



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

All our children and staff have had a lovely first week back. We are really impressed with the way the children have settled well into their new classes.

Home Reading

At Delves Lane Primary School we are determined that every child will learn to read.

We are delighted that we are able to give each child from Year 1 to Year 6 a drawstring bag so they can bring their reading books home and back to school safely.

Every child has been allocated a reading book, a reading record and a bag to take home and return to school each day. We cannot stress the importance of your support in encouraging your child to read and for you to listen to them read at home.

Every child **MUST** bring their reading book to school each day. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be using their reading books in their Accelerated Reading lesson every morning. Year 1 and 2 will be heard as much as possible so they can make fantastic progress.

The teachers have impressed the importance of bringing their books in each day to the children. Classes will be offering various rewards and we will be introducing a Reader of The Week award in Celebration Assembly each Friday for all classes soon.

Statistics show that one in five children in England cannot read well by the age of 11 and that children from disadvantaged backgrounds are on average almost three years behind those

Research shows that reading can promote better health and wellbeing, aids in building social connections and relationships with others and is associated with a range of factors that help increase

Year 6 children will be coming home with their Reading Books and bags on Monday 13th September.



Introducing School Gateway App to Delves Lane Primary School

We are very excited to be introducing School Gateway to DLPS – a parent engagement app that will allow you to access communication from school at anytime from anywhere.

Remember, download School Gateway to make keeping up-to-date with what's going on at school effortless. The app is FREE and saves our school money!!

To stay up to date with what's going on at school make sure you download the app for free. Just search School Gateway in your App store and download.

Apple iPhone users, download the app here:

schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload

Android phone users, download the app here:

schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload

Your login details will be your email address and mobile number of the main contact given to School, so please make sure the details we hold for you are up to date.

If you would like to update your contact information or are having any difficulties logging into the app please contact us by sending an email to delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net

IMPORTANT Emergency contact information

If you have moved house, changed your contact number/email address, or your listed contacts change, please forward this information to our Admin Team this week. If you are a family who require two sets of important information, you must inform us of this. If you are a parent who does not live with your child, we can post or email important information to your address, i.e. school reports/newsletters.

Class Names

Have you got to grips with our new Class details? Here is a reminder below:

Class	Year	Teacher
SAPLINGS	Nursery AM	Miss K Taylor
SEEDLINGS	Nursery PM	Mrs K Moody
CHERRY	Reception	Mrs A Randell
HAZEL	Year 1	Miss G Forbes
HAWTHORN	Year 1	Miss H Kirkbride
MAPLE	Year 2	Miss V Kelly
JUNIPER	Year 2	Mrs A Schenker/Mrs L Stevens
WILLOW	Year 3	Mrs L Crompton
POPLAR	Year 3	Mr N Jones
BIRCH	Year 4	Mr A McMeiken
ELM	Year 4	Miss K Hedge
PINE	Year 5	Miss E Jones
ASH	Year 5	Miss A Smith
BEECH	Year 6	Mr C Turnbull
OAK	Year 6	Mrs M Donnelly

Healthy Packed Lunches

At DLPS, we promote a Healthy Packed Lunch. We recommend that your child's lunch box should contain:

- carbohydrate, such as bread, rice, pasta with a protein source, such as meat, fish, chicken or vegetarian alternative;
- some salad and a piece of fruit;
- a bit of dairy, such as yoghurt, milk drink or cheese and a scrummy snack like dried fruit or vegetable sticks;
- a drink (avoid sugary carbonated pop) – go for thirst-quenching chilled water, semi-skimmed milk, sugar-free cordial or fruit juice.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Staggered Drop Off and Collection Times

<u>Year Groups</u>	<u>School Start Time</u>	<u>End/Collection Time</u>
Nursery AM Saplings	8.45am	11.45am
Nursery PM Seedlings	12.15pm	3.05pm
Reception - Cherry	8.45am	3.05pm
Year 1 & 2 – Hazel, Hawthorn, Maple, Juniper	8.55am	3.15pm
Year 3 & 4 – Willow, Poplar, Birch, Elm	8.45am	3.05pm
Year 5 & 6 – Pine, Ash, Beech, Oak	8.35am	2.55pm
Families with Siblings in Pine, Ash, Beech, Oak	8.35am	See class times
Families with Siblings in all other classes	8.45am	See class times

Breakfast Club and After School Childcare Club

Parents and Carers MUST pre-book and pre-pay for this provision. Parents can email or telephone school to book a place.

Children MUST arrive at the main school gate between 7.50 and 8am each day for Breakfast Club. Mrs Testo or Mrs Shield will meet children at the gate each day.

After School Childcare is available Monday to Thursday each week between 3.15pm and 5.30pm.

The cost of Breakfast Club is £2 per day and After School Childcare is £7 per day. Thank you.

Uniform

A reminder that uniform is a pale blue polo shirt or blouse, a blue jumper or cardigan, black, navy blue or grey trousers or skirt or a blue checked dress. This can be with or without school logos. All footwear is to be plain black shoes or plain black trainers. Uniform can be ordered from <https://sandnworkwear.co.uk/Delves%20Lane>

PLEASE MARK ALL CLOTHING WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME, OR WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO RETURN LOST ITEMS TO THEIR RIGHTFUL OWNER. THANK YOU.

PE Kits

Children will continue to wear their PE kit to school on PE Days.

PE Day	Classes
Monday	Juniper and Maple (Year 2) Birch and Elm (Year 4) Beech and Oak (Year 6) Swimming starts from 13 th September
Tuesday	Cherry (Reception) and Juniper (Year 2) Pine and Ash (Year 5)
Wednesday	Hazel and Hawthorn (Year 1) Willow and Poplar (Year 3)
Thursday	Maple (Year 2) Beech and Oak (Year 6)
Friday	Saplings and Seedlings (Nursery)

House Points

Well done to all our House Teams this week.

Griffin = 127 points

Unicorn = 127 points

Minotaur = 183 points

Phoenix = 141 points

Minotaur House are the winners!!!

Thank you for your continued support, we hope you have a lovely weekend.

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Mrs R Woods

Head Teacher