



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 10th July 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are rapidly approaching the end of term but under such different circumstances. We would like to thank all our children, staff, parents & carers as well as governors for all your support. The last few months we will never forget, but throughout this time, you have all been very supportive. Thank you!

Google Meets

Our staff have really enjoyed seeing children from their classes via Google Meet this week. We hope you have all enjoyed the catch up too! Next week we will be hosting more Google Meets for our Virtual Transition. Your child's current and new class teacher will be available to meet new classes. The table below shares the date and time of the virtual meetings. We will send out the link via text message, about 15 minutes before each meeting for safeguarding reasons, thank you.

Child's New Class (September 2020)	Child's New Class Teacher (September 2020)	Date of Meeting	Time of Meeting
Class 1	Mrs Randell	Thursday 16 th July	2.00pm
Class 2	Mrs Moody & Miss Taylor	Wednesday 15 th July	11.00am
Class 3	Miss Hedge	Wednesday 15 th July	1.00pm
Class 4	Miss Kirkbride	Wednesday 15 th July	1.00pm
Class 5	Mrs Shaw	Wednesday 15 th July	10.00am
Class 6	Miss Kelly	Wednesday 15 th July	10.00am
Class 7	Mr Jones	Wednesday 15 th July	11.00am
Class 8	Miss Smith	Wednesday 15 th July	1.30pm
Class 9	Miss Webb & Mrs Stevens	Monday 13 th July	10.30am
Class 10	Mrs Crompton	Thursday 16 th July	1.00pm
Class 11	Miss Jones	Wednesday 15 th July	1.30pm
Class 12	Mr McMeiken	Friday 17 th July	10.00am
Class 13	Mr Turnbull	Wednesday 15 th July	9.30am
Class 14	Mrs Donnelly	Wednesday 15 th July	10.00am

Breakfast Club, After School Clubs & After School Childcare in September 2020

Parents and Carers will be keen to know more information about our plans for September. We are awaiting more guidance from the Local Authority and updates from the Department for Education. As we stated last week, we will begin welcoming back children in Classes 3 to 14 from Thursday 3rd September and pupils in Nursery & Reception from Monday 7th September 2020

Below we have set out how we intend to plan opening breakfast and after school provision. Children will be met at the main school gate.

Club	Start Date	Drop off time
Breakfast Club	Monday 28 th September	7.50 – 8.00am ONLY
After School Childcare	Monday 21 st September	
After School Clubs	Monday 9 th November	

All clubs will need to be pre-booked and we will send out more information at the beginning of September. Thank you for your patience, we appreciate that you need as much notice as possible so that you can plan childcare arrangements.

Staffing Update - Goodbye and Hello!

We wanted to let you know that Mrs Nixon, left us in May this year. She has worked with us for over ten years, and whilst we have not been able to say goodbye in person to her yet, we wanted to thank her for the commitment she has shown to our school. She will be missed by everyone at DLPS. We hope she enjoys precious time with her family and friends. We know she won't be a stranger! She has already volunteered to come and hear our children read in the coming months! Thank you, Mrs Nixon, it's been a pleasure to work with you.

We reported last week, that we were busy recruiting a new Year One teacher for September. We are delighted to inform you that Miss Hedge, who many of you will know, will be teaching Class 3 in September. We are delighted that she is remaining with us next year. Congratulations Miss Hedge!

Visit from Barry Hill

We were delighted to welcome Barry Hill from the Village Store, into school this week. He was able to record himself playing piece of music called Gresford, 'The Miner's Hymn' on his trumpet, with only a very small group of staff as his audience. His wonderful performance will hopefully be included in the virtual event! The 136th Gala was due to take place in Durham on Saturday July 11. It will now be marked online with a series of new content celebrating the spirit of this event.



Thank you, Barry, it was fantastic!

Reading Books

Please can all reading books be returned to school by Friday 17th July. They can be left at Barry's Village Store (there is a green box by the post office counter), or you can drop the school gates, there is a blue bin attached to the fence. We will need to do an audit of our stock and make sure we are ready to read all our lovely books again in September! Thank you.

Disney Challenge

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Disney challenge. Your photos have cheered us right up. Fingers crossed things can get back to normal as soon as possible and Mrs Randell can jet off to her second home!

Childcare and Year Group Bubbles

Please can we remind parents and carers that children need to bring their own water bottles into school. This doesn't need to be a school water bottle, but children must have a drink and bottle of their own. Next week the weather forecast is looking brighter with some possible sunshine. Please can parents and carers make sure children wear sun screen and hats as appropriate. The weather is always very changeable, so coats are always advised! Thank you!

FSM voucher scheme | The Covid Summer Food Fund

All families who are eligible for the vouchers will be getting them very soon. Most have gone out via email from Edenred today. The vouchers which are usually posted, will be delivered by the end of next week. If you have any queries, please contact the school office next week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Woods

Headteacher