



# Delapre Primary School

## NEWSLETTER EDITION 22 – October 2017

### Dates for your diary

<b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup>, Wed 18<sup>th</sup>, Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Reception Parents Afternoons</b>
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Online Safety Presentation in School Yrs 4,5 &amp; 6</b>
<b>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>PDSA Visit Yr 2 &amp; 6</b>
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Harvest Festival</b>
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>School Closes for Half Term</b>
<b>Mon 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>School re-opens to pupils</b>
<b>Tues 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>Immunisations Yr 1,2,3,4 Yr 6 Movie Night organised by PTA</b>
<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; Tues 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>School Photographs</b>
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Yr 6 Cinema Trip</b>
<b>Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Yr 4 Cinema Trip</b>
<b>Tues 21<sup>st</sup> &amp; Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>Parents' Evenings</b>
<b>Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Beauty &amp; The Beast Pantomime Reception &amp; KS1</b>
<b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup> &amp; Wed 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>KS2 Christmas Performances</b>
<b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Reception Christmas Performances</b>
<b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Carol Concert at All Saints Church in the evening Yr 2 Christmas Performances</b>
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Yr 1 Christmas Performances</b>
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Senior Choir singing at Grosvenor Centre PTA Christmas Fayre and Cake Sale after school</b>
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Jumper Day – fundraising event for staff and pupils</b>
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>School Closes for Christmas</b>
<b>2018</b>	
<b>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>Training Day</b>
<b>Thur 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>School re-opens to pupils</b>

Dear Parents/Carers

It is good to be back in school for what we hope will be another successful academic year.

At this time of year, we welcome our newest members to Delapre Primary School in Reception, whilst welcoming back the other children across years 1 to 6.

We also welcome some new members of staff and wish them the very best as they join us at Delapre:

Miss Brockwell – Teacher in RB  
Mrs Markham – Teaching Assistant in 1IS  
Mrs Feetham – Teaching Assistant in 5C

Mrs Leivers – Teacher in 1LC  
Miss Capp – Teaching Assistant in 3D  
Mrs Robinson – Teaching Assistant in 6CL

Miss Letts has also returned after a year's sabbatical and is teaching in 4L

Our Senior Leadership Team has changed for this coming year. The Senior Leadership Team will consist of:

Mr Harry Portrey	Headteacher
Mr Stephen Casey / Mr Thomas Fisher	Deputy Headteachers (KS2 – Leaders)
Mrs Denise Leivers	Assistant Headteacher (KS1 – Leader)
Mrs Susan Smith	Foundation Stage Leader
Mrs Sue Houghton	School Business Manager
Mrs Wendy Simpson	SENCo

### **Car Parking**

Please can I remind all parents/carers/visitors to park respectfully when dropping off and collecting from the school. Be considerate towards our neighbours and other parents. We came very close to a number of serious incidents last year and I remain most concerned about inconsiderate and dangerous driving around the school.

### **Uniform**

Thank you to all the parents who are working with us to support the School Uniform Policy. There have been very few incidents at the start of this year. Please continue to support us.

### **Social Media**

A small number of parents have decided to voice different concerns on social media. It really saddens me that in a time when recruiting staff is so difficult, and a time when many staff feel undervalued, that some individuals feel it necessary to comment inaccurately. In one recent instance, a parent has decided the best place to air their concerns is on the Friends of Delapre Facebook account. They have even decided to mention the staff member by name. As a result, I am in the process of gathering the required information and passing it to Northamptonshire County Council Legal department. If you have an issue with a member of staff, please come into school and ask to talk to someone.

The only **official** sites operated by Delapre Primary School are:

- school website - <http://www.delapreprimaryschool.net/>
- Twitter accounts: Headteacher@DelaprePrimary & DeputyHeads@dpsdeputy

### **PDSA (People's Dispensary for Sick Animals) Visit**

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, the PDSA charity will be visiting the school. They will be delivering workshops to both Year 2 and Year 6 pupils about caring for animals, and animal heroes in war and peace, respectively. They will also be speaking to the whole school via assemblies about canine communication, in order to allow children to interact with dogs more safely.

