

Delabole Community Primary School Newsletter

January 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all enjoyed a welcome break over the Christmas holidays and managed to spend time together.

I feel very lucky to be working alongside you and your children in the coming months and feel that the new Enquiry, 'What are our roots?' is really pertinent to me coming back to my homeland of Delabole. I have already received such a warm welcome from the whole tribe and am excited to see what the next few months will bring. I will be in school every Monday and Wednesday – as well as every other Friday if you have any worries or concerns, or just want to come and say hello on the gate, I look forward to seeing you.

Teaching and Learning:

We have already launched into our new Enquiry – **What are our roots?** underpinned by the value of **Respect**. This is such an important aspect of learning where the children will learn more about Cornwall and why where they live is so special.

There are some great enriching opportunities planned where some classes will be offsite – exploring the beauty of Cornwall all around us. Look out for the Enquiry Web that has been sent out to you for more information on the learning happening this half term. Separate emails will be sent for visits.



Uniform & Kit:

It is really important that your child comes to school with everything they need for the day ahead. Please ensure your child has a named coat and water bottle each day. In addition, please ensure they have PE kit and/or Earth Tribe kit in school on the correct days. We endeavour to get outside despite the cold and so children need to have the appropriate clothing to enable them to fully take part.

Home Learning:

Children continue to be set Home Learning opportunities via Seesaw (and Tapestry if children are in Class 1) Please get in contact if you are struggling to log in.

There were some very impressive creative pieces brought in last term that showed the time invested by your children to showcase their learning. Thank you for your encouragement and support with this – it is such an important part of the partnership. We have seen a dip in some children completing tasks so please do encourage your children to keep up with their learning at home as some tasks in particular support the learning in the classroom. All logins for Times Table Rock Stars and Spelling Shed are in their Love Reading Journals. If you are having problems, pop into the office and we can help you.

Most importantly, please continue to encourage your child to read and complete the Love Reading Journals. Children working on phonics will have their books coming home

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regularly to practise with you. Please do spend the time to share this with your child as it makes such a difference to their fluency and confidence.

Music Lessons:

We are really excited to share that from next week, Class 3 will be having music lessons delivered by a music specialist every Monday afternoon. They will be learning the djembe drums. Mrs Tidball, the music teacher is also qualified to teach individual or small group lessons if your child is interested in learning an instrument. You are able to hire instruments for this and there are a wide range of instruments to choose from. If you would like more information, please speak to the office.

Staffing:

We are delighted to welcome Miss Hall who will be joining our tribe as a teaching assistant from this week. In addition, we welcome Miss Manley who will be teaching in Class 1 on a Friday. I'm sure you will join me in helping them to feel welcome.

If you have any worries, questions, or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Lou Kirkman

Key dates

Autumn Term	
Friday 12 th January	Class 2 St Nectan's Glen visit
Monday 15 th January	Class 1 & 2 Swimming – Last session
Monday 22 nd & Tuesday 23 rd January	Class 3 & 4 Swimming – Last sessions
Wednesday 24 th January	Yr R & Yr 6 Height and Weight Measurements
Tuesday 30 th January	Class 4 Geevor Mine visit
Thursday 8 th February	Last Day of Spring 1 Term
Friday 9 th February	Inset Day – School Closed
Monday 19 th February	First day of Spring 2 Term
Thursday 28 th March	Last Day of Spring 2 Term

