



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week. Next week is Parents Evening. If you wish to book an appointment, please follow the booking information below. Thank you.

After School Activity Clubs

Next week is our last week of activity clubs for this half term the last session will take place on Thursday 19th October 2023. Reminder Gymnastics club has already ended due to parents evening taking place on Wednesday 18th October.

Next half terms activity clubs are now available to book and pay for via our Arbor Parent Portal. Activity clubs will start on Monday 6th November 2023 and end on Thursday 7th December 2023.

	Club	Age Group	Club Time	Club Size	Club Staff	Collect From	Start date
Mon	Construction Club In this club children will be able to play creatively with Lego, K'Nex and Playdough alongside many other exciting resources to build anything they can imagine.	Y1 - Y2	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Miss Smith	Maple Class Door	06.11.2023
	Arts & Crafts Club In this club children will have the opportunity to develop their own artistic style through colouring, crafts, arts and music.	Y3 - Y6	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Mrs Clark	Junior Entrance	06.11.2023
	Netball Club In this club children will learn the specific skills of Netball. They will learn the rules and different positions and apply these in games.	Y3-Y6	3:15 - 4:00	15 Children	Miss Forbes Miss Burnett	Junior Entrance	06.11.2023
Tues	Mini Sports Club In this club children will take part in a wide range physical activity aimed at developing fundamental movement skills through various sport related games and activities.	Y1 - Y2	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Miss Kirkbride Mr McMeiken	Infant Entrance	07.11.2023
	Drawing Club In this club children will have the opportunity to develop their drawing skills, learning new techniques.	Y3-Y6	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Mrs Kelly-Fraser Miss Hedge	Junior Entrance	07.11.2023
	Girl's Football Club In this club children will be introduced to football through a wide variety of fun activities and games which are designed for everyone to enjoy.	Y4 - Y6 (Girls Only)	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Mr Poole (Consett AFC)	Junior Entrance	07.11.2023
Wed	Mindfulness club In this club children will be given the opportunity to learn strategies to help them relax and unwind.	Y1 - Y4	3:15 - 4:00	12 Children	Maaz	Hazel Class Door	08.11.2023
	Gymnastics Club In this club children will have the opportunity to practice a range of movements and routines to contemporary music whilst developing flexibility, core strength and balance.	Y3 - Y6	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Miss Troke (Greasbrook)	Junior Entrance	08.11.2023
Thurs	Cosy Reading Club In this club children will have the opportunity to read and listen to a wide variety of fun and exciting picture books, stories and comics.	Y1 - Y2	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Mrs Winskill	Hazel Class Door	09.11.2023
	Film Club In this club children will be able to get together to watch some of their favorite movies whilst drawing, colouring and playing boardgames with their friends.	Y3 - Y6	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Mrs Randell Miss Jones	Junior Entrance	09.11.2023
	Dodgeball Club In this club children will learn to play many different exciting versions of the classic game dodgeball whilst energetically testing their ducking, dipping, diving and dodging skills.	Y3 - Y6	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Mr Turnbull	Junior Entrance	09.11.2023

Harvest Festival – Infant Classes

Our infant children will be holding their annual Harvest Assembly on Thursday 19th October. This is an in-school event. Children will perform songs and poems to each other. As part of our assembly, we will be talking about the meaning of charity and how kind it is to give to those less well off than others. If families can donate any dried non-perishable food you have going spare, they would really help our local food bank.

Items could include:

- ✓ A tin of beans, tomatoes, peas etc.
- ✓ Packet of lentils, pasta, rice etc.
- ✓ Box of cereal
- ✓ Biscuits etc.

Please bring donations to the classroom doors in the infant building or the office in the junior building. All dried foods will be donated to Glenroyd House in Consett before half term. Thank you.



Reminder Parents Evening – Wednesday 18th October

Thank you to all the parents who have booked an appointment on our Arbor system. There are still some slots available if you wish to attend. This will take place on Wednesday 18th October. Parents are able to book appointments via our Arbor Parent Portal, **bookings must be made by Monday 16th October at 4.00pm.** To book, 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. If there are any queries, please contact our school office.

Reminder: Halloween Disco – Thursday 26th October

All children from Nursery to Year 6 will be able to attend the school Halloween disco during the school day and receive a snack and a drink. DJ Glen will be in attendance and party games will take place. We are asking for a £2 donation towards this event which can be paid for through the Arbor Parent Portal under School Shop. All children are welcome to come in Halloween fancy dress or non-school uniform.

