



# DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been busy introducing our new Rights Respecting School Councilors this week in Assemblies.

**Article 12 of Rights Respecting Schools states:** *Every child has the right to say what they think in all matters affecting them, and to have their views taken seriously.*

Our Rights Respecting School Councillors will be meeting every week and will be able to influence decisions that are made at DLPS.

Here are some of their important duties:

- School tours for visitors
- Be ambassadors for the school at important events
- Identify what each class thinks about issues and give feedback at meetings
- Improve parts of the school that are a priority
- Help organise events
- Decide on action points for improvements

We are delighted to announce that the following children have been voted as our School Councillors for 2023/2024

Year Group	Class	School Councillors
2	Maple	Harvey & Elsie
3	Poplar	George & Elsie
3	Willow	Emily & Daniel
4	Elm	Isla & Judah
4	Birch	Callie & Alisha
5	Pine	Lana & Neive
6	Oak	Brooke & Olly
6	Beech	Liam & Ella

We look forward to working with our School Councillors this year!

## Class Attendance Awards

Well done to **Cherry, Elm & Oak** Classes! We hope you enjoyed the lovely cakes!

Class	Year Group	Attendance
Saplings	Nursery	85.7%
Seedlings	Nursery	77.1%
Roots	Nursery	89.7%
<b>Cherry</b>	<b>Reception</b>	<b>94.0%</b>
Hazel	Year 1	90.0%
Maple	Year 2	90.0%
Juniper	Year 2	87.5%



Willow	Year 3	89.3%
Poplar	Year 3	91.7%
Birch	Year 4	95.8%
<b>Elm</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>96.5%</b>
Pine	Year 5	87.9%
Beech	Year 6	95.0%
<b>Oak</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>97.5%</b>







## 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 😊

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Name	Class	Reason for Nomination
Matilda C	Beech	Being kind and helpful to our younger children. Lovely to see! Thank you, Matilda.
Harvey G	Maple	For making sure everyone got a turn in his game on the scooters. Harvey made sure it was fair for everyone! Well done Harvey.

## House Points

Please see our house points for this week.

Date:	Griffin	Unicorn	Minotaur	Phoenix
				
22/09/2023	432	444	<b>502</b>	476

*Well done, Minotaur, 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	Brooklyn	
Seedlings	Emilia	
Roots	Grace	

Cherry	Nova	Mia
Hazel	Adam	Rose
Maple	Lexi	Calvin
Juniper	Bobby	Kaylen
Willow	Emily	Isaac
Poplar	Ava	George
Birch	Roman	Callie
Elm	Heidi	Miles
Pine	Natalia	Sophie
Beech	Shay	Emilia
Oak	Alexis	Leo

## Online Safety

WhatsApp is the most widely used messaging platform on the planet, with over two billion users (forecast to become three billion by 2025), across more than 180 countries. The majority of those people (70%) open the app at least once a day – but what exactly are they seeing? Contact from strangers, fake news and convincing scams are all among the service's well-documented hazards.

According to Ofcom, WhatsApp is used by more than half of 3 to 17-year-olds in the UK (including one in three from the 8 to 11 age bracket), despite its 16+ age restriction. If your child hops onto WhatsApp to stay in touch with friends or family, the link to this week's guide to the service contains the key details you'll need to support them in doing it safely <https://shorturl.at/GHOZZ>

## Children with Medical Needs

If your child has an inhaler, or other medicines that they need for school, these should be returned following the holidays. When sending prescribed medicines into school, they MUST have the child's name and dosage on the label. Parents must complete a medical consent form, these are available from the school office.

Mrs Clark is our Medical Lead at DLPS. Please email [delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net](mailto:delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net) and state that this is for the Attention of Mrs Clark, if you have any medical queries, thank you.

