

Delapre Primary School

Newsletter Edition 25–July 2018

School closes for the summer for **all** children at **3:00pm** on
Thursday 19th July

<i>Dates for your diary</i>	
<i>Tuesday 4th September</i>	<i>Training Day</i>
<i>Wednesday 5th September</i>	<i>School opens</i>
<i>Commencing Wednesday 12th September until 19th December</i>	<i>Year 3 Swimming at Duston School</i>
<i>Thursday 4th October</i>	<i>Year 4 trip to The Verulamium Museum</i>
<i>Friday 19th October</i>	<i>School closes for Autumn Half Term</i>
<i>Monday 29th October</i>	<i>School Re-opens for pupils</i>
<i>Wednesday 19th December</i>	<i>School closes for Christmas</i>

Dear Parents/Carers

It is a strange time of year when we look forward to welcoming some new members of staff to the Delapre family September, but, sadly, we also have to say goodbye to some current members of staff.

We will be welcoming - Teachers: Miss Johnson (Reception), Mrs Pollard (Yr 1), Mr Archer (Yr 1), Mr Pawlusek (Yr 3), Miss Williams (Yr 4), and Teaching Assistants: Mrs Foster (Yr3), Miss Stubbins (Yr 5) and Mrs Begum (Special Needs Assistant in Yr 1). We wish them all many happy and fulfilling years at the school.....

And talking of many years;

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to two of our longest serving members of staff, who have decided that it is now time to draw a line under 70+ years of teaching at Delapre between them. It is difficult to find the words to express our gratitude to Mrs Smith in Reception and Mrs Masters in Year 1, for all they have done for us. We would like to congratulate them both for the number of lives they have helped shape along the way and wish them the very best in the paths they now take, in their future life away from Delapre. It will be a strange place without them.

We also wish the very best to Miss Ison, who will be teaching elsewhere in September, Miss Laffey, who will be teaching abroad and Miss Capp, who has decided to train to become a teacher.

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Good luck

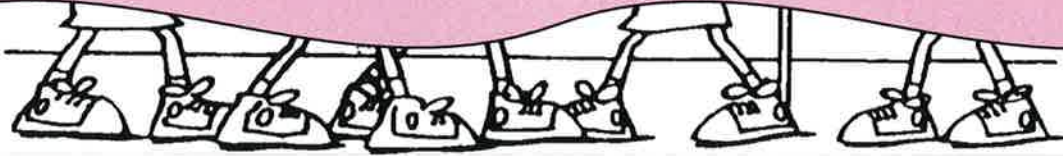
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Netball

A big congratulations to the Year 5 & 6 Netball team who played exceptionally well in the Town Games tournament this term, coming second in their group and narrowly missing out on a place in the semi-finals. Well done, you have done Delapre proud!



We are sorry to announce that our parent volunteer Mrs Whitehead has decided to step down from Gardening Club. We would like to thank Mrs Whitehead for all her hard work, dedication and time over the last 5 years. The work that has been carried out has led to our school being awarded some prestigious awards including Northampton in Bloom Gold Award and East Midlands Silver Award.

As we would like the hard work that has been completed to continue, please contact the school if you would like to volunteer to help maintain our wonderful garden.



We need you.....!

NUT ALLERGIES

Please may we remind you not to send your child in with **ANY** nut products in their lunches—including chocolates for birthdays—as we have a number of children in school with severe nut allergies.



School Uniform

The new school uniform can now be ordered online from **Uniform Direct** for collection from Delapre Primary School on Tuesday 4th September (Training Day).

www.uniform-direct.com

Book bags/PE bags will be available from school at a cost of £4.00 for a book bag and £3.00 for PE bags.

For further information please look on our website www.delapreprimaryschool.net - Parents - School Uniform





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On Friday 29th June, 15 members of staff and 128 exhausted children returned from the Kingswood Residential Trip in Norfolk. Hopefully, many of you will have been kept up to date with activities on Twitter but if not, I think it is fair to say that an action packed week was had by all.

