



# Delph Primary School

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# Newsletter

## **Happy New Year!**

The Spring Term has got off to a very good start, with all classes settling well after the Christmas break. As always, this promises to be a very busy term, with preparations for the KS2 production already underway, class visits planned and Year 6 off on their Robinwood residential - just a few of the exciting things ahead!

## **New School Website**

As you may already have noticed, the new-look school website was launched just before Christmas and has been updated with all the latest key information. We hope that you will find it easy to navigate your way around and will check back regularly to find out what's been happening in our busy school. Each class has its own page, where you will find useful information about the term ahead and links to activities you and your child can try at home.

## **Punctuality – Every School Day Counts**

School **starts** at 8:55am. Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time and is ready to start lessons at 8:55am. Being regularly late for school adds up to a lot of lost learning time.

- If you are 5 minutes late every day that adds up to over 3 days lost each year.
- 15 minutes late is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year!

Regular attendance at school is vital to your child's educational development. Please help your child to make the most of school and to develop good habits that will serve them well now and in the future.

## **Sickness Bugs (48 hour rule)**

If your child is off school or sent home from school with a sickness /diarrhoea bug then please ensure that he/she is properly recovered before they return. It is our policy for children to remain at home until

48 hours after the last period of sickness/diarrhoea. Health professionals confirm that you are still contagious until 48 hours after the last period of sickness/diarrhoea. We ask that you please adhere to this to prevent the spread of infection across the school.

### **ParentPay**

Our 'cashless' payment system is working well in school. All dinner money, music fees and trips should now be paid via your ParentPay account. If you are experiencing any problems logging in or making online payments, please contact the school office, where our administrative team will be happy to help. \*\*Please ensure that dinner money is paid weekly by Monday morning each week or half-termly/termly if preferred.\*\*

### **Reminder: Earrings / Jewellery**

Only small stud type earrings may be worn in school, however these will need to be removed for all PE and swimming lessons. If recently pierced ears have not yet healed, please provide plasters to cover earrings for PE sessions, until such time as earrings may be removed (usually 6 weeks). With the exception of a wrist watch, all other items of jewellery should be left at home.

### **Bad Weather Procedures**

If we are affected by severe weather conditions (e.g. heavy snow), every effort will be made to update the school website and send information out to parents at the earliest opportunity. In the event of school closure due to snow, parents are advised to:

- Check the school Website for updates [www.delph.oldham.sch.uk](http://www.delph.oldham.sch.uk)
- Check Oldham Council Website for school closure information [www.oldham.gov.uk](http://www.oldham.gov.uk)
- Tune in to BBC Radio Manchester or Key 103 for local school closure information.
- Telephone school after 8am for an update - Tel: 01457 874400 (assuming that staff have managed to make it into school).
- Teachers2Parents - Parents who have opted into this service, will receive a text message and/or email from school with school closure information.
- Follow us on TWITTER @delph\_info (To receive Delph School tweets direct to your mobile Text **follow delph\_info to 86444**)

Closing school and/or sending children home, will only happen in extreme circumstances and we will do our very best to keep the school open. Parents should please notify school of any change to contact details, so that our records are always up to date.

### **Appropriate Outdoor Clothing & Footwear**

During the cold/wintry weather, please ensure that your child has

suitable clothing i.e. coat, hat, scarf, gloves and appropriate footwear (e.g. wellies/snow boots) so that they will keep warm and dry at play time.

### **Lost Property**

We have a box of lost property accumulating outside of the school office. Please reclaim any items as soon as possible. Lost property will only be kept for a few weeks before being recycled. It is absolutely essential therefore, that all items of personal clothing/property is clearly labelled with your child's name.

### **Charity Work**

We continue to support Action Aid, collecting 'Magic Money' each week. We also continue to sponsor 5 guide dog puppies. During the Autumn Term we raised £561.42 at our MacMillan Coffee Morning, £113 for Emmaus through our Harvest Festival donations and £25 for the Henshaws Charity in support of World Sight Day. Thank you all for your support with this.

### **Extra-Curricular Activities – Spring Term 2017**

The following clubs will be running this term:

<b>What?</b>	<b>When?</b>	<b>Who for?</b>	<b>Coach/Teacher</b>
Badminton	Monday 3:15pm-4pm	Y5/6	Mrs. Ferguson/Mrs Bowler
Needlework	Monday lunchtime	Y5/6	Mrs Holt
Chess	Tuesday lunchtime	KS2	Mr Glover
Dodge Ball	Tuesday 3:15pm – 4:15pm	Y5/6	Sports Coach
Cookery	Tuesday 3:15pm – 4:30pm	Y1	Miss Spencer/Mrs Finnigan
School Council	Tuesday 3:15pm – 4pm (alternate weeks –starts 10.01.17)	Elected Members	Mrs Lait / Miss Brooks
Film Club	Thursday 3:15pm-5:15pm (alternate weeks- starts 12.01.17)	Y4/5/6	Mr Britner
Acting Rehearsals	Friday 3:15pm – 4:45pm	Cast members	Mrs Massey / Mr Britner

### **Reminder: Dogs in the Playground /in School**

In the interest of safety, dogs are not permitted inside school, on the playground or on the school playing field at any time

### **Healthy Snacks & Healthy Packed Lunches**

We are a healthy school and we constantly encourage the children to make healthy choices about what they eat. Please support us with this by encouraging your child to pack a healthy lunch box and bring only healthy snacks each day (i.e. no sweets/chocolate, fizzy drinks and

preferably not crisps). Children in Reception Class, Y1 and Y2 will continue to be provided with fruit and milk at snack time.

### **Head Lice**

Please check your child's head regularly and carefully for head lice. If head lice are discovered, please ensure that your child is treated before bringing him/her into school. Information leaflets about head lice are available on the school noticeboard should you require further information.

### **Letters Day Reminder**

Our 'letters day' is on Fridays. Parents should expect letters on this day and may like to check bags and reading folders. There may however, be occasions throughout the year when issuing letters on another day is unavoidable.

### **Key Stage 2 Performance Dates**

Children in KS2 will be putting on their Spring Show later this term. Information about tickets will follow in due course. Performance dates as follows:

Wed 8th February - 2pm

Thurs 9th February - 2pm & 7pm

### **Calendar Dates**

A full list of key dates can be viewed on the school website.

<b>January 17</b>	Year 6 Visit to MOSI
<b>January 30</b>	Y5 Visit to Jodrell Bank
<b>February 1</b>	Y2 Visit to Coppice Primary Academy M6 Theatre production
<b>February 8</b>	KS2 Show Performance – 2pm Reception Visit to Manchester Airport
<b>February 9</b>	KS2 Show Performances – 2pm & 7pm
<b>February 10</b>	School Closes for Half-Term 3:15pm School Council Visit to Council Chambers

The school holiday pattern is available to download on the school website. Please ensure that all family holidays are booked in accordance with this. Holidays in term time will not be authorised.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs A. Leigh  
Headteacher