If your child would not like to attend, we will make sure they can access alternative activities in school. Thank you.

Class Attendance Awards

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





Class	Year Group	Attendance
Saplings	Nursery	80.0%
Seedlings	Nursery	64.6%
Roots	Nursery	94.4%
Cherry	Reception	87.5%
Hazel	Year 1	94.0%
Maple	Year 2	92.0%
Juniper	Year 2	85.6%
Willow	Year 3	93.8%
Poplar	Year 3	95.8%
Birch	Year 4	95.8%
Elm	Year 4	90.0%
Pine	Year 5	93.9%
Beech	Year 6	92.5%
Oak	Year 6	95.6%

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
Nova, Harper & Bonnie	Cherry	Great OPAL playtime in the muddy puddle, huge smiles on their faces
Mason & Harry	Willow	Fantastic imaginative play and team work whilst taking part in school "sand pit wars"

House Points

Please see our house points for this week.

Date:	Griffin	Unicorn	Minotaur	Phoenix
				
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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	Moana	
Seedlings	Austin	
Roots	Elsie-Lu	
Cherry	Dexter	Jack
Hazel	Lilly-Rose	Thomas
Maple	Skander	Nicol
Juniper	Mia	Chloe
Willow	Rudy	Renea
Poplar	Ellie Mai	Thomas

Birch	Ava	Leah
Elm	Tahlia	Scarlett
Pine	Nieve	Mia
Beech	Tiana	James
Oak	Lola	Lily

Reminder - Lost Property

We currently have a number of items at our school office which belong to children, but have not been claimed as yet. If your child has lost their coat, jacket, jumper or cardigan please pop to the school office to see if it has been added to our lost property basket.

Naming Uniform

Please can we remind parents and carers 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, however it can be difficult if the belongings aren't labelled. All of their uniform looks the same and sometimes 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 for your help with this matter.

Online Safety

This week the National Online Safety guide is about 'Upsetting Content'. Pupils might not be able to pinpoint its location on a map, and they might not fully grasp the historical and political drivers behind the conflict – but in this age where news, images and video can cross continents in seconds, many children are now aware of the terrible recent events in Israel. It's a situation, of course, that could cause youngsters extreme distress and worry.

This week's guide contains some valuable pointers for supporting children to deal with upsetting content they've encountered online – whether that's the attacks in Israel, ongoing worries over the environment, or something else entirely. These tips will assist trusted adults in helping young people to process any negative emotions that they may be feeling. Please check out this week's guide here <https://t.ly/Pis28>

Calendar of Events – Important dates coming up!

Please click on the link here to find out what events are happening this year <https://t.ly/Rm0Na>

Some important dates coming up very soon:

- Wednesday 18th October – Parents Evening. Parents will be able to book via Arbor. More information is included above.
- Thursday 19th October - Key Stage 1 Harvest Festival In school event for Classes Hazel, Maple & Juniper. Our school would welcome donations of dried food collections for Consett Foodbank.
- Wednesday 25th October - Height & Weight Clinic for children from Reception & Year 6 (All classes except Nursery)
- Thursday 26th October - Special Lunch Menu for Halloween, if your child is on packed lunch and would like to participate please complete the following form <https://forms.office.com/e/5u4cFyP2KL>
- Thursday 26th October – Halloween Disco. In school event. Children can come to school dressed in Halloween Costumes or non uniform. Tickets are £2 per child.
- Thursday 26th October – School closes today for Autumn Half Term Holiday.

Parent/Governor Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a parent governor on the governing board at DLPS.

We are very keen to encourage Parents and/or Carers of registered students to nominate themselves to fill this place. Our latest skills audit for governors has identified finance expertise as a key skill that we are currently seeking. Full training will be given and the vacancies are open to all parents, but anyone with relevant experience in this area would be very welcome.

If you would like to be a governor, please contact our school office for a nomination form. You can nominate yourself, or another parent; please check with them that they are willing to stand and ask them to sign the nomination form and the declaration in the spaces provided.

If you have any questions about what is involved please feel free to contact me or Mrs Andrea McGuigan (Chair of Governors) via the school office. You can also find lots of relevant information on www.nga.org.uk

Well done to our Catering Team

This week, our catering team have been inspected by Durham County Council. Both kitchens were assessed for food service, food hygiene and kitchen practices, fabric, equipment and cleanliness, operational practices and unit management. Both of our teams scored top marks for every aspect. Well done to Nicola and Vicky in our Infant Kitchen and Mary and Paula in our Junior Kitchen!



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

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