I would just like to say a huge thank you to the staff who gave up a week away from their families to ensure that this trip was possible but also to the children who did us proud each and every day. I hope they all enjoyed it. Thank you also for the many kind comments we have received on our return. Kingswood 2020 (or something similar) is already under discussion and I hope to have some information for the current Years 3 and 4 children after we return in September.



Basketball

The Year 6 Basketball Team won the County Championships for the second time. They have practised twice a week for over 2 years and thoroughly deserve this win. Also, 3 of the girls representing Delapre are currently playing at County level. Well done to you all!



Sports Day 2018

Our sports days took place on the 18th and 19th of June with the all-important Race Day taking place on the 20th June.

It was fantastic to see the children competing in such good spirit and we were blessed with sunny, dry days throughout. Our thanks as ever go out to the crowds of parents, friends and family members who came along to support their children on these days. Three wonderful days of sport. Thank you and well done to all the children for their effort and behaviour throughout- a credit to us all.



School Council



It has been another successful year for the School Council. They have been sharing the children's ideas at meetings and are constantly looking for new ways to improve our school. This year they have helped to set up new clubs, hosted the 'toy and book sale' and have undertaken numerous litter-picks around the school. Some of their other successes have included contributions to school activities and a joint purchase, with the PTA, of our new Goal End on the playground. Well done to all our School Councillors for their hard work this year.

Delapre Primary School Choirs

Both the senior and junior choirs performed magnificently this week. They have shown that hard work and dedication can lead to really impressive results. The performances to parents were exceptional and enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks go out to all of those who were able to come along and of course, to Mrs Skillington, Miss Gordon and Mrs Hemmings who have worked so hard to give the children this club throughout the year.

The new playground/ Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

As some parents will be aware, we have been looking to change the use of our memorial/rose garden space into an enclosed second playground for the children to use at play and lunch times, as well as for PE lessons.

This has been quite a long process but I am pleased to announce that, following a planning committee meeting at the Guildhall on Tuesday 3rd July, our planning application was unanimously accepted by all council members.

We are very pleased with this outcome and hope that in the coming 12 months we can deliver a fantastic outdoor space for your children to use throughout the year. Please feel free to visit our MUGA fundraising page and share any fundraising ideas you have with our staff.



Brass

Year 4 have been busy learning brass instruments this year.

All three classes took turns to learn the trombone and trumpet under the guidance of Mrs Taylor and Mr Fleming from the NMPAT music service. Children have thoroughly enjoyed learning to play various tunes and rhythms as well as improvisation.

A concert at the end of each term was held for parents and other classes.



Orchestra

A big Thank You from Mrs Butcher to Delapre Orchestra for their hard work and dedication. They performed very well to 7 classes on Wednesday 20th June. They deserve a great deal of praise for giving up their lunchtimes (especially on days when they could have gone to the field). It has been fantastic to see how much improvement they have made.



Attendance

We would like to remind all parents/carers of the Home-School agreement that you would have signed when your child started at Delapre Primary School. To quote, you will:

- Make sure that my child will arrive at school by 8:45am
- Inform the school before 9.30am of reasons for absence and supply a letter upon your child's return to school.

The door to all classrooms close at 8:55am.



If you arrive after this time you will need to go to the School Office.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to say a huge thank you to all of you at home for your support this year. Everything we do is only possible with the help of our community and once again you have shown that Delapre community is one of the great strengths of our school. Thank you to the parent volunteers who have given their time, to all of you for being so generous in supporting our fundraising and activities and, above all, to every parent, carer, grandparent and friend who has worked in partnership so well with the school throughout 2017-18 to help maximise the learning experience for every one of our children.

And most importantly..... A big final thank you for those who make this school the special place it is.... to all our fantastic children of Delapre School. Well done for all your hard work this year, have a great summer!



H Portrey
Headteacher

