



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

Friday 9th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope all our children and families had a lovely half term holiday. We are all looking forward to some exciting events this half term. Please take a look at our Calendar of Events for more information <https://rb.gy/jotum>

Health and Wellbeing Days

Article 24-every child has the right to the best possible health.

Last half-term, our children and staff took part in two Health and Wellbeing Days to promote good physical and mental health across the school. Our theme was centred around developing a growth mindset, being physically active and learning about healthy food.

So, what is a growth mindset?

Simply put, a growth mindset is believing that your brain can grow and you can learn many new things. You are not born smart; you become smart. It encourages a passion for learning and helps children to feel more confident when facing new challenges.

Throughout the school, the children took part in lots of different activities including yoga sessions, mindfulness walks, guided meditations, skipping lessons and workshops to develop their confidence and resilience.

Cookery

Every child in school had the opportunity to take part in a cookery workshop delivered by Creative Kitchens. Our healthy eating theme was 'rainbow foods' and the children made some fantastic dishes such as chilled rainbow pots (Early Years), rainbow baked pasta (KS1), yogurt pizzas (Years 3 and 4) and a vegetable stir-fry (Years 5 and 6). The children loved making (and eating!) their dishes and learnt so much about selecting and trying different fruits and vegetables and how to prepare simple, healthy dishes all by themselves.

Year 6 visit to Durham Cathedral

Today, our Year 6 children attended the Leavers' Service at Durham Cathedral.

This service takes place every year and helps the children to celebrate their journey from primary to secondary school. Lots of schools from across County Durham attend the service and the children come together to take part in a range of activities which encourage them to reflect on all they have achieved so far and to prepare them for the next, exciting step in their educational journey.

The children really enjoyed their visit this morning and their behaviour was excellent. Well done to both Beech and Oak Classes from Mrs Donnelly and Mr Turnbull!



Early Years

Welcome to Early Years at Delves Lane Primary School ☺ It is our aim to offer the best start for our children through creating an engaging, exciting and open-ended environment which supports our children to progress and develop in their play and learning. Developing friendships and relationships with our children, families and the wider community is at the heart of everything that we do and this is fundamental to our children's development and well-being.

We offer a curriculum which addresses the skills that are required to make progress and focuses on what our children here at Delves Lane Primary School need in order to grow and develop as confident, independent and resilient learners.

Please contact our school for more information on admissions and visits to take a look around our setting.

You can take a virtual tour here of our Nursery and Early Years outdoor environments.

[Virtual indoor tour of Nursery](#)

[Virtual outdoor tour of Nursery & Reception](#)

Derwentside District Cricket Competition

This week a group of our Year 6 boys represented our school at the district cricket finals held at Lintz Cricket Club. This competition saw the coming together of the top four teams from the Derwentside area to compete for a place in the Durham County Finals. This was the first time a team from our school has qualified to take place in this event and although results didn't fall our way on the day, the children performed fantastically throughout demonstrating some really great cricketing skill. They worked well together as a team, encouraging one another and should be very proud of all their efforts. Well done boys!



Year 6 Residential Visit 2023-24 (Current Year 5 Pupils in Pine & Ash Classes)

Next year our Year 6 residential visit (for the current Year 5 pupils) will again take place at Marrick Priory from Wednesday the 14th Feb to Friday 17th Feb 2024. We will be sending you further details about the visit and how to book a place next week. **We have arranged a parent Q&A session on Monday the 19th June from 3:15 - 4:00pm in the junior hall.** Any parents/carers of pupils currently in Year 5 are more than welcome to come along to find out more information and ask any questions that you may have about the visit. We look forward to seeing you then!

Swimming lessons – Poplar Class

Next Monday afternoon, Poplar class will start swimming lessons. Children need to bring their swimwear and a towel. Thanks

Online Safety

Here is a link to a free online safety guide on OmeTV <https://rb.gy/ohyiv>

OmeTV is an emerging social networking app that aims to let its users connect, ideally forming new friendships or simply getting to meet interesting people from all around the world. It's not particularly new technology, but it's

remained popular amongst younger audiences. OmeTV uses video chats to randomly connect its users, much like its better-known sister app, Omegle.

Unfortunately, OmeTV still carries the same risks as its competitors. With so many users being so lightly regulated, there's real potential for some unpleasant characters to make use of the app. The guide dives into OmeTV, highlighting the risks and advising you on how to keep your child safe on the app.

If you do have any concerns about Online Safety, please contact the school and we will get in touch to offer support. Thank you.

Class Attendance Awards

Well done to Hazel, Willow and Pine Classes! We hope you enjoyed the lovely cakes!

Class	Year Group	Attendance
Saplings	Nursery	84.5%
Seedlings	Nursery	71.0%
Cherry	Reception	93.3%
Hazel	Year 1	97.2%
Hawthorn	Year 1	84.3%
Maple	Year 2	90.0%
Juniper	Year 2	96.7%
Willow	Year 3	96.8%
Poplar	Year 3	95.1%
Birch	Year 4	94.8%
Elm	Year 4	90.2%
Pine	Year 5	94.7%
Ash	Year 5	92.1%
Beech	Year 6	92.8%
Oak	Year 6	93.7%



OPAL News

OPAL Bingo is back! Every class has been given a bingo board to collect donations for OPAL. Thank you for all your help, we really appreciate it. OPAL Bingo boards will be added to Facebook for each class. We would like to invite parents in for our OPAL afternoon on Friday 23rd June from 1.45 to 3.00pm. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to come and visit our fantastic platinum award winning grounds!

