



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer



Happy Easter to our DLPS Families

This has been a challenging term for everyone, with the sudden closure of school for most pupils in January to a reopening with restrictions three weeks ago. I am immensely proud of the way the children have dealt with the situation, not to mention the staff and parents and carers too.

As more people receive vaccines and hospitalisations and COVID-19 death rates fall, we are hopeful that as the situation improves, we can open more aspects of school life later next term. It is still extremely important we remain careful and vigilant. To help with this, staff are taking regular lateral flow tests and adults in households with school aged children may also access these. More information can be found here

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

If your child does display symptoms, then please book a PCR test. If your child has a positive PCR test during the first 6 days of the Easter holidays (27th March – 1st April) then you must inform the school so we can track and trace close contacts. Please use this email address covid19emergencies@delveslane.co.uk I will access this every morning before 12 noon and get in touch with any families directly should I require any further information. Thank you.

Easter 'Best Dressed Egg' Competition Winners 🐣🐣

Thank you to all our children for your fantastic entries. I know that our staff team have had some extremely difficult to decisions to make. Here are the winners from each class! Well done children, such a fantastic effort.

Well done to...	In Class
Mia	Nursery - Morning
Ivy	Nursery - Afternoon
Elise	Class 1
Kayelisha	Class 2
Lily	Class 3
Lola	Class 4
Katy-Jae	Class 5
Emmie	Class 6
Alexis	Class 7
Alfie	Class 8
Olivia	Class 9
Brandon	Class 10
Lilly	Class 11
Amelia	Class 12
Demi	Class 13
Sarah	Class 14



Stars of the Week

This week our Stars of the Week will have their certificates presented in Class. Mrs Woods and Miss Webb will be ringing parents of our Stars of the Week, to share the good news. This week our stars are:

Congratulations to	In Class	What have they been up to?
Evie-Jorge	Nursery AM	'amazing independent counting this week'
Lexi-Lauren	Nursery PM	'amazing singing of Row, row, row your boat'
Nicholas	Class 1	'fantastic progress in his reading'
Kayelisha	Class 2	'coming in to school, taking a deep breath and getting on with her day'
Andreea	Class 3	'independent writing recounting the story of Meerkat Mail.'
Nico-Leigh	Class 4	'Exceptional reading!'
Myelee C	Class 5	'returning to school with a positive attitude'
Emmie L	Class 6	'Trying very hard with column addition and subtraction'
Lily H	Class 7	'working incredibly hard since our return to school'
Lola	Class 8	'going above and beyond with her Literacy'
Riley M	Class 9	'working hard with a great attitude'
Tia	Class 10	'putting 100% effort into everything she does'
Leah H	Class 11	'trying her hardest with everything she does'
Imogen	Class 12	'working really hard in P.E this week'
Mason D	Class 13	'excellent work in Maths coordinates'
Amelia	Class 14	'for being such a kind and caring member of our class'

World Book Day News

Screen Free Friday Challenge Winners

Name	Screen Free Friday Challenge
Sam	The Hungry Caterpillar
Malik	The Bear Hunt
Thea	The Gruffalo
Evie W	The Gruffalo
Max E	Stickman
Charlotte	Matilda
Bobbi S	Ann Frank
Cody H	Gorilla loves Vanilla
Alfie H	Grandpa's Great Escape

Extreme Reader Winners

Teddy
Leandra
Oliver & Amelia
Lucie
Alfie S

All our winners from our World Book Day challenges will be presented with a lovely book from Miss Webb today. Thank you to all our children who took part, there were some amazing entries!

COVID-19 Procedures – Summer First Half Term (Until further notice)

For the beginning of the Summer term, we will continue with the COVID-19 measures we have in place at DLPS. This includes:

- Staggered drop-off and collections times
- Children wear PE kit to school on PE days
- Handwashing throughout the school day
- Catch coughs and sneezes in a tissue, dispose of the tissue and clean hands
- Face coverings to be worn by staff in communal areas of school, and where adults cannot socially distance
- Parents & Carers to wear face coverings when they drop off and collect children from school
- Children remain in Year Group bubbles until further notice
- Children in Classes 5 to 14 continue to have lunches in classrooms
- Staff will test twice weekly, including during school holidays
- Enhanced cleaning measures will remain in place
- Occupied spaces will be well ventilated
- Anyone with symptoms or required to self-isolate due to COVID-19, must remain at home

Staggered Drop off and collection Times for Children – Summer First Half Term

Children must be dropped off and collected at the times below. Times haven't changed since the Autumn Term.

