

Delapre Primary School

NEWSLETTER EDITION 19 – December 2017

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 20th December

School closes for the Christmas Holidays

Thursday 4th January 2018

School re-opens to Pupils

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of our Autumn Term, I would like to wish you a very peaceful and happy Christmas. Having worked hard all term, the children will be ready for a break and the opportunity to recharge their batteries (whilst wearing yours out no doubt!). We have had a busy and productive term with lots to tell you about and a few reminders to pass on.

Christmas Performances

Christmas performances have all finished, and the school was transformed into a hive (or grotto) of festive cheer.

For all at Delapre, our Christmas performances are always very special events. The children were so excited about performing for you and their enthusiasm and enjoyment is matched only by the quality of performance they gave - fabulous!

Well done to all pupils for giving their best, and thank you to all staff who worked so hard to enable that to happen.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 15th December we invited pupils and staff to take part in Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. We raised £321, so well done to everyone.

Parking

Recently a number of local residents have contacted us as they feel extremely irritated by inconsiderate drivers parking across their personal driveways. These are thoughtless parents and carers who give little consideration to others, and, for the sake of being that little bit closer to school, will inconvenience others.

Please take time to consider where you park and the actions that are witnessed by your children. It is inappropriate for children to witness these confrontations, simply so some parents can get a few metres closer to the school. **This also includes parents who decide they are more than entitled to park in the staff car park.**

Sport Update

We have had a very exciting term of sport with lots of children involved in the extra curriculum clubs, provided by the school. These have included Basketball, Tag Rugby, Athletics, Netball, Swimming, Football and Cricket.

We have also taken part in a range of sports fixtures and festivals. In October, Mr Flynn and Mrs Millers went with our Year 6 tag rugby team and competed in the David Rose Cup. This tournament is held each year in memory of Mr David Rose, a teacher from EHPS . This was an all-day event, held at Northampton Saints Rugby Club and was attended by all the schools in our cluster. The children spent the morning developing their skills under the guidance of Saints coaches, this was followed by a tour of the stadium and a tournament in the afternoon. The children played brilliantly and had a great day out. In addition, Year 3s took part in a multi-skills festival held at Benham Sports Centre. All the children enthusiastically engaged in a range of events including sports such as Boccia and Curling.

Mr Casey's Year 5 & 6 football team have also been in action and have taken part in a number of fixtures and festivals.

At the start of this half term, our Year 4s entered a Tag Rugby tournament and were outstanding. This was a 'non-competitive' tournament and no one was officially keeping score, but by my reckoning, we were unbeaten.

Our swimming team has been making a splash! In November, they competed in a cluster swimming gala held at Northampton School for Boys' fabulous new swimming pool. It was a very exciting event and there were some outstanding individual and team performances. The highlight of the event was when our boys won the 4 x 25 m freestyle relay.

More recently, Mr Fisher's Year 5 & 6 indoor athletics team competed at Abbeyfield School in a cluster athletics competition. Our team came first by one point and are now off to the town finals in January 2018.

Next term as well as all our regular sports clubs, lunchtime cross-country starts in preparation for the town championships held in March. Mr Masters and the basketball team will be looking to retain their town champion title and Miss Cripps will be beginning her fitness club after the Christmas break.

Thank you for encouraging your children to get involved in all our extra-curricular sports clubs - **Mr Thomas**

Children In Need

The recent Children In Need fundraising in school raised £657.05. This is an amazing achievement. Well done and thank you to all parents and carers for your generosity.

Carols by Candlelight – Tuesday 12th December

We held our first, very successful 'Carols by Candlelight' evening at All Saints Church, The Drapery. The Orchestra and Junior and Senior choirs performed and did themselves proud. It was a magical evening for everyone who attended.

Holiday Dates

The dates for next academic year are now confirmed and are found below for your information;

TERM DATES - ACADEMIC YEAR – 2017/2018

<u>2018</u>	TRAINING DAY School re-opens	Wednesday 3 rd January Thursday 4 th January
Spring Half Term	School closes School re-opens	Friday 9 th February Monday 19 th February
Easter Break	School closes School re-opens	Thursday 29 th March Monday 16 th April
May Day	School closed	Monday 7 th May
Summer Half Term	School closes School re-opens	Friday 25 th May Monday 4 th June
Summer Break	School closes	Thursday 19 th July

TERM DATES – ACADEMIC YEAR – 2018/19

Autumn Term	TRAINING DAY School re-opens	Tuesday 4 th September Wednesday 5 th September
Autumn Half Term	School closes School re-opens	Friday 19 th October Monday 29 th October
Christmas Break	School closes	Wednesday 19 th December
<u>2019</u>	School re-opens	Thursday 3 rd January
Spring Half Term	School closes TRAINING DAY School re-opens	Thursday 14 th February Friday 15 th February Monday 25 th February
Easter Break	School closes School re-opens	Friday 5 th April Tuesday 23 rd April
May Day	School closed	Monday 6 th May
Summer Half Term	School closes School re-opens	Friday 24 th May Monday 3 rd June
Summer Break	School closes	Friday 19 th July

Live Streaming

We recently received an email from CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) with information we think all parents should be aware of.

The reason this is being brought to your attention is because live streaming is becoming more and more popular with young people. So much so, that Facebook have added a 'Live' feature to their app which some of you may have already come across or even used.

One of the most shocking things to come from this is that adult offenders sometimes use tricks and dares to coerce young people into performing acts that involve nudity on camera; sometimes offering them online gifts or 'game points' in exchange for videos. Younger children can be particularly susceptible to these tactics as it can be difficult for them to spot manipulative behaviour in others and stand up to pressure.

It is important to remind young people that if someone asks them to remove clothing or do anything sexual, stop and tell someone. No matter who instigated the conversation or what's been said, it is never the young person's fault. Encourage them to tell an adult and report the incident to CEOP.

Digital Parenting Magazine

We have some copies of this magazine available from the office or class teachers. Please ask if you are interested.

Eco Club

The Eco Club have designed posters for a local Woodland Trust campaign, "Street Teas for Street Trees." In their posters, they indicated the benefits of having trees lining the streets in Far Cotton, and why they should not be cut down. The posters were then handed to a parent campaigner who has submitted them to be judged. We are very proud to announce that we secured the top three places in this competition.

Well done to Madeline Hollowell & Millie Phillips, Jamie Allen & Willow Kounota.

There was an event in Penrhyn Road on Saturday 2nd December where the posters were judged and displayed to the public, alongside some tree based activities.

The club has also been surveying the school for an energy usage task.

Who is the most energy efficient class? Results will be announced shortly!

Christmas Card Competition

We are very proud to announce that after entering a Christmas Card Competition run by local company Premier Roofing Ltd we have received the news that we had the winner and runner up. Well done to D'Arcey Daley and Maks Durmaj from 6CL. We have received £1100 in prize money for the school.



Thank you for taking the time to read this rather busy newsletter.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

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Headteacher

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holidays!