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# Delce Infant School Newsletter

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It was lovely to see so many of you at our **Sports Day** last Monday. From being concerned that the weather was going to be too cold, we moved to being worried that it was going to be too hot. The children had a lovely time though and it was good to see them all enjoying and taking part in the activities.

Penguin and Seahorse Classes have just completed their week of **free school meals** and nearly everyone took part. It will be Stingray, Dolphin and Polar Bear's turn during the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> June. Please don't forget to let us know if your child **does not** want to take part.

Thank you for your interest in my recent trip to **South Africa**. It was a wonderful experience and I had the opportunity to visit four very different schools. One was a township primary school and the love and affection from the children and staff was very moving. The classes were very poorly equipped and the teachers were very keen to learn about our schools. In most classes there were between 50 and 60 children although in the five year olds' class there was one teacher to 84 children. The Africans school I visited was very different and, although it received a little government funding, it expected the parents to fund the rest of the budget. It made our school fund of £2 a term seem very insignificant! The third school I visited was a multi-cultural school where there was a really good mix of different ethnic groups in the school and the final one was a top private girls' school. Both the last two schools were very conscious of how lucky they were in comparison to the township schools and worked with the townships a great deal. I also visited an orphanage which was accurately quoted as "a happy sad place" – the children although being very ill were happy, loved and well looked after. All in all it was a wonderful week finishing at the weekend with a safari and an elephant walking *very closely* past our jeep. As you can imagine I have taken a lot of photos and video and intend to share them with the children after the holidays.

**Amalgamation up-date** There is no further news from the adjudicator about whether or not Delce Infant and Junior Schools are to be amalgamated. As soon as I hear anything, I shall let you all know.

**Children's Centre News** The building has almost been completed and I anticipate that the builders will have finished the internal work within two weeks. I know Mrs McAdam, the coordinator, and Mrs Hudson, the community liaison officer, are very keen to open the centre properly as soon as possible. I appointed Miss Kayleigh Crittenden this week who will join the centre as Admin officer / Receptionist in a month's time.

**Summer Fair** The fund raising group are planning a wonderful Summer Fair again this week and I know they would appreciate any offers of help – either beforehand or for a short time during the afternoon. The Fair will be held on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June from 2.30 – 4.30 p.m.** As usual we shall have a number of games for the children to play and a variety of stalls such as toys and books, plants and cakes. Donations should be sent to school during the week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June. There will be other stalls too – more details after the holiday. We shall also draw the Grand Raffle at the end of the afternoon and I would like to thank you, in advance, for buying / selling our raffle tickets.

**Father's day presents** Parents will be selling Father's day presents to the children on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June**. The wrapped presents will cost £1.50 each. Please send the money to school on that day in a named envelope or purse.

**Barnardo Charity Collection** I know a lot of children are growing the beans at home. Any donations should be brought to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June and the beans brought in on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

I wish you all a very happy week's holiday. Term 6 begins on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

Yours sincerely

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