
Delce Infant School Newsletter

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As the Spring term rushes quickly to a close, I'd like to thank all of you who have been so involved with the school during terms 3 and 4. We seem to have had a very busy couple of months and I know the teachers and children have really appreciated your support. It was lovely to see so many of you in school to find out what your children can do in ICT (our Year 2 children amaze me by their confidence and skill!) and then again for the parent teacher meetings. A lot of you accompanied the classes to the Historic Dockyard and again to the Music Festival in Chatham, and so many of you have sponsored your child in the sponsored obstacle course during our Healthy Week. Money is still being sent in to school but so far we have raised £796.80. As a staff we'll discuss our priorities for the school and I will let you know what we will be spending the money on next term.




As you all know, **the playhouse** was stolen from our early years play area a few weeks ago which was very upsetting for the children (please let me know if you see it around the area!). However the generosity of some parents has been very touching and I would like to thank Mrs Higham and another anonymous parent who donated play houses to the school. The children love them and we have attached them firmly to the fences now.

Amalgamation up-date and public meeting Mr Smoothy, the chair of governors, and I recently attended a full Council Meeting where we had the opportunity to address questions to Councillor Wicks, the Education Portfolio Holder. The outcome of the council meeting was that the councillors voted to refer the matter of amalgamating Delce Infant and Junior Schools to the independent adjudicator. The adjudicator will make the final decision about the future of the schools.

He has been in touch with me and will be visiting the two schools on Tuesday 27th April. He will meet headteachers and chairs of governors in the afternoon and will also hold a public meeting at 6 p.m. in the Junior School. This will give him the opportunity to hear all the reasons both for and against the amalgamation and I do urge you to come to the meeting if you can. If you are unable to attend but would like to put your views in a letter please hand it into the school office.

Children's Centre Mrs McAdam has settled into school well and has spent the last few weeks meeting parents, visiting local pre-schools, primary schools and other Children's Centres, contacting health visitors and midwives, and attending a number of meetings on topics ranging from obesity, pregnancy and loan sharks. The Centre was designated at the beginning of March so it was reassuring to know that we had the right priorities for the Centre. The Children's Centre building is being adapted and hopefully will open during May. In the meantime, Mrs McAdam will be running informal sessions for parents with young children in our Community Room each Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, starting after the Spring Break. There will be more information posted up about it but if you have children aged between 0 and 5 please come and join her for "a cuppa and a chat".

We will be buying a lot of new toys and other equipment for the Centre.  However if anyone has any toys or books that you would like to donate to the Children's Centre, please bring them into the office. We shall be extremely grateful for any donations. Thank you in anticipation.



We have also planned an **Open Community Event in the school hall for Wednesday 5th May, 6 - 7p.m.,** for all parents, neighbours, local residents and any other interested people to come and find out what a Children's Centre is all about. So again, please put this date in your diary and come and join us.

Summer term The new term begins on Monday 19th April. As always during the summer term the teachers liaise closely with the Year 3 teachers from the Junior School and our children will be visiting the Junior School throughout the term. In order that they make the transition easily and confidently, please can you encourage your child to come into school by him or herself after the Spring Break holiday. A lot of Year 2 children are still brought in to school by an adult each morning and they do need to be able to do this by themselves.

If you do need to speak to the teacher urgently in the morning please speak to me so that I can direct you to sign in our "early morning visitors' book". Thank you for your cooperation.

Tag Day - Friday 23rd April As I have mentioned before, our Tag Day (non-school uniform) has a red and white theme this time. One of our children is receiving medical treatment at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London at the moment and we would like the money collected from our Tag Day to be donated to the hospital. Children are able to wear red and white clothes to school on this day for a minimum donation of £1.

End of term The school closes for the Spring Break holiday on Thursday 1st April, normal closing time. I wish you all a very happy holiday.

Yours sincerely

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