



# DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## LEARN, ACHIEVE, INSPIRE

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

We have had another busy week at Delves Lane Primary School. Our children continue to settle back into school life and routines, and we are focusing on developing their social skills, building relationships and encouraging lots of physical activity.

### Curriculum

Miss Kelly, our maths co-ordinator, has been viewing the children's maths books this week. She has commented that the presentation of the books was good, and children were working hard on various topics such as fractions in KS1, and KS2 and Early Years were successfully using resources to help them add up to 20.

Well done boys and girls, great work!

### Westway Vets to the Rescue

Mrs Beauvoisin and Mr Surtees turned into animal rescuers on Tuesday when two hedgehogs became trapped in some netting on our school field. The hedgehogs were blue lighted to Westway Vets who checked them over and removed the mesh. They were fed and watered and slept the afternoon away at the vets. Once they were given the all clear the hedgehogs were safely released back into the wild. You can see the video of their release on our Facebook page. Our school field is now hedgehog friendly and we hope our prickly friends continue to visit us.



### Walk to School Week – From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Next week is Walk to School Week! Walk to School Week is a five-day challenge where each pupil will be challenged to travel sustainably (walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or Park and Stride) to school every day for one week using wallchart and stickers to log their journeys. We would ask, if possible, to make arrangements so that your child/children can travel actively to school on w/c 17 May, helping our school reduce congestion and pollution around the school gates. In return, your child will earn special stickers and a badge! Walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling all count! **If you live far away from school and need to drive or take public transport, try parking the car or hopping off the bus/train ten minutes away and walking the rest of the journey.** We're really excited about the positive impact that travelling actively to school for a whole week is going to have on children and their families.



## Science Week

This week, we have been celebrating Science Week! Each class has been asked to design and create a game or activity around an area of science they are currently studying in class or are interested in. We've had great fun and the designs have all been fantastic! Although it was so hard to choose just one, a winning design has been chosen from each class and will be compiled into a video to share with other schools within our Science Partnership. We look forward to seeing what they have all been up to as well. Keep your eyes peeled for pictures and updates next week!

## Reminders!

Please ensure children have a water bottle in school every day. In between downpours the weather has been quite hot so children have needed a drink to keep cool and rehydrate. No Juice please, just water!

Could you please just do a little check every morning to make sure that children are not bringing toys into school from home. A few children are bringing in bits and pieces in bags and pockets. What is precious to one person is not so precious to the next and these toys may get lost or damaged. School cannot accept responsibility for this so it's safer for everyone if they leave things at home.

## School Summer Menu

Don't forget our school meal menu is having a revamp. This will start on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June** when we return to school. Use the link: <https://bit.ly/3vxw8ye> to select the meal option your child would like.

Please sit down with your child and choose meal options together. We want their lunch times to be a positive experience but last term had a lot of children changing their mind or saying that they didn't like the option that had been chosen for them. Unfortunately, once an option has been chosen it cannot be changed unless a parent contacts the school office to request this.

## OPAL Play

Please remember that children need to come to school in appropriate clothing as they will be going outdoors to access OPAL. The weather is very changeable so we suggest wellies or old trainers are brought into school (they can be left on your child's peg). Children also need a coat every day.

## COVID-19 News

Testing reminder for parents and carers. Does anyone in your household have coronavirus symptoms and need a test? If anyone in your household has symptoms you need to book a PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) test as soon as possible. For more information and to book a PCR test visit [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or call NHS test and trace free on 119. As coronavirus symptoms in children can vary it is advised that children who are unwell should not attend school until they are well again. If you have difficulty accessing a PCR test your school may be able to help, as most schools retain a small stock of these tests. Alternatively, Durham County Council offers support to people seeking further advice about coronavirus through the County Durham Together Community Hub, details of which can be found at [www.durham.gov.uk/covid19help](http://www.durham.gov.uk/covid19help) or by phoning **03000 260 260**

## Punctuality

Please remember to drop off and collect your child/children promptly from school each day.

Anyone who arrives after 9am will have to wait at the school gate and phone the school office for assistance. Thank you.

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

<b>Families with Siblings in Classes 11, 12, 13 &amp; 14</b>	8.35am	See class times
<b>Families with Siblings in Classes Nursery, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10</b>	8.45am	See class times

## Star of the Week

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

<b>Congratulations to</b>	<b>In Class</b>	<b>What have they been up to?</b>
Andrew-Jorge	Nursery AM	'Trying super hard to make friends and join in'
Ollie	Nursery PM	'Excellent counting outside'
Ava T	Class 1	'A big improvement in her phonics'
Millie-Mae	Class 2	'Trying her best in class this week and making good choices'
Aria	Class 3	'Showing good understanding of capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.'
Callie	Class 4	'Always trying her best and having a lovely attitude'
Victoria	Class 5	'Hard working, determined attitude'
Harry	Class 6	'Excellent fraction work'
Martyna	Class 7	'Excellent work in Maths'
Zoe	Class 8	'Fantastic progress in all areas of her learning'
Kuba	Class 9	'Always trying his best and being a great role model in Year 4'
James	Class 10	'Fantastic attitude towards his learning'
Tammy-Leigh	Class 11	'Giving really thoughtful responses in class'
Imogen	Class 12	'Outstanding work in History researching Victorian children's job'
Ryan	Class 13	'Listening carefully and trying his best'
Tyne	Class 14	'He has an excellent attitude towards his work. He is trying so hard in all lessons'

## House points

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

Griffin = 191 points

Unicorn = 265 points

Minotaur = 190 points

Phoenix = 263 points

**Unicorn House are the winners! Well done MINOTAURS!**



## Reminder - Events Calendar

We are still busy planning trips and events for the remainder of this term and will share a more detailed calendar of events in the next two weeks as we are able to book in more events.

Date	Event	Information
W/C Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Remote Parents Evening	More information will follow in a letter on Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Bank Holiday	SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	School re-opens to ALL Pupils	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Walk to School Week	See above
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Steel Works Project	In – School Event
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Meeting for Parents of Children new to 2-Year-Old Provision and Nursery in Sept 2021	Details will follow
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Steel Works Project	In – School Event
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Meeting to Parents of Children new to Reception in Sept 2021	Details will follow
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Bikeability Training for Year 6 (Classes 13 & 14)	In – School Event
Week Commencing 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Assessment Week Children need to have a good sleep and a hearty breakfast for Assessment Week	In-School Event
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 (Classes 13 & 14) Beamish Museum Trip Trip linked to work on Consett Steelworks	More details to follow

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

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Mrs R Woods  
**Head Teacher**