

School News

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this newsletter finds you well. As we approach the end of another busy term, I wanted to take a moment to express my sincerest gratitude for your continued support.

In a much changing world, I remain very proud of our children and our staff, who throughout continued cutbacks and endless obstacles being placed in the way, continue to do their very best.

Sadly, this has been a difficult term once again (hoping for a term when I don't have to say that), as we continue to see real life cuts heavily impact our school and society in general. Our ever-decreasing school budget like many schools, places huge strains on so many. You will be aware that staff have been placed in a difficult position. Many have spoken to me of their concerns for the provision provided by schools regarding the constant funding cuts. You will be aware that industrial action (strikes) have taken place, but may not realise that it isn't just about a teacher's salary as some would have you believe. It is the potential decline in the standard of education that schools can provide, that we are fighting for. Staff at Delapre want the very best for your children and schools are seeing cuts of £100,000+. So, for those parents who kindly came to let us know that they both understood and supported the action taking place, a huge thank you. It isn't what any of us want, but a stand must be made to secure this, and future generations' right, to a good education.

Now on a happier note, we have had many visitors coming into our school throughout this term and the feedback has been so positive. I must say that when Headteachers from other schools come in and say what a wonderful place Delapre is and how brilliant our children are, I have a very warm feeling of satisfaction and enormous pride. It isn't just down to the children and staff; it is down to those parents who support our ethos and back our rules and systems, so thank you to all parents and carers who do support us!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our children, whose resilience, determination, and enthusiasm continue to inspire us every day. Their hard work and commitment to learning is remarkable, and we remain so proud of so many of you.

Once again, thank you for your continued support, and I wish you all a safe and enjoyable break.

H Portrey
Head Teacher



TERM 3/4

TERM 5 DATES

School opens
Monday 17th
April 2023

School closed
Mon 1st May &
Mon 8th May
2023

School closes
Friday 26th
May 2023

IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFO -

ALLERGIES

NO NUTS

Please remember NO NUTS are to be sent in to school.

This includes;

- packed lunches
- sweets/chocolates etc. sent in for birthdays.

HOTSHOTS

BASKETBALL CLUB

**STARTS BACK
MONDAY 17TH
APRIL**

Thank you from the Friends of Delapre

Thank you to the Parents and Carers who have helped to raise funds for our School and to all the children who have attended our fundraising events. Here we can see children enjoying our recent Mother's Day afternoon tea in the School Hall, which along with the Mother's Day Gift shop raised a fantastic **£402.50!**

Friends of Delapre Primary School



Hot School Meals . . .

If your child is eligible for hot school meals please ensure that you have ordered their lunches **by 12 noon on 13th April.**

This will ensure that your child receives a meal on Monday 17th April 2023.

Our provider will not have spare lunches to give your child and we will ask you to bring a packed lunch in if you miss this deadline.

You are able to order for the entire half term, up to Friday 26th May 2023. The new menus are now on the school website, under 'Parents / School Meals. Thank you

Mrs Gibbins



Blue Watch visit Reception!

This term, Reception had an exciting visit from the **Mereway Blue Watch firefighters!**

The fire safety officer talked to the children about fire safety and STOP, DROP, COVER and ROLL. The children watched 'The Fireman Sam Official: The Safety song' on YouTube and joined in with the actions to practise keeping safe. We all had so much fun!

We also had the opportunity to look inside the engine, look at the equipment and clothing, and even use the hose!!

Miss Tomaschuk
Reception



Year 2 - Mother Nature Art

In Year 2, during our Art lessons, we have been making fabric collages. Our inspiration came from the shapes found in nature, such as leaves and petals. We practiced using templates, developed our cutting skills and learnt how to sew.

The children included a piece of their own printed fabric within their designs, shown here on our colourful display!

Miss Taylor
Year 2 Class Teacher



The Easter Story told by Kate Adams

Year 2 children were fortunate to have a guest speaker visitor to talk about **The Easter Story**, which we have been learning about in RE this term.

The visit was very interactive, educational and fun. Our pupils enjoyed participating in role play to explore the story. As usual, Delapre children were wonderfully behaved and demonstrated lots of knowledge learned in class activities, which really impressed Kate!

Mrs Prigmore-Wells
Year 2 Class Teacher

Year 4 Street Art

As part of our topic on Street Art, Year 4 had an amazing visit from a local street artist who stressed the importance of having permission to paint, then gave a demonstration. Using spray paint, he painted this bee as a reminder that we are a hardworking school.

