New Delaval Primary School Newsletter - October 2015

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Dear Parents and Carers

How quickly the time has gone this half term! The amount of opportunities and activities that have taken place are extensive. Children have visited or experienced the Tour of Britain Cycle Race, Beamish Museum, Bike Ability, Multi Skills Festival, Great North Museum, Newbiggin Maritime Museum, Northumbria University, Rothbury and Woodhorn, I am sure you will agree these visits help to enrich the learning opportunities for our children.

Attendance

I am really delighted to tell you that our attendance continues to get better and better. Figures this year are currently sitting at 95.5% full attendance this term. This is an improvement on the same time last year. Thank you for ensuring your children come to school every day prepared and ready to learn.

Parent evenings

Once again many parents/carers came to meet with staff last week. Indications from staff are that this was one of the best attended evenings in recent years with an average of 85% of parent/carers attending. Thank you for your continued support!

Winter menus

New winter menus will commence when we return to school. You should receive a copy of the menus with this newsletter. Menus are also available to view on our website.

Free School Meals

Our uptake of Free School Meals has fallen quite dramatically in school . If you feel you are eligible please complete and return the form attached with this newsletter. For those parents/carers with children in Reception Class through to Year 2 please do not confuse Free School Meals with the Universal Offer which is provided by the Government at this present time.

- Free School Meals please see attached form for entitlement criteria, your child will also be eligible for free milk
- Universal Offer free hot lunch time meal to children in Reception Year 2 no eligibility criteria required

For every child who is eligible for **Free School Meals** school will have an additional amount of money awarded to them . This is to support the learning and opportunities on offer for your children. Please note you can still provide your child with a packed lunch if preferred.

Harvest Assemblies

Staff tell me there was a good support from parents/carers and grandparents this morning visiting school to join the assemblies. I know your children enjoyed having you here. Once again thank you for your very generous contributions which will be shared amongst our local community.

Finally, school is closed to children on Friday (23rd October) as we have a Teacher Training Day. School re-opens to children on **Monday 2nd November at 8:45am**.

Have an enjoyable and safe half term break!

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Mrs D T Worrall Headteacher





Our Macmillan Coffee Morning was a great success! Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Our total donation to Macmillan this year is a staggering

£526.17

Poppies will be on sale in school after our half term break. Also on sale this year will be the following items;

- Friendship Bracelets £1:00
- Slap Rulers £1:00
- Wristbands 50p
- Reflectors 50p
- Pencils 50p





Children In Need 2015 Friday 13th November



For a donation to Children in Need come along to school dressed in fancy dress or pudsey-fi yourself!

There are lots of ideas on the BBC website.

www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/



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Visit our website: www.newdelavalprimary.sch.uk For lots more information!

Date	Event and time	Who?
Monday 2nd November 10:30am	NSPCC Assembly for Year 5 and Year 6	Year 5 and Year 6
Thursday 5th November 3:15pm	After school Session - Multi Skills running until 10.12.2015	Year 1 and Year 2 with confirmed places
Tuesday 10th November 10:30am	Year 2 to visit to BBC studios	Year 2
Wednesday 11th November	Author Visit Guy Bass to visit school	Whole School
Friday 13th November	Children in Need For a donation come to school dressed as a super hero or Pudsey-fi yourself!	Whole School
Monday 16th November	NSPCC Workshops	Year 5 and Year 6
Wednesday 18th November	Flu Vaccination	Year 1 and Year 2
Thursday 19th November	Netball Competition	Year 5 and Year 6
Wednesday 9th December	New Delaval Primary Pantomime Performance 2:00pm	All welcome pre-school children welcome
Wednesday 9th December	New Delaval Primary Pantomime Performance 7:00pm	All welcome No pre-school children please
Thursday 10th December	New Delaval Primary Pantomime Performance 2:00pm	All welcome Including pre-school children
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Monday 14th December	KS1 Seasonal Performance 9:30am	All welcome
Tuesday 15th December	Foundation Stage Seasonal Performance 9:30am	All welcome
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Lunch	Whole School
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Crafts 2:00pm	All welcome
Friday 18th December	Text Santa - Christmas Jumper Day End of term School Closes at 2:00pm	All pupils
Tuesday 5th January 2016 8:45am	School Re-opens for Spring Term	All pupils



Get off your stabilisers!

Richard Rothwell, the Sustrans Bike It Officer (www.sustrans.org.uk) is back in New Delaval Primary on Friday 6th November at 9am.

He will be running a 'Get off stabilisers' session for the younger children. This session is for children

WHO CURRENTLY CAN'T RIDE WITHOUT STABILISERS.

Other than this they can be in any year group. The aim to is get them to balance and ride using their pedals! If you would like your child to take part, please remove the stabilisers before you come. If you don't have the tools to do this, don't worry; Richard will do it on the day. Please also make sure the bicycle tyres have air in them if you have a pump. You are very welcome to stay for the sessions and we really want you to attend if it is possible. The session runs from

9am to 10am or 10:30am depending on progress. Any other information needed, just ask!

<u>Diary Date - 2016</u> Year 6 Pupils

Please note Year 6 SATs take place on Monday 9th May-Friday 13th May

Reminders from the School Office

Can parents/carers please make sure we have up to date emergency contact numbers. We are sure you can appreciate if there was an emergency with your child in school we would need to contact you!

Many thanks for your cooperation

Secondary and Middle School Admissions for 2016

The Online Admissions portal for Middle, High and Secondary Schools for Admission in September 2016 will Open on the 7 September 2015 and Close on the 31 October 2015.

If you do not submit an application for your child by 31 October 2015 you should complete and return a paper form as soon as possible (the Common Application Form Middle, High and Secondary) will be available from the 7 September 2015 by contacting the Admissions Team on (01670 624889).



Match Report from Mr Struthers

NDPS played two away matches last night. The first was a league game against Mowbray. New Delaval were winners with a score of 3-0. Our goalkeeper Kyle Wade was a star player. Well done Kyle!

New Delaval then went on to play a friendly match against Chantry Hoops, New Delaval were the victors with a score of 2-0!

Josh McFarlane and Kaii Ramshaw were our midfield maestro's. Well done to Jake Boyle, Tyne May, Fraser McNeil, Oliver Lorraine, and Mark Lane who were a huge part of the winning success. Mr Struthers's man of the match was Jude Priest.

Well Done - Fantastic Results!