### **SATS Results**

We await our official results but, I am delighted to say, it would appear our children have performed so well across each subject we will finish in the top 10% in the whole of the country in Literacy and Numeracy, in terms of progress. More detail will follow later in the year when the data is officially released.

### **Packed Lunches**

Please can all parents/carers ensure that only cold food is sent in your children's lunch boxes for Health and Safety reasons.

Delapre is a NUT FREE school, so please check all items you place in your child's lunchbox as we have a number of children with **severe nut allergies**.

### **Orchestra**

Congratulations to the new members of Delapre Primary School orchestra! They are already settling in and starting to find their tuning and timing. It is a big challenge, but it is a lovely way for these pupils to show their appreciation to school, for supporting the lessons and keeping them affordable for families. We are working hard to have some pieces that can be enjoyed nearer to Christmas.

### **Delapre Primary School Parent Teacher Association**

A huge thank you to our Delapre Primary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for their hard work this year. So far they have made contributions which have enabled us to purchase playground paint, as well as other materials to make our playground a more attractive and fun place to be in.

The school has also received a huge donation of £3000 from the PTA which, along with a contribution from the school council, will be used to purchase something extremely exciting for the playground. Please keep an eye out after half term to see what has been purchased – we think the children will love it.

Thank you from all of us at Delapre Primary School and keep up the good work!

Also we know the PTA are looking for more members so please contact [delaprepta@gmail.com](mailto:delaprepta@gmail.com) if you would like more information.

### **Worry Monsters**



Some parents may have heard their children talking about these in school. As part of our continuing drive to ensure all children at Delapre Primary School feel happy and safe, we have taken on an initiative which was advised by our local mental health experts. In each class there is a large teddy, which is called a Worry Monster. They have a zipped mouth and are quite bright in colour. Children are told that if anything is worrying them and they do not feel confident talking about it, then they may put a note explaining their worry in the worry monsters mouth and it will "eat it up" for them. Teachers check the 'monsters' regularly and will address any anonymous worries, as a class if appropriate during PSHE sessions, and will take time to address any named worries with individuals in a discreet manner. Where worries are deemed to be quite serious, staff members may pass them on to the school Designated Safeguarding Leads or to our Family Support Worker, who will act in accordance with the School Safeguarding Policy. This we hope will give children another outlet to share any concerns, however small they might be. We have found it a very useful addition to our pastoral care here at Delapre and we hope that the children will continue to use them.

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### **Delapre Carol Concert at All Saints Church on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 6pm is the first Delapre Carol Concert being held at All Saints Church Northampton. **All choir members and musicians will be needed.**  
This is a very exciting event for us, and we hope as many parents/carers as possible will be able to attend.

### **Sport at Delapre**

This year, Delapre's Tag Rugby club has been very popular and as a result, the team have done superbly well in the Northampton Town Sports competition. We played five games last week at Caroline Chisholm School only losing one game to the hosts and eventual winners of the first round. This means the team have progressed to the Trophy finals day which is being held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. A special mention must go to Riley from 6CL who was the stand out player for team. Not only was his contribution on the pitch of the highest level but his behaviour and the way he conducted himself was a credit to the school. If we can play as well as we did in the first round, I have every confidence in the team doing well and bringing a Trophy back to Delapre.

### **KS2 Pennies for India**

As you are hopefully aware, in KS2 the children collect pennies for the Children United charity which helps a group of sisters in India to build and run schools, orphanages, women's refuges, children's homes and creches. All fundraising is by volunteers who pay their own expenses

**There are no wages/overheads here in the UK or in India.**

The money raised by our children is going to be used to support the crèche in Batlagundu.

Please follow this link to read about the charity;  
[www.chidrenunited.btck.co.uk/](http://www.chidrenunited.btck.co.uk/)

During the October half term Mrs Millers is visiting various projects in India supported by the charity and, if you would like to see what she is doing, please check out this blog;  
[www.India2017.btck.co.uk](http://www.India2017.btck.co.uk)

Please keep saving your 1ps and 2ps!

Thank you all for your continued support.



**H Portrey  
Headteacher**