

# Delapre Primary School

## NEWSLETTER EDITION 21 – July 2017

### Dates for your diary

<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Last day of term-whole school finishes at 3pm</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Training Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Training Day</b>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>School re-opens to pupils in Years 1 - 6</b>
<b>Monday &amp; Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>New Reception children start</b>

### Dear Parents/Carers

At this busy time of year, it is a real pleasure to both reflect on events that have passed and to look to the future. Many of us watched with pride our amazing Year 6 pupils performing their farewell production, whilst remembering their time with us. They leave here with heads held high and having achieved amazing results in all they have done. Now as they conclude this phase in their education, we wish them the very best for the future and hope they continue to represent Delapre Primary School as positively as they always have done.

Once again, this has been an exciting and challenging year and, as always, an extremely busy one.

### Changes in Staff for the New Academic Year

At this time of year we have to say 'goodbye' to some members of staff who are leaving us. This year we say "Goodbye and Thank you" to Mrs Russell who has been helping out with the Year 4 swimming as well as lots of others places over many years at Delapre. We also say goodbye to Mrs Wright, who has been covering PPA in Year 3 on a Friday morning, and Mrs Stutters in RCL. Mrs Stutters has covered Mrs Clark's maternity leave and has done a great job! We would like to wish her good luck in her new post. Miss Williams in 1IS and Mr Milligan from 6CI are leaving to take up teacher training posts. Good luck to you both – we are sure you will be amazing.

We also say a sad 'goodbye' to Mrs Arnold, our current Deputy Headteacher who is retiring. Mrs Arnold has been teaching at this school for 27 years, teaching many of our pupils as well as their parents; and I know you will join me in wishing her a happy and enjoyable retirement. **"We will miss you Mrs Arnold and thank you for all you have done"**.

We also have three staff weddings to celebrate. Mr Fisher, Mr Milligan and Miss Allen are all getting married this summer. Miss Allen will become Mrs Fleming and her new class will be known as 2F. Congratulations and we wish you all every happiness for the future.

### Update on Sporting Activity

We have had an exciting term of sport.

Our Year 5/6 netball team took part in the town championships at Abbeyfield School and competed in true Delapre style. Well done to Miss Cartwright for preparing the children and coaching them in such an encouraging manner.

Mr Earl and Mr Kelly have been rushing around town taking our Year 5/6 cricket team to various competitions. The highlight being making the finals of this year's town cricket championships. Well done to all the children involved.

Miss Woodgate's dancers performed at this year's track races and also represented Delapre at an evening of dance at Malcolm Arnold School and gave a wonderful performance.

To top off a fantastic year of sport Mr Masters Year 5 basketball team took part in the County Finals at Moulton School. They maintained their unbeaten record in a closely contested final and lifted the trophy to become County Champions. Well done to Mr Masters and his team.

Sports Days – All three of our Sports Days were successful, despite the 'heatwave' and having to finish early due to the heat. Thank you to everyone who came to support the children. The children performed and behaved magnificently.

Thank you also goes to Miss Norman who gives up so much of her time running people around, collecting medals and taking all the photos!

## Diabetes

We were delighted this week when we received the certificate and trophy, for all the work which has taken place in order to achieve the 'Good Care in School' Award. Miss Cripps has been compiling evidence in recognition of all the support taking place in school for our diabetic children. **We are one of only three schools across Northamptonshire to achieve this and the only school in Northampton.** What a worthy reward for the hard work of the staff and the children who manage their diabetes on a daily basis! You all did us proud.

## Gardening Club

What an amazing presentation from the children. We are trying once again to match our huge success with 'Northampton in Bloom' and 'East Midlands in Bloom' from 2016. An enormous amount of work has been undertaken by staff, volunteers and pupils. We look forward to hearing the results in the new academic year.

## The PTA

What a great start they have made. It has been a fantastic year for our new Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Formed in the autumn term, our new PTA has been working hard taking on board the numerous suggestions raised at meetings and, through their survey, to provide extra activities for our children and to bind our school and community closer together. They are currently raising funds to enrich the school environment and I am delighted to see the successes so far. They have already managed a festive Christmas Fair, Movie Events for children in year groups Reception up to Year 5, and the wonderful recent Summer Fair amongst many other projects. We are extremely grateful for their efforts so far and know they have lots more fun ideas in the pipeline. Thank you from the staff and children to our fantastic PTA. **If you would like to get involved please contact them on [delaprepta@gmail.com](mailto:delaprepta@gmail.com).**

## The School Council and Ambassadors

Last week we said goodbye to this current group of Councillors and Ambassadors and our Year 6 members before they move on. To make sure we did this properly, all members were invited to a celebratory lunch served by Mr Casey and Mr Portrey (not sure about the service that was provided). It was much enjoyed and the children were thanked for their hard work throughout the year. We wish all our School Councillors and Ambassadors a very happy summer break and look forward to elections and new appointments in the autumn term.

## Parking around School

Parking outside many schools remains a significant problem across the county. With the new school year fast approaching, parents are reminded to be mindful when dropping off or picking up their children, and not to fall into the habit of parking illegally or in a thoughtless or dangerous manner.

The area outside school entrances must be kept clear to allow an unrestricted view for approaching drivers and riders or children wanting to cross the road. Road markings are there for a reason and drivers must not wait, park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers on school entrance markings.

Parents are also reminded not to park inconsiderately and in a way which will inconvenience residents, other road users or in a way that obstructs the road.

### Parents are advised not to stop or park:

- Near a school entrance
- On any zig-zag road markings
- Anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- At or near a bus or taxi rank
- Opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction
- Where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and mobility vehicles
- In front of an entrance to a property
- On a bend

## Term Dates for the Academic Year 2017/18

Autumn Term	<b>TRAINING DAY</b> <b>TRAINING DAY</b> School re-opens	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
Autumn Half Term	School closes School re-opens	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October
Christmas Break	School closes	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b>TRAINING DAY</b> School re-opens	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
Spring Half Term	School closes School re-opens	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February
Easter Break	School closes	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March

Each school year is about creating new and exciting memories that lead the children to bigger and better success stories. This year has been no exception, another amazing experience.

We all remain extremely proud of our Delapre Primary School pupils and congratulate them on everything they have achieved.

For our Year 6 children, our very best wishes go with them all and we look forward to hearing reports on their progress in the future.

For other year groups, it is the start of their next chapter here at Delapre. We had our transition day on 10th July when the children met their new Teachers and Teaching Assistants for next year. It was brilliant to see the wonderful behaviour and hard work taking place across the school. I know the staff eagerly await their new classes and the challenges in the year ahead.

For our new Reception children starting in September, we cannot wait for your journey to start and the adventures to begin. I imagine there are many excited children, and parents, eagerly awaiting September!

Next September we will have 600 children on roll in school (3 classes in each year group from Reception to Year 5).

### **And Finally.....**

I, personally, would like to thank all our wonderful staff for their hard work and commitment over the past year, and the parents who have worked alongside us and supported the school.

Please have a wonderful (and safe) summer break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**.



**H Portrey**  
**Headteacher**