



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all enjoyed the phone calls last week from your child's teacher. If you missed the call, please email us at delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net and we can rearrange a call for this week.

We cannot believe that the school has now been closed to most of our children for the last 7 weeks (including the Easter holidays), however we have been open for emergency childcare throughout.

I have to say that our children and families have continued to impress us with their perseverance and commitment to their work. We would however like to say that if your child does not get through the timetable that is set for them – there is absolutely no pressure to do so. We do not expect your child to get through every single piece of work. We understand that we are in a time of change and uncertainty and many of you are struggling both with your children and also trying to juggle home-schooling combined with working from home. We need you all to first and foremost look after yourselves and your family. We don't want to place unnecessary demands on our families, we are all just human! What one family might be able to manage, may be completely different to another. We can only ask you to do what you can, when you can. You have our full support with whatever that might be! Please email or ring school if you would like any support, we are here to help wherever we can.

Year 6 Statutory Tests (SATS)

This week (from 11th May), should have been the Statutory Tests for our Year 6 pupils. Whilst I am sure many children from Year 6 will be quite happy to be missing them, equally, I know that we have lots of disappointed children who wanted to prove how much progress they have made and they take a lot of pride in that. We will be thinking of all our Year 6 children this week in what will be a very unusual and uncertain time for them all at home. We understand that questions remain around transition arrangements to their next school, and on whether our oldest pupils will return before the Summer holidays. We will keep you informed every step of the way. Thank you for your patience.

School Facebook Page and Website

We continue to post things that you might find interesting or supportive on our Facebook page as suggestions and ideas. This is because we want to make sure we are offering parents as much support as we can. We have also updated our website with the latest timetables and resources which you might find helpful. A link can be found here: <http://www.delveslaneprimary.durham.sch.uk/covid-19-home-learning-resources/>

Prime Minister's Announcement

We will all be listening tonight at 7pm to see what is announced about schools and the government's aim to get children back into school at some point in the future. We have no idea at all what will be said, we wait with baited breath. I am sure however, that there may well be more questions than answers after tonight's announcement. I would just like to reassure you though, that we will continue to communicate openly with you at every stage and in a timely manner. We know we are very fortunate to have a supportive school community, and we are very grateful for this, particularly during this challenging time. Thank you.

Home Learning Timetable

The timetables for next week will be posted on our website by 8am tomorrow morning. You will be able to find them here: <http://www.delveslaneprimary.durham.sch.uk/covid-19-home-learning-resources/>

Reception request

Class 1 & 2 are asking if you can save any plastic tops from baby wipes. If you can store them at home until we open again, that would be appreciated. Thank you.

Final thought

'It's so much easier to cope
If you decide to live in hope.' (Anthony Horowitz)

So, from us to you, stay safe and well. We miss you all and can't wait to see you again.

R Woods

Mrs Woods
Headteacher