
Delce Infant School Newsletter

SPRING TERM, No.1

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I do hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas holiday and new year. 2010 has already made an impression with the amount of snow and ice we've had over the last week. I hope that you have all managed to keep safe and warm and that the children have had lots of fun playing in the snow. I am sorry that the school has had to be closed for the two days as I am aware that this does cause problems for some of you. It is not a decision I make easily or quickly but I have to consider the safety of all the pupils and parents as well as all of my staff; also this decision has to be made very early in the morning to ensure that the news reaches you all via the local radio stations and their websites. I sincerely hope that the weather starts to improve now so that there is no more disruption to school life.

As always we have a number of events already planned this term and details can be found below.

<u>School Terms:</u>	<u>School Closures:</u>
End of Spring Term 3 - Friday 12 February	February Break- Monday 15 to Friday 19 Feb
Start of Spring Term 4 - Monday 22 February	Staff Training Day - Monday 22 February
End of Spring Term 4 - Thursday 1 April	Spring Break - Friday 2 – Friday 16 April
Start of Summer Term 5 – Monday 19 April	Bank Holiday – Monday 3 May
End of Summer Term 5 – Friday 28 May	Staff training Day - Tuesday 4 May
Start of Summer Term 6 - Monday 7 June	Summer Term Break- Monday 31 May to Fri 4 June
End of Summer Term 6 - Friday 23 July	Staff Training Day - Friday 2 July

Events this term

Our Medway Week – 18th – 22nd January all children in school will take part in this exciting week in school. Teachers have planned a variety of wonderful lessons which they will each deliver to the children based on aspects of the local environment and also related to our link country, the Czech Republic. This will take place each morning between 9.30 and 10.30 a.m.

Coffee Morning – Friday 29th January 9 – 10 a.m. Second hand school uniform will also be for sale and we are asking for donations of cakes and biscuits. As usual, your children can join you for this after they have registered in class.

Literacy Lessons – parents are invited to take part in a literacy lesson from Monday 1st February to Friday 5th February. A separate letter will be sent out giving more information.

Healthy Week – we shall be holding a Healthy Week during the week beginning Monday 1st March. All classes will be discussing healthy life styles including healthy food and keeping fit, and a lot of their week's work will be based on choosing healthy options in life. We are in the process of inviting outside speakers to the school to talk about eating healthily, keeping fit and safe living. **If any parent works in the police, fire or medical services, for example, and would like to talk to the children about their role and how children can keep safe, please let us know.** We shall also be praising healthy options at lunchtimes (school dinners and packed lunches) and children will be encouraged to drink water regularly throughout the day. Please can you support us during the Healthy Week by ensuring that your child brings a bottle filled with plain water each day, and by encouraging your child to bring a healthy packed lunch (if applicable). Many thanks!

Sponsored event – at the end of our Healthy Week, children will be asked to complete an obstacle course and can be sponsored for either each completed circuit of the obstacle course OR for a fixed total amount. They shall bring sponsor forms home within the next few weeks and these should be returned to school by Thursday 4th March when the activity will take place.

Class photographs – these will be taken on Wednesday morning 3rd March. Please ensure that your child is wearing school uniform on that day.

Mad March Hair Day will be held on Friday 5th March. Children are invited to wear a wacky hairstyle donation of £1 to school fund.

ICT – parents will be invited into school between 8 – 12 March to find out what the children are learning in ICT. More about this nearer the time.

Key Stage 1 Music Festival will be held during the week beginning 15th March. Year 1 children will be representing the school. You will, of course, receive more information nearer the time.

Parent – Teacher Meetings – The Parent Teacher meetings this term will be held on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 25th March from 3.30 – 6.p.m.

Easter celebrations - We shall be holding our annual competition at the end of term and children are asked to make a Spring picture at home and bring it to school on Tuesday morning, 30th March. The picture can be drawn, painted, decorated etc. A winner will be chosen from each year group. We shall also be holding a children's raffle on Wednesday 31st March at 2.30 p.m. There will be more information nearer the time.

Maths Extravaganza Day! Mrs Seales is organizing our annual Maths Day in school on Thursday 1st April (the last day of term). It promises to be a lot of fun once again, with lots of different maths work / games / opportunities going on throughout the school. I know she will be writing to you inviting you in to help the children during the day so please put the date in your diary.

Other dates include:

- Mrs Jan Baker, our Education Welfare Officer, will be handing out attendance certificates to children who achieved full attendance during terms 1 and 2 on Tuesday 2nd February. Parents are welcome to join us for the assembly at 9.05 a.m.
- Family Trust will lead assemblies on Wednesday 20th January and 24th February.
- A quiz evening is being planned for February – watch out for more details!

Other Information

Assemblies All parents are invited to join the school for our Tuesday morning assembly at 9.05 a.m. The assembly lasts for about 20 minutes. All classes from YR, 1 and 2 come to the assembly and children whose parents attend the assembly may sit next to them on the chairs during the assembly. You will also be invited to your child's class assembly over the next two terms. A separate letter will be sent giving further details.

School Council This is becoming an established part of school life and elected Year 1 children will be joining Year 2 representatives at the Council meetings in March. Last summer term, many of you supported the School Council by sponsoring your child in a sponsored silence. The children decided, in consultation with their peers, that they wanted to spend the money raised on Lego figures, stencils and additional whiteboards for the classroom. The School Council took responsibility for ordering and checking the order and this equipment has now been shared between the classes.

Parent governor vacancy – as you already know, there are currently two vacancies for parent governors at the school. If you are interested please complete the form that was sent home and return it to school, or contact me if you would like further information about the role.

Children's Centre up-date – I will be interviewing for the post of Children's Centre Coordinator within the next couple of weeks, the building work in the mobile will start next week and the Children Centre will be designated at the beginning of March. There is therefore a lot going on but not much to see at the moment! The intention is for the Children's centre to start functioning after Easter. I shall keep you informed!

Reminders:

Headlice – please can you remember to check you children's hair for headlice on a regular basis. I know that many of you do this very diligently but some parents obviously do not. The most efficient way of dealing with headlice is through applying lots of conditioner and combing the hair with a special "nit" comb. If eggs or lice are found, this treatment needs to be done at least every three days until the head is clear. It can take several weeks! Please ask at the office if you need more advice.

Road safety outside school – The areas around Crest Road, Fleet Road and The Tideway are very busy at the beginning and end of school days. Please park considerately and safely and do not block our neighbours' driveways. It would also help a great deal if you could park well away from the school entrance so that all children can arrive in school and leave safely. Many thanks!

Food allergies - please remember that children should not bring any food to school that contains nuts or sesame as we do have children who are severely allergic to these foods. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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HEADTEACHER