



Delph Primary School

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Newsletter

Welcome Back

The Autumn term is now well underway and I am pleased to report that all classes are settling nicely into their new class routines. The children have returned looking really smart in their school uniform and there is lots of exciting learning already taking place....well done everyone!

I would especially like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new starters and their families to our school. Our Reception class are starting to settle now, making a positive start to life at Delph School.

As this is the first Newsletter of the year, a number of important reminders and safeguarding information is included. Please read this carefully and share relevant safety information appropriately with your child.

Punctuality & Attendance

School starts at **8.55am**. This is the time that your child must be lined up in the playground, so you need to ensure your child is coming through the school gate by 8.50am at the latest. Being punctual ensures a positive start to the school day, maximises learning opportunities and builds good habits for the future. We ask for your support please in ensuring that your child arrives at school on time every day. Any child arriving late must report to the school office.

If your child is absent from school (e.g. due to illness), please telephone school as early as possible, stating the reason for the absence. For all appointments (e.g. doctors, dentist) an appointment card should be presented and the school office notified. However, it is best to avoid missing school for appointments wherever possible. All absences, where a reason has not been given, will be followed up and monitored. Research shows that excellent attendance and punctuality is the key to children's success at school!

Family holidays in term time will not be authorised.

Children in Key Stage 2 - Morning Routine

We do not expect parents/carers to bring children into school in the mornings if they are in Years 3, 4, 5, & 6, unless you need to speak to a member of staff.

Please allow your son/daughter to line up on the playground and enter school with their class teacher in the morning. It isn't necessary or particularly helpful for parents/carers to bring lunch boxes/PE bags and other belongings into school in the mornings. We expect the children to do this as part of their growing independence, confidence and learning about personal organisation. Please do support us with this.

Children in KS2 should be collected from the playground at the end of the school day. Also, please note that children should not be using the main entrance door, unless they are going into DOSC or arriving late in the morning.

Dinner Money

Dinner money should be paid via ParentPay on Monday mornings please. The cost for school meals is currently £2.00 per day / £10.00 per week. If your child wishes to change from school dinners to packed lunches please inform the school office.

ParentPay

Please ensure you can access your ParentPay account. Trips and music tuition fees will need to be paid for using ParentPay from now on. If you experience any difficulties using ParentPay, please contact the school office.

Letters Day

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.

School Website / Teachers2Parents / Twitter



The school website is regularly updated and is a useful source of information for parents and children. Messages will also be sent via email and text to parents that are registered on our Teachers 2 Parents system. If you are not currently registered, please contact the school office if you wish to opt in to this service. Also, you can follow Delph School on Twitter. To receive Delph School tweets via text message direct to your mobile just text: **follow delph_info** to **86444**

Naming Items / School Uniform / Lost Property

Please ensure that all items of school uniform/outdoor coats/pumps etc. are clearly labelled with your child's name. We have noticed already that some children do not have names in their belongings and this makes it extremely difficult and time-consuming for staff, as well as upsetting for the child. For lost property, this is located opposite the school office and items will only be kept until the end of each half-term.

Please note that fashion items, accessories and any other clothing, which falls outside of our uniform policy will not be allowed. As a general rule, long hair should be tied back and shaved hair patterns/Mohican styles are not acceptable for school. Only small stud type earrings may be worn in school. These will need to be removed for all PE and swimming lessons. With the exception of a wrist watch, all other items of jewellery should be left at home.

Important: Safeguarding Information - Please read carefully

In the interests of safety:

- The school gates will be locked promptly in the mornings. After morning drop-off, access to school is via the main entrance only. All visitors must report to the school office.
- Dogs are not permitted in school, on the playgrounds or on the school playing field at any time.
- The Pre-School play area is out of bounds to children before and after school as school staff are not available to supervise this area at these times.
- Please do not allow your child to climb fences and railings or the grass banks around the infant playground at any time. Please supervise your child carefully before and after school.
- Should it be necessary for your child to be dropped off very early in the morning (i.e. before 8:40am) suitable arrangements should be made with a friend/relative, another parent or Delph Out of School Care (DOSC). Children should not be left alone and unsupervised in the playground. If this ever poses a problem, please speak to a senior member of staff.
- Please notify the school office if you know you will be late picking up your child so we can keep him/her safe until you arrive.
- Please use the lollipop person when crossing Denshaw Road.
- Parents/carers must not park in the restricted school zone or on the pavement outside school at any time. Please park carefully and considerately, putting children's safety before your own convenience.

Healthy Snacks & Packed Lunches

We are a healthy school. Therefore, we encourage the children to make healthy choices about what they eat. We ask that you 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 each day.



Invitation - MacMillan Coffee Morning

We will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 30th September 2016, 9:15am – 10:30am. There will be cakes and biscuits made by the children and staff and, of course, coffee! Any parents who would like to donate cakes /biscuits for the event can bring donations to school on the day. All money raised will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support. All parents, family members, friends welcome – why not come along for a coffee and a chat? Thank you for your support.

Autumn Term Diary Dates

28 Sep Wed	M&M Theatre Productions	Whole School to watch Performance of Charlotte's Web
30 Sep Fri	MacMillan Coffee Morning	No Friday Assembly
07 Oct Fri	Harvest Assembly	9:15am
21 Oct Fri	Year 6 Assembly	
21 Oct Fri	School Closes for Half-Term	3:15pm
31 Oct Mon	School re-opens	
04 Nov Fri	Year 2 Assembly	
09 Nov Wed	Parents Evening	All classes 3:30pm - 7:30pm 5 minute appointments
10 Nov Thu	School Photographs	Individual & Family Groups
11 Nov Fri	Year 1 Assembly	
18 Nov Fri	Year 3 Assembly	
25 Nov Fri	Year 4 Assembly	
28 Nov Mon	KS2 Theatre Trip	Bolton Octagon Theatre
02 Dec Fri	Year 5 Assembly	
08 Dec Thu	KS1 Theatre Trip	Gallery Oldham 1pm
09 Dec Fri	Reception & Pre-School Theatre Trip	Gallery Oldham 10am
15 Dec Thu	Carol Service	School Hall 2pm
16 Dec Fri	School Closes for Christmas Holidays	3:15pm No Family Assembly

Family assemblies are every Friday, at 9:15am. New dates will be added to the calendar throughout the year – please check on the school website. The school holiday pattern is also available to view on the school website calendar page.

I look forward to an enjoyable and productive year ahead. Thank you for your support.
Mrs A. Leigh - Headteacher