



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a lovely to see children settle back into school life. Our children are thoroughly enjoying their outdoor play. Please can you make sure they have warm winter coats and wellies/old trainers to access the field. Thank you.

COVID Update

We have been advised that there have been a number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the school. NHS test and trace will be in contact with individuals who have been identified as a close contact to let them know if they are legally required to self-isolate, and to provide further advice.

We have sought advice from our local Public Health team and in line with our contingency plan, which all schools are required by the DfE to have in place, we will be re-introducing face coverings. These have been reintroduced as national guidance in communal areas for staff

Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19

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 does develop symptoms, they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known. Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). if positive, the child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared.

If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

If your child has a positive test result but does not have symptoms they should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from the date the positive test was taken.

It is now possible to end self-isolation after 7 days, following 2 negative LFD tests taken 24 hours apart. The first LFD test should not be taken before the sixth day.

This isolation period will be extended if they go on to develop symptoms by counting 10 full days from the day following their symptom onset.

What to do if there is a case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in your household?

- PCR testing for all adults who are not exempt from self-isolation if they are a close contact of a positive case and are required to self-isolate*.
- Daily LFT testing for 7 days for any adult or primary pupil aged 5yrs and older who is a household contact of a positive case and is exempt from isolation and continues to attend school. The testing of primary age pupils is at parental discretion. Testing should start from the day the household member has symptoms or if they don't have symptoms from when they tested positive*.

*Note: People who have tested positive with a PCR test within the last 90 days should not be encouraged to test unless they develop new symptoms

Help, support, and further information

To help you comply with the requirement to self-isolate, the County Durham Together Community Hub can provide access to essential supplies, financial support and emotional support as well as other services. Please visit www.durham.gov.uk/covid19help or call the Community Hub on 03000 260260 for further details.

There is also support available the coronavirus section via durhamlocate.org.uk

Water Bottles

Our children are encouraged to drink water during the school day to keep them hydrated. The children can only have water in their bottles - no juice or flavoured water please.

Home Reading

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

We have been 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 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.

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 9.05am. If your child arrives after 9.15am, they will receive an unauthorised absence mark (U Code)

Please can you ensure that your child arrives at school on time.

Staggered Drop off and collection Times for Children – Summer First Half Term

Children must be dropped off and collected at the times below. Times haven't changed since the Autumn Term.

<u>Year Groups</u>	<u>School Start Time</u>	<u>End/Collection Time</u>
Nursery AM	8.45am	11.45am
Nursery PM	12.15pm	3.05pm
Reception (Class 1 & 2)	8.45am	3.05pm
Year 1 & 2 (Classes 3,4,5,6)	8.55am	3.15pm
Year 3 & 4 (Classes 7,8,9,10)	8.45am	3.05pm
Year 5 & 6 (Classes 11,12,13 14)	8.35am	2.55pm
Families with Siblings in Classes 11, 12, 13 & 14	8.35am	See class times
Families with Siblings in Classes Nursery, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	8.45am	See class times

DLPS Star of the Week

Well done to our incredible DLPS STARS from last week.

Congratulations	In Class	What have they been up to?
Robyn	SAPLINGS	For having a great first week back in nursery.
Archie-John	SEEDLINGS	For being a fantastic listener and always trying his best
Zuzanna	CHERRY	For always working hard and being a super independent.
Oliver	HAZEL	For amazing writing in literacy.
Daniel	HAWTHORN	For his fantastic attitude towards his learning and behaviour.
Aria	MAPLE	For her excellent behaviour and hard working attitude in lessons
Tahlia	JUNIPER	For always setting an excellent example with her behaviour in school.
Leona	WILLOW	For being a helpful and caring member of Willow class.
Kelvin	POPLAR	For his excellent work in maths.
Martyna	BIRCH	For her outstanding geography work
Emilia	ELM	For always having a positive attitude to all of her learning.
Jack M	PINE	For working very hard. He's been contributing lots of ideas in class
Kenzie	ASH	For being a wonderful friend to everybody.
Leighton W	BEECH	For working very hard in class. Leighton listens carefully during lessons, tries her very best with any task
Lilly	OAK	for her excellent behaviour in class. She is always sensible and hard-working.



DLPS Reader of the Week

At Delves Lane Primary we believe that being able to read and write is an essential life skill that enables us to express ourselves and a one which opens the door to the rest of the curriculum and life opportunities. We are extremely proud of our Readers of the week! These are our Readers from last week!

Congratulations to	In Class
Lily-Mae	CHERRY
Jorgie	HAZEL
Riley	HAWTHORN
Scarlett	MAPLE
Paula-Louise	JUNIPER
Chloe	WILLOW
Natalia	POPLAR
Ella	BIRCH
Liam	ELM
Melissa	PINE
Grace	ASH
Zuzanna	BEECH
Kai	NIKOLA

House Points

Well done to all our House Teams this week.

Griffin = 265 points

Unicorn = 288 points

Minotaur = 316 points

Phoenix = 285 points

Minotaur House are the winners, congratulations!

Action for Happiness - Monthly calendars

Action for Happiness have produced monthly calendars, which are packed with actions you can take to help create a happier and kinder world.

Below is the calendar for January 2022: Daily actions to help you make yourself and others happier.

I hope our families will have a go at some of the suggestions.

Happier January 2022

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Find three things to look forward to this year	2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself	3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day	4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why	5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths	6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe	7 Learn something new and share it with others
8 Say positive things to the people you meet today	9 Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors)	10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why	11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime	12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat	13 Take a different route today and see what you notice	14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today
15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful	16 Contribute positively to your local community	17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes	18 Get back in contact with an old friend	19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough	20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge	21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone
22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you	23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment	24 Take a small step towards an important goal	25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down	26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today	27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside	28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently
29 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better	30 See how many people you can smile at today	31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future				

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Thank you for your continued support.

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