OPAL PLEA – Do you have any pre-loved adult clothes for our children? They just love to dress up, so any suitable adult clothing would be appreciated. Thank you 😊

Golden Welly



Golden Welly		
Name	Class	Reason for Nomination
Isla & Lily	Willow	for been fantastic teachers showing other girls gymnastic routines, been kind and patient.
Jacob & Riley	Cherry	for playing with OPAL loose parts with respect.

Celebration Assembly Weekly Awards

Please see our super Stars and Readers this week. We are very proud of all our children, well done!

Class	SOTW	ROTW
Saplings	Nova	
Seedlings	Saul	
Cherry	Thomas	Poppy
Hazel	Emily	Reagan
Hawthorn	Alec	Mia
Maple	Rudy	Renea
Juniper	George	Maddison
Willow	Heidi	Miles
Poplar	Layla	Andreea
Birch	Silver	Hayden
Elm	Mia	Brianna
Pine	Charlotte	Ella W
Ash	Harley	Alexis
Beech	Indi	Alfie
Oak	Keith	Logan

House Points

Please see our house points for this week:

Date:	Griffin	Unicorn	Minotaur	Phoenix
				

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Well done, Unicorns, fantastic news!

Holidays in Term Time (Reminder)

We have had a large number of requests for holidays in term recently. The government has made amendments to the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 which came into force on 1st September 2013. These state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence for holidays during term time unless there are **extreme exceptional circumstances**.

Absence for holidays in term time due to the following reasons will not be authorised:

- availability of cheap holidays
- availability of desired accommodation
- poor weather experienced in the school holiday period
- overlap with beginning or end of term
- holidays booked before checking with the school
- day trips
- holiday dates of siblings at other schools
- parents leave of absence from work cannot be in school holidays

Please be aware that if a child is absent for 10 school days they will miss 5% of their education during that academic year. Any absence from school will disrupt your child's learning. You may consider that a holiday will be educational but your child will still miss out on the teaching that peers will receive whilst your child is away. Children returning from a leave of absence during term time are also unprepared for the lessons which build on the teaching they have missed. More information is available here: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2208/Holidays-during-term-time>

Calendar of Events

Please click on the link here to find out what events are happening this term <https://rb.gy/jptum>

Please have a look at the calendar of events. We have lots of events planned for this term.

Some dates to add:

- Year 1 Phonics Check – Week Beginning 12th June
- Year 4 Multiplication Check – Week Beginning 12th June
- Reception Trip for Cherry & Hawthorn to Tynemouth Aquarium – Wednesday 14th June
- Year 4 Assembly for Birch & Elm Classes – Tuesday 20th June at 2.40pm
- OPAL Afternoon Event on Friday 23rd June from 1.45 to 3.00pm – Parents and Carers invited
- Non-Uniform on Friday 23rd June in exchange for donations for School Fair (More information to follow)
- Family Learning Coffee Morning with Mrs Shaw and Ms Sellars – Wednesday 26th June
- School Fair – Friday 30th June (afternoon) from 1.30pm to 3.00pm

Summer Fair

Parents and Carers are welcome to attend our annual summer fair which will take place on Friday 30th June at 1.30pm, more details will follow next week.

If anyone is interested in running a stall, please could you email us at delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net

We also require volunteers to help set up and run stalls. If you are interested, again, please get in touch with the school office and we will share more details. Please contact us by Friday 23rd June if you would like to take part in our Fair.

2023/2024 School Holidays (Reminder)

Please follow the link to see DLPS holidays for next academic year: <https://bit.ly/43eSapR>

Year 6 SATS Date for Summer 2024

The Year 6 tests are timetabled from Monday 13 May to Thursday 16 May 2024. Please ensure your child attends school every day during these tests. Any leave of absence/holiday requests will not be authorised.

Arbor Parent Portal is now LIVE! THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all of our families who have already downloaded and signed up to our Arbor Parent Portal which is now live and you should now have received a welcome email (please check your spam/junk folders). We hope you find this portal very user friendly, informative and useful. Please download the App, log in and familiarise yourselves with the information on here. We will now be using this as our main way of communication with our parents and carers. If you have any questions please contact our school office in the next half term. Please see the support flyer by following this link <https://shorturl.at/ELS56> and a tutorial video link <https://youtu.be/kFCuC1NyH5U> to support you with our new parent portal.

Watch out for more information regarding our new app coming soon



School Fund - Please continue to support the School!

Over recent years the generosity of parents through parent donations has helped us provide a wide range of opportunities and activities for all DLPS children to broaden and enrich their education. With the increasing pressure on school funding, parental contributions are vital. Parent Donations make a significant difference to our school and all children at DLPS. Parent Donations could help us fund additional learning resources, to support drama, sport and music for example.

Making a contribution

This is a great way to help your child's education. The suggested contribution is £1 per week, per child. If any families are able to support, all contributions are appreciated and the benefits are vast.

If you are not currently donating, and would like to make contributions, this can be done via Parent Pay. Thank you.

Pupil News

Harrison (Willow class) took part in a winning cricket match with his club Consett Cricket Club, who won their first game for the under 9's. He has been showing these fantastic cricket skills to Willow class this half term in PE. We are very proud of his achievements. Well done Harrison 😊



More Pupil News...

During the half term holiday, Noah, Lola and Oscar all climbed Mount Snowdon and reached the summit – how amazing! We are extremely proud of the sheer determination, perseverance and bravery they all showed! Well done Noah, Lola and Oscar 😊



Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

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Head Teacher