



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 11th June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope our families had a lovely half-term break and were able to enjoy some lovely weather. We can't believe that we only have a few weeks left of this academic year.

COVID-19

The Delta COVID-19 variant (first discovered in India) is spreading in England. Coronavirus restrictions remain in place across the country. Here is a link to the latest advice: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Our Prime Minister, Boris Johnson will update the country next Monday about COVID restrictions and whether these will be lifted on 21st June.

Face Coverings

In all schools the government continues to recommend that face coverings should be worn by parents, staff and visitors in situations outside of classrooms where social distancing is not possible. At the beginning and end of each day there are lots of parents and children entering and exiting the building, and for this reason we request that all parents and carers continue to wear face coverings until we hear further government updates. Thank you.

Attendance

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office on the first morning of your child's absence. Your child must attend school every day. Children who are regularly absent from school miss out on opportunities which can affect their life-long chances. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance please contact us, so we can work together to improve the situation.

Please see our Attendance Policy for more information: [DLPS Attendance Policy](#)

Lateness

School starts between 8.35am and 8.55am (staggered times due to the pandemic). Your child will receive a late mark if they arrive after 9.00am. If your child arrives after 9.15am, they will receive an unauthorised absence mark (U Code).

Arriving at School

When dropping off your child, please can we ask you to leave the site promptly as the main gates will be closing at 9am. If you need to speak to your child's class teacher, please contact the school office to make an appointment. Thank you.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19 - A Reminder of Procedures

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child develops any of these symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home and you should arrange a PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) test for them.

Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>



If your child has developed symptoms, all other household members must begin to self-isolate, this means staying at home, not going to work, school or public areas, even for exercise. When you receive the result of your child's PCR test, further advice will be provided via the NHS Test and Trace Service.

Internet Safety

Our PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) Mark Rogers has been visiting school this week to discuss Internet Safety. He will be visiting Classes 12,13 and 14 this half term.

TIK TOK

It has come to our attention that there may well be inappropriate content that has been shared on the social media platform TikTok. May we take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that TikTok has an age rating of 12+, and therefore should not be used by pupils of Delves Lane Primary School. Attached is a poster: 'What parents need to know about TIKTOK'.

End of the School Day

Children should not be playing on equipment when they have been collected by a parent or carer at the end of the school. This is for health and safety reasons.

Sun Screen

As the sunny weather continues, parents are encouraged and reminded to ensure that high factor/8-hour sun screen is applied to children before school on hot days. A sunhat which shades eyes/noses and the back of the neck is also advisable. Please see our Sun Safety Policy for further information: [DLPS Sun Safety Policy](#)

Appropriate footwear

Please can we remind parents and carers that children must wear appropriate sturdy school shoes every day to participate safely in activities. Sandals and flip flops are not suitable for school.

Afterschool Clubs

The children have been very excited about the return of after-school clubs. It's lovely to see them enjoying a range of activities after school again. Thank you to all the staff who have helped to plan, organise and run clubs.

Mini Police

The Mini Police had a fabulous time this week. They explored the police van and tried on police uniforms. Miss Baxter was impressed with their good behaviour. Well done Mini-Police!

House points

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

Griffin = 285 points

Unicorn = 223 points

Minotaur = 233 points

Phoenix = 256 points

Griffin House are the winners! Well done Griffin!



Calendar of Event Calendar – Summer 2021

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
Tuesday 15 th June	Class 7 & 8 Visit to Botanic Gardens	Details to follow
Wednesday 16 th June	PCSO Mark Rogers working with Class 12	In School Event
Thursday 17 th June	Year 6 Steel Works Project (Classes 13 & 14)	In School Event
Monday 21 st June	World Music Day	In School Event
Monday 21 st June	Class 5 & 6 Visit The Botanic Gardens, Durham University	Details have been sent to parents
Tuesday 22 nd June	Class 3 & 4 (Year 1) Visit to Wolsingham Park	Details will follow
Wednesday 23 rd June	PCSO Mark Rogers working with Class 13	In School Event
Thursday 24 th June	Class 3 & 4 (Year 1) Vision Screening	Details will follow
Thursday 24 th June	Year 6 Steel Works Project	In – School Event
Thursday 24 th June	Meeting for Parents of Children new to Reception in Sept 2021	Details will follow
Week Commencing 28 th June	Assessment Week Children need to have a good sleep and a hearty breakfast for Assessment Week	In-School Event
Monday 28 th June to Thursday 1 st July	Bikeability Training for Year 6 (Classes 13 & 14)	In – School Event
Tuesday 29 th June	Meeting for Parents of Children new to Nursery in September 2021	3.45pm Infant School Hall
Wednesday 30 th June	PCSO Mark Rogers working with Class 14	In School Event
Friday 2 nd July	Letter to Parents re New September Classes	Details to follow
Friday 2 nd July	Year 6 (Classes 13 & 14) Beamish Museum Trip Trip linked to work on Consett Steelworks	More details to follow
Monday 5 th July	Class 13 & 14 (Year 6) Trip to Kingshouse Wood	Details have been sent to parents
Monday 5 th July	Sports Events	9.45am Nursery AM 1.45pm Nursery PM
Tuesday 6 th July	Sports Events	9.15am Classes 3,4,5,6 2.00pm Classes 1,2
Wednesday 7 th July	Sports Events	9.15am Classes 7,8,9,10 1.15pm Classes 11,12,13,14
Thursday 8 th July	Year 6 Steel Works Project	In School Event
Thursday 8 th & Friday 9 th July	Whole School Moving Up Days	In School Event
Friday 9 th July	School Reports to Parents & Carers	Parents will receive School Report via email and text alert will be sent. If Parents/Carers would like a paper copy, please contact the school office.
Monday 12 th July	Summer House Reward Trip	Details to follow
Wednesday 14 th July	Year 6 (Class 13 & 14) Steelworks Presentation	Details to follow
Wednesday 14 th July	Durham Music Service – Brass Band to visit DLPS To be confirmed	1pm In School Event
Thursday 15 th July	Year 6 (Class 13 & 14) Leavers Service/Picnic	Details to follow
Thursday 15 th July	Durham Music Service – Brass Band to visit DLPS To be confirmed	1pm In School Event
Friday 16 th July	End of Summer Term for Pupils	Last day of term
Monday 19 th & Tuesday 20 th July	PD (Professional Development) Days for Staff	School closed to children Training Days for Staff

Wednesday 1 st and Thursday 2 nd September 2021	PD (Professional Development) Days for Staff	School closed to children Training Days for Staff
Friday 3 rd September 2021	School Opens to Children	Welcome back to children in ALL classes

Death of our beloved Mr Thornton

Our school community was very saddened to hear that our wonderful friend and colleague, Steve Thornton died suddenly on the 18th May. Steve was a much-valued member of staff and a popular and committed teacher, who cared deeply about the children at DLPS.

Mr Thornton started his teaching career at DLPS in 2003 and after taking early retirement, returned to us as our regular supply teacher until October 2019. He was a very kind and caring man and had a great sense of humour, he was always full of fun and mischief and we will miss him so much.

We have sent our deepest condolences to his wife Jill and their family. I have spoken to Jill and she will be visiting school to discuss a fitting school memorial for Steve. If anyone would like to make a donation in memory of Mr Thornton, these can be sent into school. All donations will be going to the RAF Benevolent Fund, a charity close to Steve and Jill's hearts, who helped them so much as a family, when they were both serving in the RAF.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope our children and families have a lovely weekend.

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