



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Captain Tom 100 Challenge



We would like to thank all our children for taking part in the Captain Tom 100 Challenge. The Captain Tom Foundation has been set up to ensure Tom's message of hope becomes a lasting legacy. It supports causes that were close to Captain Tom's heart and remain dear to his family, these include Combating Loneliness, Championing education and equality, and Continued support for the wonderful NHS!

We have managed to raise **£249.50!!!** We are very grateful for all the donations from our families.

Children's Use of Social Media

We have become aware that some of children appear to have access to social media. Durham County Council's online safety lead has been made aware of numerous issues caused by young people behaving badly on various apps resulting in bullying, exposure to inappropriate material and children being coerced into producing child abuse images.

As a school we take this very seriously and children are taught about online safety throughout their time in school, so they develop the skills needed to keep themselves safe online. Younger children do not have the developmental awareness to be able to protect themselves online and need adult support to navigate safely, hence our concern. There is some excellent advice on <https://www.internetmatters.org/> which explains risks and setting up parental controls. The NSPCC run a website called <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> which explains the functionality and safety settings on many apps.

Because of our duty to all of the children at DLPS, we will act (which may involve logging a call with first contact) if we subsequently become aware that children are still unsupervised when accessing inappropriate content. Parents and carers are welcome to contact the school for support and advice. Here are some websites that offer further advice.

| Website | Comment |
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| www.internetmatters.org | Really useful website covering parental controls, apps and all aspects of supporting parents with technology. |
| www.net-aware.org.uk | Great website for parents, written by the NSPCC that explains about individual apps and the safety measures they have in place for children |
| https://www.childline.org.uk | The website for children to get support themselves |
| https://www.ltai.info | Support with radicalisation |
| https://www.getsafeonline.org | More for parents – this site explains how to protect yourself against online fraud – which is an increasing problem. |



2 x Parent Governor Vacancies at DLPS

There are currently two vacancies for parent governors on the governing body and I am writing to encourage you to put your name forward. Being a governor can be very rewarding, do not worry if you have no experience in education matters as full training and support is available.

Have you thought about becoming a Parent Governor?

Becoming a Parent Governor offers you the opportunity to make a real contribution to the life and work of DLPS. Governors play a key role in the leadership of DLPS and work together with our Headteacher, staff and other governors to ensure that DLPS provides a challenging and supportive environment for its pupils.

Who can be a Parent Governor?

All parents and carers of registered students are eligible to become Parent Governors. Every parent, whether or not you live with your child, is entitled to be nominated as a Parent Governor and to vote in a Parent Governor Election. Someone who has parental responsibility or day-to-day care of a pupil is also eligible to serve and to vote.

Parents/carers who have paid employment at DLPS for 500 hours per academic year or more or who are elected members of the Local Authority are not eligible to stand in these elections.

How long do Parent Governors serve for?

The usual term of office is four years from the date of appointment. If you choose to, you can complete your term of office even if your child has since left DLPS.

How are Parent Governors nominated and elected?

If you would like to put your name forward please complete the nomination and application forms and submit a statement stating why you would like to be a governor (no more than 150 words). The forms are available from [here](#). If more than one nomination is received, an election will be held and the ballot papers for this will be sent to all parents and carers.

Consett AFC

Consett AFC are counting down to the biggest day in the club's history, when they take on fellow Northern League side Hebburn Town in the FA Vase final at Wembley on May 3. We thought it would be really nice if our children could show their support for our local team! Many of our children will have links to the club. Our classes have been busy recording good luck messages for Consett AFC which will be uploaded to our school Facebook page later today. We will also be adding some 'Good luck' posters to the school gates later as well. We wish Consett AFC all the best for next Monday when they play at Wembley Stadium.

Healthy Packed Lunches

As a Healthy School, children must bring a healthy packed lunch to school. The website below has lots of easy-to-prepare ideas your children will love, as well as tips on what else to put in their lunchbox

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

Parking/Roadworks

We would like to thank the majority of parents and carers for parking safely outside of our school. We would strongly encourage our families to walk to school wherever possible, as this will ease the congestion and is very good for our physical and mental health. Walk to School week is planned for next month, so please look out for news about this next week. If you do have any issues regarding parking or roadworks outside of school, please report them to Durham County Council at <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

We would like to thank our parents and carers for engaging in conversations with teachers about your child's progress and how they have settled back into school. If you haven't managed to speak to your child's teacher this week, please email us at delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net and we will arrange to contact you.

Star of the Week

This week we our Stars of the Week will have their certificates presented in Class.

| Congratulations to | In Class | What have they been up to? |
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| Lochlaan | Nursery AM | 'Super progress with his listening on the carpet' |
| Nicol | Nursery PM | 'Great progress in her communication and speech' |
| Ebony | Class 1 | 'Fantastic hardworking attitude and excellent behaviour' |
| Finley | Class 2 | 'Fantastic attitude towards his learning' |
| Layla | Class 3 | 'Excellent work in Maths' |
| Aaron | Class 4 | 'An amazing role model to other children' |
| Kayden | Class 5 | 'Fantastic independent work with his letters and numbers' |
| Lexi | Class 6 | 'She is always smiling and is a lovely member of our class' |
| Emilia | Class 7 | 'Working extremely hard!' |
| Anamaria | Class 8 | 'An extremely kind and caring member of Class 8' |
| Oliver | Class 9 | 'He is very kind, helpful and caring' |
| Logan | Class 10 | 'Excellent work with fractions in Maths' |
| Amelia | Class 11 | 'Always working hard and trying her best' |
| Jack Sc | Class 12 | 'An excellent example of good behaviour' |
| Demi | Class 13 | 'Trying her best with any task she is given' |
| Charlie | Class 14 | 'Trying hard to improve his writing' |

House points

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

Griffin = 181 points

Unicorn = 211 points

Minotaur = 172 points

Phoenix = 176 points

Unicorn House are the winners! Well done UNICORNS!



Events Calendar

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

| Date | Event | Information |
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| Monday 3 rd May | Bank Holiday | SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Tuesday 4 th May | School re-opens to ALL Pupils | |
| Monday 10 th – Friday 14 th May | Science Week | Children in Classes 7 to 14 will be taking part in Science Week. We will share photographs via our Facebook Page. |
| Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st May | Walk to School Week | More details to follow next week |

Thank you for your continued support.
Have a lovely BANK HOLIDAY weekend, take care and stay safe.

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Mrs R Woods
Head Teacher