



# DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## LEARN, ACHIEVE, INSPIRE

4<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to thank our children and families for engaging as much as you can with our remote learning. I think it is probably fair to say that everyone has found the last week or so to be the greatest challenge so far. Recently, remote learning seems to have been the biggest challenge for parents, children and staff alike. I think we all have to remember that these cold winter months are always a challenge and added to that we are in the middle of national lockdown.

The government has recently announced their hope for schools to start to reopen from 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. They have also said that further details on their approach to opening schools to more pupils will be published in mid-February, so brighter days are ahead! We miss all our children and look forward to seeing you all!

At DLPS, we recognise how difficult this situation is and we want to support you as much as we possibly can. We will continue to provide remote learning but alongside that, you are also welcome to check in with us for emotional support.

With this in mind, I am going to send out a ZOOM Parent Meeting invite for parents to give you an update on Remote Learning. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions. We can also signpost you to other support and are keen to hear your feedback.

Please look out for a text message with your ZOOM invitation. **The meeting will take place with myself and Miss Webb on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm.** Please join us if you can.

### Screen Free Friday

Tomorrow, is Screen Free Friday with a Science twist! It's time for our children to take a break from the screen. We would like to see our children get hands. Miss Jones loves space! It's her favourite thing to teach so she would like everyone to design and make their very own rocket. More details have been posted on Tapestry and Google Classroom. Siblings can team up or make their own, but be creative as possible as there are prizes up for grabs! Please upload photos of all your finished creations to Google Classroom/Tapestry or email to your class teacher. We can't wait to see the amazing designs!

**Teachers and Teaching Assistants will be completing directed tasks tomorrow so will not be responding to emails and parent queries until Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February.**

If you have any urgent queries, please email the school office at [delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net](mailto:delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net) or telephone the school.

### Work Packs/TEXT BOOK Stationery Packs

A lot of families have been in touch with teachers to request paper packs of resources each week (known as work packs). Unfortunately, a large number of these have not been collected when we have sent out several reminders to parents.

The most important packs for families to collect are the **TEXT BOOK AND STATIONERY PACKS** – These include:

- Target Practice workbooks for Maths, Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling & Handwriting
- Exercise Books for children to complete their work
- Stationery – Pencil, ruler, glue, etc.

The Early Years pack has even more resources to support your child's remote learning, including white boards, pens, playdough and more!

We would strongly encourage all our families to collect your child's TEXT BOOK and Stationery Pack. This is a 'one off' pack to support your child whilst learning at home.

***It is very important that families know that if you request weekly work packs, they must be returned the by the following week so that teachers can mark the work, giving timely feedback to support your child's next steps in their learning.***

Please remember that we would strongly advise our children and families to access Tapestry and Google Classroom because children can watch and listen to their teachers providing recorded lessons. **WE HAVE LAPTOPS, DATA SIM CARDS AND WIFI VOUCHERS AVAILABLE to support your child's education.** Don't forget to let us know if you require these resources.

### News from Year 1 (Classes 3 & 4)

A huge thank you to Year 1 for their amazing models of the London Eye as part of their project Bright Lights, Big City. Year 1 had been previously exploring Human and Physical features in geography. They have researched and identified many Human features in London, one of them was the London Eye. The task on Tuesday was to be creative and make a model. We have had some wonderful models made out of all sorts of different materials; some even move! Well Done Year 1 from Miss Hedge and Miss Kirkbride.



*Amazing effort children, what fantastic models!*

*Thank  
you*

We would like to say the biggest **THANKYOU** to Emma (one of our parents) and Catherine at Element Cleaning Services for providing a thorough clean of our school recently. They came in at their own time and expense and, using a fogging machine disinfected all of our classrooms and other indoor areas at DLPS. They agreed to do this on the understanding that school donates half the cost that would have been incurred to develop the OPAL provision at school, which of course we will honour. We will consult with our children about how best to develop our OPAL provision. We are ever so grateful to Emma and Catherine. Thank you again ladies!

### Laptop and Device Donations

We would like to thank one of our parents, who has kindly secured laptops from her employer - Mr Stebbings. We would like to thank Mrs Elgie for the kind donation. Please also pass on our thanks to Mr Stebbings.

*Thank  
you* 

### **Children's Mental Health Week**

Our children have been taking part in activities to celebrate Children's Mental Health Week. Well done to everyone for highlighting this very important topic. It is so important during this time, that we all look after our mental health. More advice and activities are available here:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

### **Safer Internet Day**

Watch out for activities next week to highlight Safer Internet Day on 9<sup>th</sup> February.

### **February Half Term Holiday**

School will close to **all** children on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February. We will reopen to children of critical workers and vulnerable pupils on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

We are hear to listen if you would like to share your successes with remote learning or talk about the challenges whilst school is closed to most children, don't forget to ring the school office or email us at

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Take care and stay safe,

***B Woods***

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