



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Delves Lane, Consett, Co Durham, DH8 7ES

Head Teacher: Mrs R A Woods

Tel: 01207 503984 Fax: 01207 588880 delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net

LEARN, ACHIEVE, INSPIRE

Friday 23rd April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

We are coming to the end of our second week back at school following the Easter holidays. Our school family have been back together for a total of five weeks since schools reopened for all children. It is lovely to see most of our children beginning to settle back into our school routines and enjoy valuable social times with their friends. We do appreciate that due to the pandemic, some children will take longer to settle than others and everyone's experience of the pandemic will be different. Alongside our core subjects of Reading, Writing and Maths, we are very much continuing to focus on developing children's friendships and social skills (personal, social and emotional skills) as well as their physical development at school.

Reception 2021 New Starters

All of our Reception 2021 new starters for September should have had their places confirmed recently. We hope they have been successful in gaining a place in the school of their choice. For those children and families starting their school journey with us, we will be in touch before the half term holiday with further dates and information about meetings. Please get in touch if you would like to discuss your child's place in Reception for September. It can be a very stressful time and we want to offer us much help and reassurance as possible.

Parking/Roadworks

It is imperative that when parents or carers drop off or pick up their children that they do so with due care and attention and do not put our children or others at risk. Families should also consider our local community and park safely and in appropriate areas. It may result in parents parking a small distance away from school and walking into the school grounds to drop off or collect their children. It is important to our school that positive relations with our local community remain in place and do not diminish due to inconsiderate, dangerous parking by parents, carers or visitors.

We do appreciate that the problem has become more problematic recently with the current gas works, but the safety of our children and others who come onto the site is paramount. Please consider walking your child to school if you live within walking distance, this is not only good for your health and wellbeing but will help to alleviate the traffic congestion outside of our school.

More information can be found here about how to park safely near schools:
<https://www.durham.gov.uk/schoolparking>

Please contact Durham County Council to report a car illegally parked outside school here:
<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/3517/School-keep-clear-markings>

Thank you for your support with this matter, we do appreciate it.

Parents Evening – Week Commencing Monday 26th April - REMINDER

Next week our teachers will be contacting all our parents and carers via telephone to share information about how your child has settled back into school, as well as giving assessment updates. If your child has Special Educational Needs, their Support Plan will also be shared via email. If you would prefer to receive paper copies of Support Plans, please contact the school office.

Teachers will allocate five minutes per phone call, and may contact you from a withheld number. Please try to answer the call because it is important that we share information about your child with you. If you are not able to take the call, please email your class teacher via their email address.



Class 7 Parents Evening

Mr Jones has taken paternity leave and will return to school on Tuesday 4th May. We will re-arrange Class 7's parents evening on his return to work. Mr Moore is teaching in Class 7, until Mr Jones returns. Thank you.

Star of the Week

This week our Stars of the Week will have their certificates presented in Class. Mrs Woods 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?
Zac	Nursery AM	'Excellent tidying up and singing with Miss Forbes.'
Jayden	Nursery PM	'Super listening when playing dominoes in a group.'
Ellie-Mai	Class 1	'Fantastic effort in school and excellent behaviour'
Rudy	Class 2	'a lovely well-mannered boy who always tries his best'
Hylton	Class 3	'Excellent writing in his RE work on the life of Buddha'
Ella-Louise	Class 4	'An amazing attitude towards her work.'
Elijah	Class 5	'Trying so hard with his reading, writing and phonics.'
Oliver	Class 6	'Producing some excellent work this week'
Kian	Class 7	'He has come back to school with a terrific attitude towards his learning'
Lily	Class 8	'Putting 100 percent effort into everything'
Lilly-Mae	Class 9	'A great attitude to her work'
Bridie	Class 10	'Bridie is caring, considerate and hardworking'
McKenzie	Class 11	'Coming back after Easter very focused and engaged in his lessons'
Daniel	Class 12	'Working hard in Science using flower heads.'
Sophie	Class 13	'Excellent effort towards her work in class'
Evie	Class 14	'Excellent progress in reading.'



PLEASE could we have any 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:

- Windmills
- Sand Toys
- Plant Pots
- Water Wheels
- Wind Chimes
- Old Musical Instruments
- Christmas Tree Baubles
- Old school trousers – aged 10 years +

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

Please can we request that children do not play on OPAL equipment after school. Children should leave the site promptly with parents at the end of the day. Thank you

House points

Every week we will report the House Points for each team at DLPS. This week each team scored:

Griffin = 199 points

Unicorn = 249 points

Minotaur = 189 points

Phoenix = 257 points

Phoenix House are the winners! Well done Phoenix 😊

Healthy Snacks/Packed Lunches

Children's packed lunches should be based on the 'Eatwell Guide' model which shows items in the 5 main food groups; (Food Standards Agency).

Bread, Rice, Potatoes, Pasta

These starchy foods are a healthy source of energy. Packed lunches should include 2 or more portions.

Fruit and Vegetables

These foods provide vitamins, minerals and fibre. Lunches should include at least 1 portion of fruit and 1 portion of vegetables / salad, or more.

Milk and Dairy foods

These foods provide calcium for healthy bones and teeth. Include 1 portion at lunch.

Meat, Fish, Eggs, Beans

These foods provide protein for growth. Packed lunches should include 1 portion of these foods.

Foods and drinks high in fat and / or sugar

It is important not to fill up on too many foods that are high in fat and / or sugar at the expense of other more nutritious foods. Limiting high fat and sugar foods will help protect young people from becoming overweight as well as helping prevent tooth decay, heart disease, stroke, and diabetes. This is why sweets, chocolate, crisps, cereal bars, fruit bars, toffee/salted popcorn, squash and fizzy drinks are no longer available in schools. Please support your school by not including these items in a packed lunch.

Please make sure to follow the guidelines above, from the local authority when preparing a packed lunch for your child. Thank you.

Spare Clothes/Uniform

Thank you for the donations provided so far. We really need any spare clothing aged 10 years+ if you have any available at home. Thank you.

REMINDER - Morning Drop Off/Afternoon Collection Times

Children must be dropped off and collected at the times below. The times have not changed since the Autumn term. It is very important that we follow the timings

<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

Events Calendar

Next week we will send out a proposed calendar of events for the rest of the Summer Term.

Date	Event	Information
W/C Monday 26 th April	Remote Parents Evening	More information will follow in a letter on Monday 19 th April 2021
Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday	SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 4 th May	School re-opens to ALL Pupils	

Thank you for your continued support.
Have a lovely weekend.

B Woods

Mrs R Woods
Head Teacher