



19th July 2018

Dear Parent / Carer,

As we approach the end of another school year, I just wanted to thank you all for your continued support. It has been another extremely busy year and we are incredibly proud of our pupils and their many achievements.

There have been so many highlights...too many to mention, but here goes with just a few!

We have excelled in the sporting arena this year with wins at the Oldham School swimming and tag rugby finals. Both teams qualified for the Greater Manchester Mini-Games, where the tag rugby team did extremely well getting to the quarter finals. The girls swimming squad took gold in the Primary School Swimming League, with the boys swimming squad taking silver. The netball team came second in the DLP netball rally and our rounders team took gold at the DLP rounders tournament. Our cricket team have been outstanding overall this year, winning the Oldham cricket tournament and then going on to compete in Liverpool to become Lancashire Under 11s Kwik Cricket Champions in 2018 - a fabulous achievement!

Other successes have included our Year 2 class, who achieved a distinction at the Oldham Choral Speaking Festival and won the Madeleine Lindley trophy for an outstanding performance. Charlotte Kelsey, in Year 6, held her nerve and took third place in the Oldham Spelling Bee final, whilst mini-chefs Molly Hirst and Oliver Bebbington, in Year 4, cooked up some culinary delights and took first place in the Safeguard Fusion Cookery Competition. Miranda Lowe, in Year 6, was the winner of the schools poetry competition at this year's Saddleworth Literary Festival. Year 6 also took second place at the Oldham Business Challenge Dragons Den presentation event in July.

Pupils have also been involved in charity fundraising throughout the year. Our fabulous 'Delph's Got Talent' show raised £180 for Children in Need. We have raised £315 in 'Magic Money' for Action Aid and our Year 6 Business Challenge team have raised a brilliant £522.33 for MIND. Year 6 did a reverse advent calendar and donated items to the Oldham Food Bank.

We have organised 25 various school visits and also residential to both Robinwood and Castleshaw. Pupils have been involved in the Heartstone Project and performed at Manchester Cathedral. Music groups performed at the Music Festival and the whole school enjoyed a very energetic Sports Week and participated in the healthy lifestyles FRESH programme. The PTA treated all pupils to a circus skills day and even the ice cream man came to call!

The Key Stage 2 show, 'Oh What a Knight' was a big success, as was the police-led 'Actions Have Consequences' day and our disability awareness day. We have also enjoyed visits from the Animal Man and author Mark Sanders and his dog Monty. The EYFS and KS1 nativity shows were as lovely as ever. Over 110 children have taken part in extra-curricular clubs, ranging from various sports, karate, gardening, cooking, chess, film club, first aid, Wise Owls and French. It would be great to see even more children taking part next year.

I think you will agree, a very busy year! Additionally, the Dovestone Learning Partnership, which is Oldham's first shared Co-operative Trust, was officially created on the 1st October 2017. Made up of nine schools across Saddleworth & Lees, we aim to work together to improve opportunities for our children and our communities. We have already achieved a lot and have exciting plans for the future of our Trust. For more information, please see the school website.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that the Autumn Term begins on **Tuesday 4th September** and full term dates are available on the school website. Please note that holidays in term time will not be authorised, so please arrange for any holidays to be taken in accordance with these dates. Please also continue to help us maintain our high standards by ensuring that your child arrives at school on time every single day. Being punctual is very important - it instils good habits for the future and means that your child does not miss out on valuable learning time. Children need to be at school, ready to line up with their class on the playground, at 8:55am.

Also, yesterday some important information was emailed out about school uniform, including changes to our indoor shoe policy from September. Please read this carefully in preparation for the new term.

School finishes for the Summer break on Friday 20th July, at 3:15pm.

On behalf of all of the staff at Delph Primary School, may I wish you a wonderful, relaxing summer break.

Yours sincerely,

A. Leigh

Mrs A. Leigh
Headteacher