



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 24th September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

It has been another lovely week, and one of the highlights has been seeing all our children enjoying the OPAL Play provision. They have loved spending time with their friends and making the most of our school grounds.

Captain Chemistry

This week, our Key Stage 2 children have been very lucky to have some exciting science workshops with Captain Chemistry to kick start this year's science topics! He brought some amazing activities for us to try, from making a digestive system to launching rockets! We had loads of fun and learned so much! Have a look at next week's newsletter and our school's Facebook page to find out exactly what each year group got up to! There has been some great feedback from our children in WILLOW, POPLAR, BIRCH, ELM, PINE, ASH, BEECH and OAK classes.

Cross Country Trial at Delves Lane

This week a group of boys and girls from Years 5 and 6 took part in the first Derwentside cross country trial of the year, which was held at our school. They competed against pupils from a wide range of local primary schools and were excellent ambassadors for our school. A big well done to all the children involved, who showed great endeavour and determination throughout; doing their very best for Team Delves!



Parent and Carer Survey

We would like to collect your views about DLPS. We welcome all feedback and are keen to hear your views. Please can we encourage you to complete our Parent and Carer Survey. The survey will be sent out via text today and will close on Thursday 30th September at 4pm. Thank you.



New Relationships and Behaviour Policy

At DLPS, we have a new Relationships and Behaviour Policy. This is available on our school website. Here is a link to our new policy: <https://bit.ly/3CGREnJ>

DLPS Star of the Week & Reader of the Week!

We are so proud of all our DLPS STARS this week.

Class	Reader of the Week	Star of the Week
Saplings	Coming soon...	Thomas B
Seedlings	Coming soon...	Ollie B
Cherry	Coming soon...	Lucas B
Hazel	Blair	Thomas W
Hawthorn	Kayelisha	Darcy
Maple	Michael	Emmie G
Juniper	Ella C	Layla G
Willow	Kai M	Chloe
Poplar	Casper	Cory-Wil
Birch	Zoe	Ella W
Elm	Brooke T	Eva G
Pine	Olivia	Milena
Ash	Noah	Bridie
Beech	Jack Sc	Caitlin
Oak	Alfie H	Leah H

Morning Duty

Every morning from 8.35am, one of our senior leaders will be at the gate to answer any queries and welcome our families into school.

Monday	Mrs Woods, Headteacher
Tuesday	Miss Webb, Deputy Headteacher
Wednesday	Mrs Shaw, Special Educational Needs Coordinator
Thursday	Miss Webb, Deputy Headteacher
Friday	Mrs Woods, Headteacher

COVID News

We have seen a rise in the number of COVID cases we have in our school community. Our new DLPS COVID-19 Risk Assessment is available on our website. Here is a link to this important document: <https://bit.ly/3kzvygK>

Please remember that:

- Parents and Carers who call into the main school office **MUST** wear a mask
- Children should not come into school if they have COVID symptoms
- Please remember to use our **ONE WAY SYSTEM** when entering and leaving our school

Virtual Parents Evening

Our Parents Evening will be held on Monday 11th October 2021. Delves Lane Primary School has introduced 'School Cloud', a new initiative and easy to use online appointment booking system to allow parents and carers to meet

one-to-one with teachers in the form of an online, video meeting. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointments. You shall then be able to login remotely on the evening and join meetings with teachers. We are confident this will be a success, and give you the opportunity to speak to your child's teacher at a convenient time. We welcome any feedback. More details will be included in a separate letter coming out next week.

Gateway App for Delves Lane Primary School

Have you signed up for our new School Gateway to DLPS – a parent engagement app that will allow you to access communication from school at anytime from anywhere.

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

School Holidays 2021 to 2022

Holiday	Closing Date	Date school re-opens for teaching purposes
Summer Holiday 2021	Friday 16 th July	Friday 3 rd September
October Half Term Holiday	Friday 22 nd October	Tuesday 2 nd November
Christmas Holiday	Friday 17 th December	Wednesday 5 th January
February Half Term Holiday	Friday 18 th February	Monday 28 th February
Easter Holiday	Friday 8 th April	Monday 25 th April
May Day Holiday	Friday 29 th April	Tuesday 3 rd May
Summer Half Term Holiday	Friday 27 th May	Monday 6 th June
Summer Holiday 2022	Wednesday 20 th July	Date to be confirmed

Teacher Training Days

School will be **closed** to children on the following days:

Monday 1st November 2021

Friday 3rd December 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Calendar of Events

Attached to this letter are the Calendar of Events for the Autumn Term. We have a number of parent meetings taking place this term. These will take place via ZOOM. All meetings will be recorded and will be emailed out to parents who are unable to join the online meeting live. Meeting information will be sent out the day before each meeting is scheduled to take place. Thank you.

House Points

Well done to all our House Teams this week.

Griffin = points

Unicorn = points

Minotaur = points

Phoenix = points

House are the winners!!!

We are very proud to serve the community of DLPS. Thank you for your continued support.

R Woods

Mrs R Woods

Head Teacher