



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we draw to the close of this school year (I can't believe it!), I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. This last year has been exceptionally challenging for everybody in our school community, but we have all worked tirelessly together to ensure that we could continue to provide the very best education and support for all our children and families.

I am extremely proud of our DLPS family and how we continue to work together through the ups and downs of this pandemic. The messages of support and feedback have kept us smiling and positive – thank you!

Year 6 Leavers

Our children have had a fun-filled final week at DLPS. On Monday they visited Beamish Museum as part of their Steelworks Project. The children learned all about the lives of the men and women who worked at the Steelworks and the miners who supplied the coal for the giant furnaces. After lunch, the children really enjoyed going on the rides at the Victorian Funfair and receiving a bag of sweets from the Beamish Sweetshop. It was a great trip and they honestly didn't even notice the rain!

On Wednesday they had a fantastic time exploring the range of outdoor and adventurous activities on offer at Dukeshouse Wood! During an action-packed day, they shared lots of fun and laughs with their friends whilst putting their nerves to the test on some of the more adventurous activities such as the high ropes course and gigantic 3G swing. They also got to test their skills with a bow on the archery range and even tried the deceptively tricky Jacob's ladder which pushed their teamworking skills to the limit. Well done to all the children who were fantastic all day, encouraging and cheering on one another throughout!

Follow the link to our school website where you can find many more pictures of the children in action...

<https://www.delveslaneprimary.durham.sch.uk/.../kingswoo.../>

Throughout the last year, our children in Classes 13 and 14 have been exceptional. They have worked incredibly hard on a project about Consett Steelworks, the poems and art they have created is excellent! We can't believe they are all off to secondary school in September. They have been excellent role models to our younger children and should feel extremely proud of all they have achieved throughout their time at DLPS. Every one of our Year 6 children are a credit to themselves, their families and our school family and we wish them a happy and successful transition to secondary education.

Remember Year 6, this poem by Caitlin Peterson:

Life is a journey, just so you know.
It's up to you to decide where to go.
Up a mountain, or down a hill, people will
always go where they will. Spend your time
alone or spend it with others, as long as you're
happy, that's all that matters.

Good bye and good luck Year 6! Please come back and tell us how you are getting on in your new school!



Mrs Shaw, Special Educational Needs Coordinator

You may have noticed in our new class letter recently, that Mrs Shaw wasn't assigned to a class. This is because she will be working at DLPS for 2.5 days per week from September. Mrs Shaw will work on Special Educational Needs for two days and support in class for a half day every week. We will miss Mrs Shaw working full-time, but we are very glad she is staying with us!

Community Events

We have added some Summer Holiday Activities to our Facebook Page. Please have a look at these, as there may be something that might be of interest to you!

Sports Day Events at DLPS this week

This week our children have been taking part in their annual sports days. All the children had a fantastic time taking part in the wide range of sporting activities on offer, from an action-packed set of activities for our early year's classes to various track and field events for KS1 and KS2 pupils.

It has been fantastic to see the children getting outdoors and demonstrating what excellent sporting talent we have at our school. Well done to all the children who took part to make each event such a success!

Follow the link below to check out the children in action:

<https://www.delveslanepriamary.durham.sch.uk/pupils/sports-day-2017-18/>

Ice Cream Van Visit

All our children enjoyed a lovely ice-cream to celebrate their last day of term. This went down a storm with everyone!

Pupil of the Year

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?
Skander	Nursery AM	'Improving so much in nursery and always having a smile on his face'
Jaime-Leigh	Nursery PM	'We have watched her confidence grow and she is a perfect role model to her peers'
Ebony W	Class 1	'Fantastic behaviour and a great attitude to learning'
Amber	Class 2	'For being so hard working, always making the right choice and for being a wonderful little girl'
Ebony H	Class 3	'For being an amazing student who has shown dedication and enthusiasm'
Lola	Class 4	'Trying her best with every task even if she is a little unsure'
Emily	Class 5	'For being a hardworking, friendly, mature and caring member of Class 5'
Martin	Class 6	'A fantastic attitude to his work. He has made amazing progress this year!'
Matilda	Class 7	'Looking out for others and her calm and friendly attitude'
Scarlett	Class 8	'Amazing progress this year. She has really matured into an independent superstar learner'
Olivia	Class 9	'An amazing attitude to school work all year, whether she has been in school or working from home'
Kenzie	Class 10	'Exceptional progress this year. Kenzie worked hard at home during lockdown and in school'
Tiffanie	Class 11	'Working so hard and trying her best with everything'

Zuzanna	Class 12	'A constant shining example of what we expect at our school'
Maddison	Class 13	'An excellent attitude towards her learning at all times'
Daniel	Class 14	'Trying his very best even with subjects he finds challenging. He is a fantastic member of our class'

COVID-19 Update

We will write to you again before we return to school in September, with any important updates and advice about how school will operate. Thank you.

Arrangements for September

We will continue with our staggered times to the start and the end of the school day when we return in September. We will send out a reminder of these times, PE Days, and other important information in August.

Calendar of Events as of Friday 16th July

Here is the latest Calendar of Events for the remainder of this term. We will be sending out our Calendar of Events in September for next year.

Date	Event	Information
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

Teacher Training Days

We have training organised for staff on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd September. Children will return to school on Friday 3rd September for a transition week with their new teacher. They have lots of exciting activities to look forward to.

A very big 'THANK YOU' for all our Staff Gifts

We have been truly overwhelmed as a staff for all the generous gifts you have sent in over the last few days. We can't thank you enough for them, they make us feel so appreciated. Our DLPS community are so kind and thoughtful, and we will always be very proud to serve our children and families. Thank you again!

Goodbye to Mrs Bridgewater

We are very sad to be saying Goodbye to Mrs Bridgewater. She has been such kind, dedicated, caring and valued member of our team for many years. We cannot thank her enough for her commitment to DLPS. She will be such a miss, having supported so many children over the years. We hope Mrs Bridgewater enjoys spending more time with her family. We wish her all the very best for her next adventure!

THANKYOU MRS BRIDGEWATER FOR EVERYTHING!

Finally, we would like to wish you all a fantastic Summer Holiday. We hope you all enjoy some precious family time!

Take care,

R Woods

Mrs R Woods
Head Teacher