

## Delabole Community Primary School Newsletter

September 2022

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Dear Parents/Carers

A warm welcome back at the start of the new academic year to everyone across our fabulous community. It has been a pleasure over the course of the week to see and hear how well everyone has enjoyed their summer and has now settled back into school. As ever, there is always a lot of important information to process at the beginning of the year. Sometimes it can feel a little overwhelming for everyone as we remember and adjust to new and old structures, routines, and systems. However, we have been very pleased with how well everyone and especially the children have settled in during our first week back.

### HRH Queen Elizabeth

Queen Elizabeth II has died at the age of 96. Our longest serving monarch kept her promise to serve her people and her country throughout her life and her death marks the end of an era for our country. In an assembly, we have begun to reflect upon this sad news together and consider its meaning and importance. As the whole country moves into a period of mourning, we will continue to commemorate the Queen's life and legacy sensitively and appropriately for our children.



### Teaching and Learning

Our value this first term is **Trust and Collaboration**, and the children will deepen their understanding of its meaning by considering the question '**How are we stronger together?**' Across the classes, the children will be exploring nature, its habitats and its history and geography both within the school grounds and beyond.

## Staffing

Our staffing structure has changed a little over the summer. We say goodbye and thank you to Ms Lovelle and Miss Nayeb who we both wish well in their new adventures. We welcome both Mr Palmer and Mrs Simpson to our team and look forward to them becoming fully fledged members of the Delabole Tribe whilst we welcome back Mrs Dickinson who returned from her maternity leave.

<b>Class 1</b>	Mrs Dickinson, Miss Marshall, Mrs Binney and Mrs Cousens
<b>Class 2</b>	Miss Morse, Miss Florance, Miss Carnon
<b>Class 3</b>	Mr Palmer, Mrs Morris
<b>Class 4</b>	Miss Honey, Mrs Simpson

Mrs Smith will continue to deliver French across the school.

Mrs Campbell continues in her role as Reading champion across the school as well as being our pastoral lead.

Mrs Dingle is our SENDCo and will be in school on a Monday.

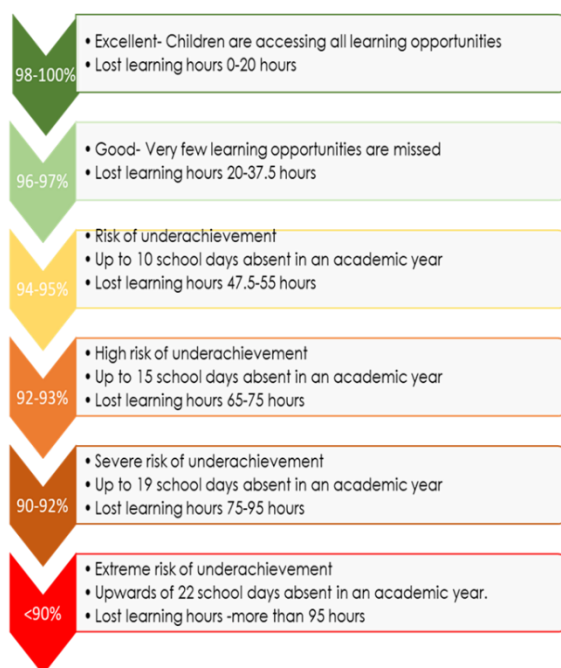
Mr Pritchard is our Head of School.

Mrs Cox will continue to support us in her role as our Aspire Trust Strategic Partner.

Mrs Chapman will be in the office across the whole week and will always be available to help you with any questions, worries or information you might have, need or want to share.

## Attendance

Attending school regularly is extremely important to the development of every child. Children who are absent from school, miss vital learning and can find it difficult to catch up when they come back. They can miss their friends. This impacts children both academically and socially. It is our duty as a school to monitor and improve attendance. In due course, we will be sending out more attendance information for parents and carers. Both Mr Pritchard and Mrs Campbell will support any attendance concerns.



### **Meet and Greet**

Once again, we would like to welcome parents and carers in for a class meet and greet in the school where your child's class teacher can share any information about the learning within the class and answer any questions you may have. These will take place week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> September at 2:45pm.

Class 1 Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept

Class 2 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept

Class 3 Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept

Class 4 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept

For anyone who is unable to attend the meetings, the presentation slides will be shared on the school website.

### **Premises Improvements**

Over the summer, we have made considerable improvements in and around the school. It is always a formidable challenge given the beauty and age of our premises, but we are really pleased with the timely and considered changes.

Outside, new fencing has been replaced or put up around the playground and field. Significant areas outside have been reborn and reclaimed from the abundant growth of the last few years. We have also discovered some new and exquisite learning areas. The installation of our much-anticipated outdoor gym equipment has been delayed slightly but they will be set and ready for action in the front playground before the end of the term.

Inside the school, our classrooms have been reorganised and are looking pristine and ready to go. Our existing lighting system now has permanent fixings in the hall. The lights will complement our most significant and dramatic improvement which has been the complete renovation of the floor in the hall. The original boards have been sanded back, varnished, and polished and are now resplendent. It has dramatically transformed the environment which in turn, will enhance so much of our day and curriculum.



### **Swimming**

Next week we'll begin our swimming lessons. Sometimes daunting but always rewarding, we are really looking forward to all the children getting back into the pool to develop this essential life skill. Year 1 and Class 2 children will need their kit on Mondays. Classes 3 and 4 will need their kit every Wednesday.

### **Open Classrooms**

We know how important everyone's connection, passion, and commitment to learning really matters for every single child. During the final week of this term, we would like to open up the classrooms to parents and carers so that the children can showcase and share their achievements. As well as helping parents and carers engage with the school, we know it will help them know and remember more about what they have learnt. Each day of the week, one of the classes will be opened from 3:30pm and the children will be able to revisit and guide you through their learning.

### **Pupil Leadership Tribe**

Next week, we will be holding class elections to decide democratically which children will become a member of our School Council or Pupil Leadership Team. The children will need to complete an application to firstly express their interest before demonstrating to their classmates why they should be chosen. Being part of the Pupil Leadership Team is a vital cog to capture the voice of the child and help improve our school.

### **Your Voice Matters – Parent Survey**

Thank you to everyone who left invaluable feedback that will help us to improve our school. We can only improve if we know what the strengths, weakness and opportunities in our provision are. The feedback has certainly helped us shape our school improvement plan and hopefully keep moving in the right direction. We will share the results in due course.

### **Introduction to Early Reading and the Read, Write, Inc phonics scheme**

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 6 pm, Mrs Campbell will share our approach to the teaching and learning of early reading. It will be a chance to find out more about what we do and what you can do to help your child acquire the most important skill and become a successful reader. The workshop will be open to everybody who would like to know more.



Best wishes,

The Delabole Team

**Key dates**

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 1 and Class 2 swimming starts
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Class 3 & Class 4 swimming starts
Week commencing 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Class Meet & Greet
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Reading workshop 6 pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Individual photos
Weeks commencing 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Bikeability – Reception, Year 4 & Year 6
Week commencing 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Classrooms from 3.30 pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Harvest Festival
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term