We hope you can join us. This year we are collecting non-perishable donations for distributing amongst our community. Please bring any donations to the office by Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> - thank you.

### **Wraparound:**

I am delighted to share that we will be offering early morning wraparound provision daily from 7:45am, starting after October Half Term. You will need to bring your child to the main office, and you will be met by a member of staff at the library door.

In order to book this, you will need to log into ParentPay and select the days you would like. It is important that you book with 24 hours notice please so we can ensure we have a suitable number of staff on duty. The cost of these sessions is £3.00 a child. At present, we are not in a position to offer breakfast, however you are welcome to send your child in with something to eat if they haven't eaten already.

We will let you know when the slots go 'live' on ParentPay so you can book. This will be for a trial period until Christmas when we will know if it is a viable option moving forwards.

### **Reception Intake for 2025-2026**

It is the time of the year where parents are making the decision about which school to send their pre-school child to next year. We are holding an open afternoon on **Monday 11th November** at 3:30pm for any prospective parents to showcase all that Delabole School has to offer. This will involve an opportunity to meet key staff and to have a tour of the school. Please help us spread the word.

### **Arbor Messaging**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** From October half term, parents/carers will receive instant messaging via the Arbor Parent App **ONLY**. The old SMS service is being withdrawn. If you haven't already done so, please download the ARBOR APP via the App Store or Google Play. The app allows you to receive the latest messages from your child's school, book parent/carer consultation slots (where applicable), track your child's attendance, view club information and manage/update the information that we hold about both you and your child, including consents. Visit <https://www.aspireacademytrust.org/arbor> for support.



**Key dates**

<b>Autumn Term</b>	
From Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Weekly swimming sessions – Classes 3 & 4
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual school photos
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct and Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Parents Evenings
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October – 9.30 am	Harvest Festival
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of Autumn 1 Term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	First day of Autumn 2 Term
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Nasal Flu Immunisations
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November – 3.30 pm	Reception Intake 25/26 Open Afternoon
W/C Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Book Fair
W/C Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Clubs finish this week
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm & 5pm	Christmas Performance at the Chapel
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Christmas parties
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Autumn 2 Term