The children then had fun making and using stencils for their own art based on our 5 Delapre curriculum drivers. They decided that the easiest to show was 'Thoughtful' but came up with some great ideas to show being 'Hardworking', 'Resilient', 'Knowledgeable' and a good 'Communicator'.

A big thank you to [Friends of Delapre Primary](#) for their support buying the paint. The children were so excited about this experience and it is one that I am sure they will remember for years to come.



Mrs Butcher
Year 4
Class Teacher



Year 5 Tag Rugby Easter Festival

Year 5 took part in a Tag Rugby Easter Festival on the last week of term. The children showed great resilience throughout the tournament. They had to apply the knowledge and skills that they had learnt in their PE lessons this term. All teams communicated effectively throughout and showed great 'sportsman/woman-ship'. Overall, the children demonstrated all of our school curriculum drivers throughout the tournament.

The group winners were - Delapre Chiefs, Delapre Giants and **Delapre Bulldogs**.

Well done to everyone involved!

Mr Thomas, Miss Capp & Miss Williams
Year 5 Team



Eco- Club Poetry success!



Eco-Club have been working hard this term on improvements to our school community. We had the opportunity to enter 'The Big Green Poetry Machine' Competition run by Young Writers UK and... we had some winners!

These children will get the chance to have their poem published in a book, a copy of which we will be lucky enough to have in the school library, for the whole school to enjoy.

Well Done to . . .

Daniel U, Lily P Class 3S

Amber D, Olivia T, Vanesa Z Class 4G

Jessica Z Class 4B

Willow S Class 5T

Lorielle N Class 5C

Eve H-McD, Casey G, Olivia P, Nadia W, Sydney T Class 5W

Raffa (6F)

Miss Williams
Eco-Club Leader

Delapre School Council visit the Houses of Parliament!

On the 15th March, the School Council were extremely lucky (as well as some very excited members of staff!) to visit the Houses of Parliament to experience the British values of democracy and the rule of law in action!



It was a particularly busy day to visit the capital. The Budget was being announced and there were a number of protests taking place, which meant it was very difficult to travel across London. However, the children were incredibly resilient and thoughtful during the day.

They had a tour of the Houses of Parliament including standing in the House of Lords and Westminster Hall, following in the footsteps of politicians and monarchs throughout history — taking part in a debate themselves about healthy food and meeting our local MP!



Mrs Gordon
Year 4 Class Teacher



Year 6 visit the Theatre!

Year 6 had a great start to the term with a visit to the Royal and Derngate Theatre in Northampton, to watch Michael Rosen's play 'An Unexpected Twist'. Later that week, we welcomed beat box artists into school; they taught us all how to create our own song and perform it.

Mrs Gompertz
Year 6 Class Teacher



Thank you from The Air Ambulance Service

Dear Delapre Primary School,

Thank you for allowing me to speak to your school on behalf of The Air Ambulance Service (TAAS) today and to receive a donation of £500.00 towards saving lives.

It was a great pleasure to meet such a lovely group of young people and dedicated staff, I found the school extremely impressive in every way. The eager series of questions pupils asked indicated they were interested in how the charity helps people, and how a helicopter emergency service makes a difference. Please pass grateful thanks to all the children (and staff) who worked to raise such a magnificent amount of money. If they see the helicopter flying overhead, be very proud that they are helping someone in great need.

Thank you again



Important dates - Term 5

Mon 17th April SCHOOL OPENS for Term 5

KS2 Cricket Taster Day

Friday 21st April & Monday 24th April

Reception Trip to the Mini Meadows Farm

Monday 24th April

KS1 Cricket Taster Day

Tuesday 25th April

5W Trip to Northampton Museum

Wednesday 26th April

5C Trip to Northampton Museum / Year 3/4 Tennis Competition

Thursday 27th April

5T Trip to Northampton Museum / Reception and KS1 Film Night

Monday 1st May SCHOOL CLOSED for May Day Bank Holiday

Wednesday 3rd May

String Concert

Thursday 4th May

KS2 Film Night

Monday 8th May SCHOOL CLOSED for King's Coronation

Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May

KS2 SATS

Tuesday 16th May

Magistrates visit Year 6 Pupils

Wednesday 17th May

Year 3/4 Athletics Competition / Year 1 Shabbat Assembly

Thursday 18th May

Year 6 and Team Sport Photographs

Friday 26th May SCHOOL CLOSED for end of Term 5

Non-Uniform Day

Monday 5th June SCHOOL RE-OPENS for Term 6