



# DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## LEARN, ACHIEVE, INSPIRE

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

We can't believe we have come to the end of the first half-term. We appreciate how difficult it will be for some of our families, how some of you might have been personally affected by the pandemic and how challenging it will be to live under local restrictions. We are sure your children will all be ready for a rest next week! We hope you will be able to enjoy some family time. Our children and staff have worked incredibly hard over the last few weeks, and I am extremely grateful for how well everyone has embedded new routines and shown such commitment and fantastic team work. Thank you everyone!

### Teacher Training Days

We have Teacher Training Days on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020. **School opens again to ALL children on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020.**

### Breakfast and After School Childcare booking after Half Term

Once again, we will be asking you to book in advance for Breakfast and After School Childcare. Please email us at [delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net](mailto:delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net) if you would like to pre-book places after the holiday. We have places available in both our Breakfast and After School provision.

Breakfast Club drop off times are between 7.50 and 8.00am only. This is available every day.

After School Childcare is available after school until 5.30pm. This is available Monday to Thursday each week.

**Breakfast and After School Club will be open from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November.**

### Nursery, Class 1 & Class 2 Halloween Parties

We were amazed by all of the wonderful costumes our Nursery and Reception children wore yesterday.

Everyone made a tremendous effort, and they all looked fantastic! Thank you to parents and carers for your support with this event.





### **REMINDER Celebration Assemblies**

We were hoping to start celebrating Star of the Week half termly assemblies this half term but due to further COVID-19 Local Restrictions, it has not been possible. After the school holidays, teachers will nominate their star of the week. Children will receive certificates and both Miss Webb and Mrs Woods will be making phone calls home to let parents know the good news! Thank you!

### **IMPORTANT DATE for Individual Pupil Photographs**

Phototronics will be coming to school on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November to take the annual individual photos. As you can imagine, things will have to be different this year due to the restrictions around COVID19. Therefore, we are sorry to say we will be unable to have sibling photographs this year; we will not be able to welcome younger siblings into school for photos and we will not be able to have photos together of siblings who are in school. Whilst I understand this is disappointing for many parents, we cannot risk mixing bubbles through the school and although some siblings are in the same year group it would be unfair for them to be able to have photos taken together when other children cannot.

Obviously, we realise that some of you will be disappointed about this but we have to the best of our ability in these strange times! We will send a reminder out again next week but please remember to send your child into school in full, smart uniform – as usual!

### **Tapestry**

Thank you to parents who have activated their Tapestry accounts so far! It's lovely to see so many of our parents sharing in their child's learning journey. We love seeing pictures and videos from home too so please upload as many as you like! All parents in Early Years have been sent an email with a link to activate your account. If you cannot find this, please speak to Mrs. Randell.

Just a reminder that individual photographs of your child can be shared as you wish but please note that photographs with ANY other child in must NOT be copied or shared on any social media platform.

We hope we can continue to share your child's school journey with you through Tapestry and ask that you support us in keeping our children safe and happy. Thanks for your support, The Early Years Team.

### **COVID-19 SYMPTOMS during the Half-Term Holiday**

If your child develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus (COVID-19) in the half-term holiday, they should STAY AT HOME. Please contact school via email at [delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net](mailto:delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net) The emails will be monitored at intervals throughout the holidays for Coronavirus ONLY.

Anyone with symptoms should stay at home for at least 10 days and book a test. This can be done by calling 119 or online through the NHS website: [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus). The rest of the household needs to stay at home for 14 days to self-isolate. All children attending school will have access to a test if they display symptoms of COVID-19 and are encouraged to get tested.

The symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell

Any pupil who develops any of the above symptoms should be tested. There is no need for their households to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic.

Children may feel unwell with a common cold, sore throat, headache or upset stomach. These are not

symptoms and therefore a test is not required and self-isolation is not required.

Once a test has been taken, if the test is negative, all isolation can end. Please inform us via email [delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net](mailto:delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net) and send confirmation of the negative test.

If the test is positive, the child must remain in isolation alongside their family and the latest government guidance will need to be followed. Please also email us if your child tests positive during the half-term holiday. Thank you.

### **Jewellery in School**

For Health & Safety reasons we discourage the wearing of any form of jewellery in Nursery and School. This is supported by the Government through the Department for Education (DFE) and Local Authority regulations and guidance. We aim to keep all children safe from harm and ask you as parents to adhere to this by not allowing your child to come to school wearing jewellery. Due to the fact that in our Early Years Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) the curriculum is taught through some structured play and outdoor learning, it is **STRONGLY ADVISED** that children in these classes **DO NOT** wear jewellery at all in school. We accept that there may be occasions where jewellery cannot reasonably be removed e.g. earrings in the first six weeks after ears have been pierced. As it is inappropriate for your child to remain at home during such a period, jewellery will be tolerated in such instances (ears must be covered by a plaster/tape provided by you). Thank you for your support.

