



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been lovely to see the children settle so quickly into their new classes. We are very proud of them all! We are also really impressed with how quickly everyone has adapted to the new school day. Thanks to all our families for your support with this.

DLPS Start and Finish Times

➤ Gates Open at 8.30am (For all year groups)
➤ Gates Close at 8.40am
➤ Gates re-open at 3.05pm
➤ End of School Day for Reception & Key Stage 1 (Cherry, Hazel, Juniper & Maple) at 3.10pm
➤ End of School Day for Key Stage 2 (Poplar, Willow, Birch, Elm, Pine, Beech & Oak) at 3.15pm

Calendar of Events

Please click on the link here to find out what events are happening this year <https://shorturl.at/izDI8>

We have tried to give you the dates for the whole school year. Some dates may be subject to change, but we wanted to share these with you as soon as possible.

Some important dates coming up very soon:

- Week Beginning 18th September – After School Activity Club begins
- Friday 22nd September – Jeans for Genes Day (Children can wear jeans and non-uniform) for a £1 donation to Jeans for Genes
- Tuesday 26th September – European Day of Languages
- Thursday 28th September – Year 4 (Birch & Elm) Times Table Test Information for Parents & Carers – 3.15pm in the Junior Hall
- Thursday 28th September – Reception (Cherry) Phonics Meeting for Parents & Carers – 3.20pm in Infant Hall

Safeguarding

Keeping children safe from harm is our most important priority at DLPS. We will always act upon any concern's individuals may have, and any disclosures from children. However, if you have any concerns outside of school regarding a child or young person's welfare, it is essential that you call First Contact on: Tel: 03000 267979.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads at DLPS are:

- Mrs A Shaw – Special Needs Coordinator
- Mrs H Allister-Webb – Deputy Headteacher
- Mrs B Woods - Headteacher

Online Safety

Behind video-sharing platforms (like YouTube) and streaming TV shows and movies, gaming is the third most popular online activity for children in the UK. In fact, according to recent data from Ofcom, an overwhelming 89% of children aged 3 to 17 play video games. Of those, more than one in five (22%) talk to other players online who they don't know outside the game.

The risk of contact from strangers is just one of the reasons that many parents are concerned about their child's gaming: increased screen time, inappropriate content and in-game spending also figure among the most



frequent fears. Agreeing on some rules around your child's gaming activities can certainly help, and The National Online Safety guide has some useful tips for establishing these boundaries. Please click here to see the guide <https://shorturl.at/pzAC4>

New School PE Kit!

It has been fantastic to see all of our pupils proudly wearing their new PE uniform for their PE lessons this week! Don't forget, pupils are now expected to wear:

- ❖ A plain white t-shirt
- ❖ Plain navy blue or black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms
- ❖ Appropriate sports footwear
- ❖ A plain navy-blue school jumper/ cardigan (for colder weather)

If you wish to buy additional PE uniform, it can be bought from many everyday high street retailers or alternatively, it can be purchased from our current school uniform provider embroidered with the school logo from <https://www.sportswear.com>



After School Activity Clubs

These will begin again from this Monday, 18th September. There are places available in the following clubs:

- Construction Club Year 1 & Year 2
- Mini Sports Club Year 1 & Year 2
- Mindfulness Club Year 1 & year 2
- Cosy Reading Year 1 & Year 2
- Arts & Crafts Year 3 to Year 6
- Netball Year 3 to year 6
- Drawing Club Year 3 to Year 6
- Girls Football Year 4 to Year 6
- Gymnastics Year 3 to year 6
- Film Club Year 3 to Year 6

Please remember we are now using our Arbor Parent Portal/App to book and pay for the clubs, **CLUBS MUST BE BOOKED & PAID FOR BEFORE YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND!** Please note your booking confirmation in Arbor is your confirmation of the place in the selected club for your child.

Class Attendance Awards

Well done to **Roots, Poplar and Oak** Classes! We hope you enjoyed the lovely cakes!

Class	Year Group	Attendance
Saplings	Nursery	89.2%
Seedlings	Nursery	88.9%
Roots	Nursery	97.8%
Cherry	Reception	83.9%

Hazel	Year 1	92.5%
Maple	Year 2	94.0%
Juniper	Year 2	94.1%
Willow	Year 3	94.0%
Poplar	Year 3	98.2%
Birch	Year 4	95.8%
Elm	Year 4	97.0%
Pine	Year 5	92.4%
Beech	Year 6	91.3%
Oak	Year 6	100.0%



OPAL News

OPAL PLEA – If you have any pre-loved appropriate adult clothes for children to use for dressing up, they would be greatly appreciated. Thank you 😊

Golden Welly		
Name	Class	Reason for Nomination
Riley	Willow Class	Riley has been awarded the Golden Welly for helping another child get out of a tree. Riley explained and demonstrated how to get down safely, this was really lovely to see.
Jacob & Jaxon	Hazel Class	The boys have been awarded the Golden Welly for fantastic imaginative play with our OPAL treasure! They designed a game in the tyre castle using sheets and blankets as traps. Not only did they use team work to build and test what they had made they also included lots of other children and shared what they had created. Well done boys!

House Points

Please see our house points for this week.

Date:	Griffin	Unicorn	Minotaur	Phoenix
15/09/2023	761	749	802	887

Well done, Phoenix, fantastic news!

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	Heidi	
Seedlings	Elliott	

Cherry	McKenzie	Jaxon Ma
Hazel	Hayden	Poppy B
Maple	Rigers	Elsie
Juniper	Amaya	Annalise
Willow	Finley	Darcy
Poplar	Andrew	Charlotte
Birch	Chanade	Aria
Elm	Ava	Teddy
Pine	Robbie	Emmie
Beech	Lily H	Matilda
Oak	Anamaria	Jake R

Name on School Uniform Clothing

This is a polite reminder to label your child's clothing with his/ her name. We always do our best to return all your child's belongings at the end of the day, but sadly, with lots of children in each class this can be difficult if the belongings aren't labelled. All of our children's uniform looks the same and is often the same size. Please help us to look after your child's belongings by labelling everything. When we find clothing with names in, we will return it to the child. Thank you!

REMINDER - COVID Procedures

This term, we will continue with current guidance. If your child contracts COVID then they must remain at home for three consecutive days before returning to school. As long as they are well enough, after three days, they can return to school.

REMINDER - Is your child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or Nursery when they're unwell. Please follow the advice below regarding illnesses and school attendance:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

REMINDER Healthy Snacks

We provide our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children with a healthy snack - usually a piece of fruit, each day. Please can parents and carers of our junior children who provide a snack, make sure it is portable. For health and safety reasons, snacks must be portable (not need cutlery, etc.) Fruit and Veg snacks are always recommended. The NHS give guidance on healthy snacks here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/healthier-snacks/#fruit-and-veg>

Pupil News

Mia has a condition called JIA (Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis) it causes some of her joints and tendons to become inflamed and sore to move. Mia has to have weekly injections to help with the inflammation and make sure she can move properly. Mia also has to have regular blood tests at the doctors or hospital. Mia has received a badge and a certificate for her courage as this can be really painful and scary at times. Mia always has a smile on her face and everyone at DLPS is very proud of her. Well done Mia!



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

B Woods

Mrs B Woods
Head Teacher