<u>Year Groups</u>	<u>School Start Time</u>	<u>End/Collection Time</u>
Nursery AM	8.45am	11.45am
Nursery PM	12.15pm	3.05pm
Reception (Class 1 & 2)	8.45am	3.05pm
Year 1 & 2 (Classes 3,4,5,6)	8.55am	3.15pm
Year 3 & 4 (Classes 7,8,9,10)	8.45am	3.05pm
Year 5 & 6 (Classes 11,12,13 14)	8.35am	2.55pm
Families with Siblings in Classes 11, 12, 13 & 14	8.35am	See class times
Families with Siblings in Classes Nursery, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	8.45am	See class times

PE Days for each class next term

We are asking children to wear their PE kit to school on the days they have PE next term. Please make sure children dress for the weather. You may well need to supply a jumper/sweatshirt, track suit bottoms, and other warm clothing, etc. as they may be outside for some sessions. Thank you

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

Events – April 2021

We will be sending out a more detailed calendar of events early next term, as the COVID restrictions begin to relax. Thank you

Date	Event	Information
Friday 26 th March	End of Spring Term	
Monday 12 th April	All children return to school	
W/C Monday 26 th April	Remote Parents Evening	More information will follow w/c 12 th April
Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday	SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 4 th May	School re-opens to ALL Pupils	

We need your donations for OPAL!

Are you having a Spring Clean or sort at home? Do you have any of the following equipment for our OPAL provision:

- Saucepans
- Kitchen Utensils
- Brushes
- Small World items – dinosaurs, dolls, prams, figures, trucks, cars, farm animals
- Buckets and spades
- Plastic crates
- Any old pushchairs
- Zimmer frames and wheelchairs
- Any old ride-on toys – cars, tractors, etc.
- Wellies – Any old wellies – All children and adult sizes. We especially need adult sizes 6, 7, and 8 if possible.

We would be very grateful for any donations you are able to provide. Thank you.

Easter Holiday Activities

Whether it's finding fun things for the children to do, paying for extra childcare, or even just all that extra food they seem to eat, the school holidays can be a struggle for many families. Covid-19 has meant that many people's incomes have been reduced and children and young people are keen to get out and spend time with their friends.

We want to make sure no young people go hungry during the holidays. That's why Durham County Council launched their Fun and Food programme, providing fun activities with healthy snacks and meals for children and young people. Activities are provided by range of partners including schools, voluntary and community sector groups, sport and leisure services and our Family Centres.

For information on Fun and Food activities during the Easter holidays check out

<http://www.countydurhamfamilies.info/kb5/durham/fsd/results.action?qt=HAWF&term=&sorttype=relevance&x=0&y=0&districts=5>

Hair & Jewellery Policy

Please click on this link <https://bit.ly/3tXjEPs> to read our new Hair & Jewellery Policy. This policy will be in place from Monday 12th April 2021 and it's very important that you read it as we have made some changes. There is also a form within the Policy which you may need to complete. Thank you.

Playground Safety

If you are waiting on the playgrounds to collect children from school, please ensure younger or older siblings do not climb on the apparatus.

Parking outside school

May we respectfully remind you to please park considerately outside school and not in front of resident's driveways when collecting or dropping off your children. Please also remember to:

- Park away from school gates to reduce congestion
- Keep clear of zig zags, school entrances, dropped kerbs, junctions Stop for a school crossing patrol when asked
- Don't park on pavements in a way which stops pedestrians, disabled users or parents with prams/pushchairs from using the pavement
- Don't park on corners - this will make sure our children can see cars and drivers can see our children
- Don't stop on school 'keep clear' markings or safer crossing place
- Don't block a road which could prevent emergency vehicle access
- Don't stop in the middle of the road to drop your child off - this makes it dangerous for children

More advice can be found here: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/3517/School-keep-clear-markings>

With the lighter evenings and hopefully warmer weather in the holidays many children are going to want to play outside. Please remind your child to follow the social distancing rules and restrictions on meeting up with others as no one wants to have to isolate over Easter just when we hope to be seeing our families again.

Finally, we would like to wish you and your family a very Happy Easter and a lovely holiday. We hope you enjoy some precious family time.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

B Woods

Mrs R Woods
Head Teacher