### **End of the Day**

Several children from different bubbles are playing on the infant play equipment at the end of the day, whilst in the care of parents and carers. We strongly advise children to remain with their parent or carer and **NOT** access the play equipment for health and safety reasons.

### **PE Kits & Coats**

During the colder month's children **MUST** wear a 'WINTER' PE kit. This is outlined below:

- Plain navy-blue hoody
- Plain navy-blue/black jogging bottoms
- Girls can also wear navy-blue or black leggings in the colder months.
- Black plimsolls or appropriate sports footwear

The winter kit of jogging bottoms and hoodie is available to order from our uniform supplier, S & N Workwear, just follow this link <https://sandnworkwear.co.uk/school-wear/Delves%20Lane>

**Please can all children wear a warm winter coat to school every day. Thank you.**

<b>Class</b>	<b>PE Day</b>
Nursery AM & PM	Friday
Classes 1 & 2	Thursday
Classes 3 & 4	Tuesday
Classes 5 & 6	Wednesday
Classes 7 & 8	Monday & Wednesday
Classes 9 & 10	Thursday
Classes 11 & 12	Tuesday
Classes 13 & 14	Monday

### **French Teacher**

Madame Reuben, our new French Teacher was warmly welcomed to school this term. She teaches in classes 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14. Madame Reuben joined us in September on a temporary basis and we are pleased to announce she is now permanent. The children are thoroughly enjoying their lessons and we hope they are practicing some of their new words with you at home. Merci beaucoup!

### **Class 9 News**

Following the half-term holiday, Mrs Schenker will be teaching Class 9 on Monday and Tuesday every week. She will also teach Class 9 and 10 on Wednesday afternoons alongside our French teacher Madame Reuben.

### **Class 5 News**

Following the half-term holiday, Miss Webb will teach Class 5 every Monday.

## Morrisons

We would like to thank Morrisons Supermarket in Consett for their recent donation to school. Their Community Champion, Tracey Greenhalgh dropped off a lovely selection of fruit, bread, cereals, and condiments which were gratefully received. Thank you so much Morrisons for your kindness.

## Thomas Swan

Thomas Swan very kindly donated lots of free sanitiser at the beginning of term which has been a great help during the current pandemic. Thank you Thomas Swan and Mrs Danby for thinking of us, we really appreciate your kind donation.

## REMINDER Calendar of Events – Autumn 2020 Update

Please see this terms Calendar of Events. Details and reminders will come out via email, thank you.

Date	Event	Information
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Last day of Autumn 1 <sup>st</sup> Half Term	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term Holiday	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	School CLOSED for Staff Professional Development	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	School CLOSED for Staff Professional Development	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	School Re-opens for Teaching/Children welcomed back to school	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Children will have their INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN ONLY. There will be no family or sibling photographs.	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Children from Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14 will have their Flu Vaccination today. (NOT NURSERY CHILDREN)	
Week beginning 7th December	Assessment week – Years 1 - 6	Please make sure children come to school on time and have eaten a good breakfast.
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	School closed for Staff Professional Development	
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Early Years Nativity Mashup Nursery, Class 1 & 2	School will provide children with costumes A recording will be uploaded to Facebook/Website
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Singalong in school Juniors (Classes 7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14)	Children can come into school dressed in Christmas Jumpers A recording will be uploaded to Facebook/Website
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Singalong in school Infants	Children can come into school in Christmas Jumpers. A recording will be uploaded to Facebook/Website
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties: Y1 Morning Y2 Afternoon Y3 Morning Y4 Afternoon	For morning parties, children can come dressed in their party clothes. For parties in the afternoon please put clothes in a labelled carrier bag. Children will get changed at school with support from staff.
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties: Nursery Morning Reception Afternoon Y5 Morning Y6 Afternoon	For morning parties, children can come dressed in their party clothes. For parties in the afternoon please put clothes in a labelled carrier bag. Children will get changed at school with support from staff.
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner in School	Children can wear Christmas Jumpers. Children bring £1 into school for dressing in non-uniform. A percentage of donations will go to NHS Charities Together.

Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Autumn Term
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	School Re-opens for Teaching/Children welcomed back to school

We hope you all enjoy a lovely holiday next week and all our families stay safe. We will see you again on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November.  
Take care of each other.

*R Woods*

Mrs R Woods  
**Head Teacher**