



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 18th June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

This week Classes 7 & 8 went on their trip to the Botanic Gardens in Durham. It has been lovely to see our children go out on visits again. There are lots of exciting visits ahead this term.

Class 7 & 8 visit to Botanic Gardens, Durham

Our Year 3 children had a fantastic time on their trip at the Botanical Gardens on Tuesday. Children loved the quiz trail where they discovered exciting facts about habitats and ecology. They especially enjoyed the produce from the Theobroma (chocolate) plant. They were lucky enough to feed the sheep, hold a stick insect and dissect an insectivorous plant! Look out for some fantastic photographs on our Facebook Page.

Year 6 News (Classes 13 & 14) - Our Consett Steelworks Project

This week, the children in Year 6 began working on the Consett Steelworks Project.

Peter, Christine and Issy (from Building Self-Belief CIO) spent yesterday in school with the children helping them to learn about the history of the steelworks company and its impact on the town. They brought in lots of old photographs and magazines showing Consett in the olden days.

Clean Air Day 2021

To celebrate 'Clean Air Day 2021' our children in Year 6 (Classes 13 & 14) designed some fantastic posters to campaign for top quality air in our local environment. Well done Year 6!

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 announced last Monday, that due to an increase in the number of infections, the country would not move to Step 4 lifting of restrictions until Friday 19th July. This means that we will not be able to invite parents into school for events, for example Sports Days, this term. We will instead film and photograph school events and ensure you all receive a copy, if you have given consent to photographs. We are very sorry for any inconvenience this causes.

Reminder - Punctuality

School starts between 8.35 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).

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>



Children with Nut Allergies

We have an increasing number of pupils in our school who have nut allergies. Anaphylaxis (allergic reaction) can occur as a result of digestion, inhalation or any other contact with nut-based products.

For their safety, all nut-based products are prohibited from the school premises.

From this point forward, please do not send your child into school with any nut-based products that may contain traces of nuts:

Potential allergens could include the following:

- Spreads, e.g. chocolate spread
- Cereal bars
- Some types of biscuit containing nuts
- Condiments, e.g. satay sauce
- Cakes containing nuts
- Some snack pots containing nuts

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Sun Screen/Sun Hats

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. Children should also wear a sun hat or cap for protection from the hot weather. Please see our Sun Safety Policy for further information: [DLPS Sun Safety Policy](#)

REMINDER PE Arrangements

Children should wear appropriate PE kits to school on the days they have PE lessons.

Please see the table below for the day your child should wear their PE kit.

Class	PE Day
Nursery AM	Friday
Nursery PM	Friday
Class 1	Mondays & Thursday
Class 2	Mondays & Thursday
Class 3	Tuesday
Class 4	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

The appropriate school PE kit is the same for both boys and girls and is available to be purchased from the following website: <https://sandnworkwear.co.uk/school-wear/Delves%20Lane>

Cold weather PE kits can be worn in the colder months.

Appropriate PE kit includes:

- Plain sky-blue or white t-shirt
- Plain navy-blue shorts.
- All black plimsolls or appropriate sports footwear.
- Plain navy-blue hoody – cold weather only.
- Plain navy-blue jogging bottoms – cold weather only.

Children should not be wearing crop tops, denim shorts, or inappropriate clothing for PE. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Class 11 Swimming Lesson 24th June

Children in Class 11 will be going Swimming on Thursday 24th June. Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit to school. Thank you.

Parking/Roadworks

We would like to thank the majority of parents and carers for parking safely outside of our school. Sadly, we are still receiving complaints from local residents about double parking and blocking pavements. Can we politely request that when dropping off and picking up children, you always park legally and with consideration for others.

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. Parents parking in the street adjacent to the school must not park next to a single yellow line. Please report illegal parking 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.

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?
Emilee	Nursery AM	'Using her voice in nursery.'
Riley	Nursery PM	'Trying hard to paint over the letters of his name.'
Emily	Class 1	'A fantastic, hard-working attitude in school.'
Riley G	Class 2	'Super effort in is reading and writing.'
Caedmon	Class 3	'Good reading skills.'
Tahlia	Class 4	'Settled in amazingly in Class 4.'
Nieve	Class 5	'A fantastic attitude towards her work.'
Leandra	Class 6	'Hard work in Literacy.'
Lily H	Class 7	'Suberb attitude to learning this week.'
Lizzie-May	Class 8	'Being extremely kind and caring towards her friends.'
Brianna M	Class 9	'Always trying her best and being so happy and positive.'
Heidi	Class 10	'Being a kind, considerate and helpful member of class 10'
Ellie W	Class 11	'Putting great effort into her work this week'
Jack Se	Class 12	'Joining in with the class when learning about shape'
Alfie W	Class 13	'Listening carefully an working extremely hard'
Evie T-R	Class 14	'Working so hard in all subjects.'

House points

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

Griffin = 224 points

Unicorn = 203 points

Minotaur = 216 points

Phoenix = 323 points

Phoenix House are the winners! Well done!



Calendar of Event Calendar – Summer 2021

Here is the most up to date Calendar of Events for the remainder of this term.

Date	Event	Information
Monday 21 st June	World Music Day	In School Event
Monday 21 st June	Class 5 & 6 Trip to Botanic Gardens, Durham	Details sent out to parents/carers
Tuesday 22 nd June	Class 3 & 4 (Year 1) Visit to Wolsingham Park	Details sent out to parents/carers
Tuesday 22 nd June	Whole School Non-Uniform Day – Wear bright and colourful clothes today	Details sent in a separate letter via email on 18 th June 2021
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 to Parents of Children new to Reception in Sept 2021	Details will follow Zoom Meeting
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 2-Year-Old Provision and Nursery in Sept 2021	Details will follow Zoom Meeting
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	Details sent out to parents/carers
Monday 5 th July	Class 13 & 14 (Year 6) Trip to Kingshouse Wood	Details sent out to parents/carers
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
Wednesday 7 th July	Nursery AM Trip to Adventure Valley	Details to follow
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 – In School Event	Details to follow

Tuesday 13 th July	Year 4 (Class 9 & 10) Moor House Adventure Centre Trip	Details to follow
Wednesday 14 th July	Year 6 (Class 13 & 14) Steelworks Presentation	Details to follow Zoom Meeting for Parents/Carers
Wednesday 14 th July	Nursery PM Trip to Adventure Valley	Details to follow
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

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

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Head Teacher