



# DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many parents attending the parent meetings for Phonics and Multiplication Check. We will email out the presentations to parents and carers in Reception (Cherry Class) and Year 4 (Birch & Elm Class).

## Parents Evening

This will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Parents are able to book appointments via our Arbor Parent Portal, in order to book your Parents Evening slot please follow the below instructions:

- Main Dashboard – Select Parents Evening under Guardian Consultations
- Select Meetings – very bottom of page
- Select Timeslot
- Choose your time
- Select Yes

Once you have selected your slot you can check your booking by following the below:

- Main Dashboard – Select Parents Evening under Guardian Consultations
- Select Meetings – very bottom of page
- Time Slot – this will show the date and time you have selected

Please ensure that you check this section as this is your confirmation of booking **if you are still able to book a slot then your slot has not been booked.**

If you do experience any issues booking a time slot please try logging out of the Parent Portal and logging back in.

## Cross Country

This term a group of boys and girls from Year 6 have been competing in the Derwentside Cross Country Trials against pupils from a wide range of local primary schools. So far, the children have taken part in two meets with the second of which being held at our school with lots of family, friends and visitors coming along to watch the children in action! The children have been excellent ambassadors for our school so far and have displayed great determination and resolve throughout. A big well done to all the children involved, keep up the great work. Go Team Delves!





## Boys and Girls Football

After a delayed start, we are excited to see the return of the girls' football league this week. A group of children from Year 6 were excited to finally put their football skills to the test and take part in games against pupils from various different primary schools. All the girls should be very proud of their efforts, showing some great talent and team spirit throughout. Good luck for the rest of the season!

We are still awaiting confirmation of a start date for the boys' football league due to difficulties with securing local venues. Once fixtures have been confirmed, we will pass this information on to relevant children and parents.

## Class Attendance Awards

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





| Class        | Year Group    | Attendance   |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Saplings     | Nursery       | 62.5%        |
| Seedlings    | Nursery       | 74.5%        |
| Roots        | Nursery       | 86.1%        |
| Cherry       | Reception     | 89.2%        |
| Hazel        | Year 1        | 83.9%        |
| <b>Maple</b> | <b>Year 2</b> | <b>94.5%</b> |
| Juniper      | Year 2        | 91.3%        |
| Willow       | Year 3        | 88.6%        |
| Poplar       | Year 3        | 73.8%        |
| <b>Birch</b> | <b>Year 4</b> | <b>94.8%</b> |
| Elm          | Year 4        | 94.0%        |
| Pine         | Year 5        | 91.3%        |
| Beech        | Year 6        | 87.5%        |
| <b>Oak</b>   | <b>Year 6</b> | <b>92.9%</b> |

OPAL PLEA – If you have any waterproof trousers or spare wellies for our OPAL provision, we would appreciate any donations. Thank you 😊

| Golden Welly     |       |   |
|------------------|-------|---|
| Name             | Class | Reason for Nomination   |
| Elise & Lexi     | Maple | For having a great time laughing and giggling showing off their gymnastic skills to each other on the infant field.     |
| Charlie & Robbie | Pine  | For fantastic imaginative play with the OPAL loose parts - they built an amazing den out of traffic cones and blankets! |

## House Points

Please see our house points for this week.

| Date:      | Griffin   | Unicorn   | Minotaur  | Phoenix   |
|------------|---|---|---|---|
|            |  |  |  |  |
| 29/09/2023 | 664   | 614   | 539   | 521   |

*Well done, Griffin, 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  | Cayden  |        |
| Seedlings | Ella    |        |
| Roots     | Octavia |        |
| Cherry    | Max     | Hank   |
| Hazel     | Harleen | James  |
| Maple     | Alfie   | Aicha  |
| Juniper   | Alec    | Robyn  |
| Willow    | Harry S | Oliver |
| Poplar    | Emily   | Elise  |
| Birch     | Logan   | Lily   |

|       |        |            |
|-------|--------|------------|
| Elm   | Aiden  | Oliver     |
| Pine  | Jack   | Lana       |
| Beech | Nicole | Lizzie-May |
| Oak   | Sofia  | Scarlett   |

## Online Safety

One of the more heartwarming, life-affirming aspects of social media is being able to share special moments in our children's lives with family and friends: from the first day at school or blowing out birthday cake candles to smiling holiday selfies and cute Halloween costumes. Is there, however, such a thing as too much sharing – and can it actually put children in danger?

With potential risks such as accidentally displaying identifying details (images showing where a child lives or what school they go to, for example) and photos being seen and saved by strangers, we need to take a little more caution over what we post and where we post it. This week's guide runs through some safety considerations when sharing images <https://shorturl.at/rBTZ2>

## 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:

- 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
- 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 5<sup>th</sup> October to see our fantastic Early Year provision and what we can offer
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October - Year 1 Phonics screening information meeting for parents of Year 1 children in Hazel and Juniper Classes. This will take place in the Infant Hall at 3.15pm.
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evening. Parents will be able to book via Arbor. More information is included above.

## PE Kit

Can we please remind all parents that on PE days children should come into school with their white PE t-shirt and black or navy blue tracksuit bottoms. As it is getting a bit cold now, children should wear their **school jumper** over their PE t-shirt.

Here is a reminder of our PE Uniform:

- ❖ 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>

## Reminder - School Shop on Arbor

Our school shop is now available on Arbor, you can currently pay for 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.

## Reminder - 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 still 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 Year 3 to Year 6
- 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.

## Pupil News

Leo from Maple Class played for his new team (Consett AFC) last weekend. He was named player of the match/week for his hard work and stand out dedication to the team and in the game. He saved some great shots and was a fantastic striker.

He is the first to be awarded the trophy for his team and has it for a whole week!

Well done, Leo, we are very proud of you! 😊



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

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**Head Teacher**