## Calendar of Events – Important dates coming up!

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

Some important dates coming up very soon:

- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September – European Day of Languages
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Year 4 (Birch & Elm) Times Table Test Information for Parents & Carers – 3.15pm in the Junior Hall
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Reception (Cherry) Phonics Meeting for Parents & Carers – 3.20pm in Infant Hall
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Year 6 (Beech & Oak) SATS Meeting for Parents & Carers – 3.20pm in Junior Hall
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Reception to Year 6 Flu Vaccine (please complete the link <https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/fc204c7a> to accept the offer of a flu vaccine for your child)
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Open Evening for Parents and carers of Nursery children due to start Reception in September 2024 - Come along on Thursday 5th October to see our fantastic Early Year provision and what we can offer

## Water Bottles

Please ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle every day to ensure they have access to a drink of water throughout the day. A polite reminder that these should be filled with water, rather than juice please. You

can purchase a school water bottle for £1.50 via the Arbor Parent Portal under School Shop, they can then be collected from the school office or our school office team will deliver to your child's class.

## School Shop – Arbor

Our school shop is now available on Arbor, you can currently pay for Jeans for Genes day, School Fund and purchase school water bottles. Keep check on our School Shop as all non-uniform day payments, charity events and ticketed activities will be available to pay/purchase here.

## ParentPay – Closed

You can no longer make payments via ParentPay, school have refunded any funds which were held on Breakfast Club, Afterschool Childcare Club and School Meals this money will be in your parent wallet on ParentPay which you will need to withdraw yourself by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. **Any money left in these accounts will be lost after this date.**

## Year 4 (Birch & Elm Classes) Homework

As DLPS is currently trying to be more eco-friendly to help the environment, Year 4 are going to trial paper-less homework, which has been very successful in other years groups! Your child has been asked to go onto Spelling Shed to practice their weekly spelling list, and Times Table Rockstars to practice their times table each week as their homework. They will receive their new homework on a Friday, which is expected to be completed by the following Friday (when we will do a spelling/times table test). Please encourage your child to access these little and often throughout the week - they will receive house points for completed homework! If your child cannot access Spelling Shed or TTRS at home, paper copies can be provided upon request. Log in details for TTRS and Spelling Shed have been stuck into the front of your child's reading record, but please get in touch if you have any issues logging in. Thank you for your co-operation!

## Parent & Carer Messages

Please can we ask parents and carers to contact the school office by 1:30pm each day with any important messages, e.g. change to home time arrangements. We need notice to ensure that those important messages are passed on to our staff team as soon as possible. Messages after this time may not reach your child before home time. Thank you for your support with this matter.

## Reminder- After School Activity Clubs

Our afterschool activity clubs have now started, there are places available in the following clubs:

Mondays:

- Construction Club Year 1 & Year 2
- Arts & Crafts Year 3 to Year 6
- Netball Year 3 to year 6

Tuesdays:

- Mini Sports Club Year 1 & Year 2
- Drawing Club Year 3 to Year 6
- Girls Football Year 4 to Year 6

Wednesdays:

- Mindfulness Club Year 1 & year 2 – extended to juniors Year 3 and 4
- Gymnastics Year 3 to year 6

Thursdays:

- Cosy Reading Year 1 & Year 2
- 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.

## Reminder - 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 - New School PE Kit!

Don't forget, pupils are now expected to wear:

- ❖ A plain white t-shirt/School logoed PE 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>

## Early Years Request

Cherry class and Nursery have had such an exciting time playing in their waterproof suits however their little feet still manage to get wet! Could we please ask for donations of socks? We are desperate! Please pass the donations of socks to the teachers in Cherry class or to Nursery. If possible, please could children bring a spare pair of their own socks in their bag too. Thank you 😊

## Spare Clothing for Years 1 & 2

We need your help! If you have any spare socks and trousers to fit our infant children (5-7 years), we would really appreciate any donations! Thank you 😊

## Respect (One of our School Rules)

DLPS is a Rights Respecting School. We believe staff, parents, carers and children are entitled to a safe and protective environment in which to learn and work. We strive to ensure that our school offers a warm and nurturing environment. All members of the school community and visitors should treat each other and be treated with respect. To feel safe and work together we use restorative approaches as the foundation of our practice. Any behaviour that may lead to feelings of harassment, alarm or distress to members of our community, will not be tolerated.

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

*B Woods*

Mrs B Woods  
**Head Teacher**