

Delabole Community Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the start of a new term.

It was so fabulous to see the school full to the brim with parents, pride and positivity during our Open Classrooms and Harvest Performance over the last week of last term.



This term we can once again look forward to more Open Classrooms, our Book Snuggle as well as, daresay it, our Christmas Performances.

Our Beautiful Tapestry of Learning - Perseverance

Our enquiry question to deepen our children's understanding of this term's value of Perseverance is 'What matters the most, the destination or the journey?' The threads of learning in school will weave in many different directions. Class Four will immerse themselves in the noble and ancient story of Beowulf. Class Three will dress for the part and step into the shoes of Shackleton's heroic Antarctic explorers. Class Two are travelling 'Down Under' for an exploration of antipodean habitat and creation. Class One will be all of a flutter as they learn all about owls through story, fact and face to face meetings with some wise feathery friends.



Remembrance Day

As ever we will be joining the wider community to commemorate Remembrance Day at the War Memorial Gardens on Friday, November 11th. We aim to take the whole school and will need volunteers to make it possible.

Road Safety

Road safety is a particular issue we have to be so careful with in our village. At school, we have all welcomed the reduced speed limit to 20 mph even though it can feel slow as drivers all get used to it. However, it will make a difference to the safety of our children. As the afternoons darken and the evenings draw in, it is so important to think about how all of us – pedestrians, cyclists and car users can use the roads safely to protect ourselves and other road users. We must remind ourselves and teach the children how safe road use can enable everyone to make safe and healthy journeys. We will continue to consider this with the children in school and hope that the conversation is carried on at home.

Digital Safety

One of the most significant challenges we face is how we educate and monitor our children's safe use of digital technology. Across the curriculum, in PSHE and Computing lessons, we discuss what is appropriate, what to do to keep safe and what to do if children do feel or are unsafe. We will also celebrate Safer Internet Day on 7th of February, but we must always ensure that our children are safe.

It can be a minefield at times as habits and skills, games, platforms and content can vary so much. This is why we must be constantly vigilant. Please speak to us if you feel you would like more information, support, or advice. We have links on our website, and the [Aspire Trust Website](#) also has some excellent and up to date details and resources to help everyone safely navigate in the digital domain.

Wrapping Up for Winter

Please make sure that your child is wearing suitable clothes for the changeable conditions that winter brings. This plea is particular for those children who are coming to school on their own and are sometimes not wearing a coat.

Book Snuggle

On Tuesday 15th November, our Book Snuggle will once again return after a two-year hiatus to share everyone's love of books. We would like the children to come back to school at 5:30pm until 6pm in their pyjamas, dressing gown, and perhaps with a cuddly friend tucked into a pocket. They will sip a hot chocolate and revel in a special story shared by their teacher in the cosy confines of their classroom. For parents and carers, there will also be a beautiful reading presentation.



Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying week will take place the week beginning 14th November. We will be supporting this by asking everyone to taking part in 'Odd Sock Day' on Monday 14th November. All everyone needs to do is wear odd socks - a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique. Across the week our Tribe will consider, reflect, and celebrate Anti Bullying in assemblies and class activities. The theme this year is 'Reaching Out'. It will also be an excellent starting point for our new team of **Calm School Code Custodians** who have been chosen by the Pupil Leadership Tribe to introduce themselves and let every know that they are always there ready to be 'reached'.

Christmas Nativity and Celebrations

It would not be Christmas without the Nativity. This year, Class One and Two will celebrate by performing the Nativity in their own inimitable and joyous way. There will be an afternoon and early evening performance on Monday 12th December, at the school. On Wednesday 14th December, we would like to welcome everyone to take part and share in a festive community celebration with Class Three and Four children. This will take place during the early evening, within the school grounds. We hope that it will be a chance to make memories and savour our community amidst much singing, merriment, and mince pies.

Best wishes,
The Delabole Team

Key dates

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| Wednesdays - 2 nd to 23 rd November | Before school, girls football club |
| Wednesday 9 th November | Year 1 Hearing Screening |
| Friday 11 th November | Remembrance at War Memorial Garden |
| Monday 14 th November | Odd Sock Day |
| Week commencing 14 th November | Anti-Bullying Week |
| Tuesday 15 th November | Book Snuggle 5.30 pm to 6 pm |
| Wednesday 16 th November | Nasal Flu Vaccinations |
| Week commencing 5 th December | Last week of after school clubs |
| Week commencing 5 th December | Last week of swimming lessons |
| Week commencing 5 th December | Half Price Book Fair |
| Monday 5 th December | Class 2 Open Classroom 3.30 pm to 4 pm |
| Tuesday 6 th December | Class 3 Open Classroom 3.30 pm to 4 pm |
| Wednesday 7 th December | Class 4 Open Classroom 3.30 pm to 4 pm |
| Thursday 8 th December | Class 1 Open Classroom 3.30 pm to 4 pm |
| Monday 12 th December | Class 1 & 2 Nativity- afternoon & evening performances |
| Wednesday 14 th December | Christmas Lunch |
| Wednesday 14 th December | Class 3 & 4 Festive Community Celebration - evening |
| Friday 16 th December | Class Christmas parties - afternoon |
| Friday 16 th December | Last day of Autumn 2 Term |
| Tuesday 3 rd January | First day of Spring 1 Term |