



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many Parents and Carers at Parent's Evening this week. We really appreciate your support. If you still wish to book an appointment, please contact the school office. Thank you.

Chartwell's visited DLPS with some lovely dishes to show from the new menu coming after half term!



Times Table Rockstar Competition

As part of our commitment to make Maths exciting and high profile in our school, the junior classes Oak, Beech, Pine, Elm, Birch, Willow and Poplar are taking part in a friendly competition. The competition runs from 07:30 GMT Monday 23rd October to 19:30 GMT Thursday 26th November 2023. It's all done online via

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

Children can play in any game mode. In other words, they can play in Garage, Rock Slam, Soundcheck, etc. and earn 1 point per correct answer. Every correct answer in any game type is worth 1 point towards your child and their classes score.

⚠ Don't confuse Battle points with coins! Coins are separate.

The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the top class within the school and the top three individuals within each class. Thank You, Miss Hedge

Derwentside Cross Country Trials

Several of our Year 6 children have been busy competing in the Derwentside Cross Country League this half term. They played against a wide range of pupils from other local primary schools. Last Thursday was the final meet of the competition and we are very proud of the fantastic determination and enthusiasm shown by our pupils throughout the trials. Well done Jake, Alfie, Phoebe, Lizzie-Mae and Brooke - you have been fantastic ambassadors for our school! We would also like to extend a special congratulations to Alfie who finished in 3rd place overall in the individual boy's category out of over 60 children. He will now have the opportunity to represent Derwentside District at the county competition later in the term. Go Team Delves!

HEALTHY SNACKS

At DLPS we aim to promote healthy eating. We would like to take this opportunity to remind our parents and carers that crisps, nuts, sweets and biscuits are not permitted as a break time snack.

The best snacks for break time are finger foods that can be eaten outside.

Below are some examples of snacks that can be eaten at break time.



- Breadsticks, crackers and plain rice cakes
- Any choice of fruit
- Yoghurt tubes and pouches
- Vegetable sticks, such as carrot, cucumber, and peppers or any other vegetables your child enjoys.

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 **Hazel, Birch and Oak** Classes! We hope you enjoyed the lovely cakes!

Class	Year Group	Attendance
Saplings	Nursery	80.0%
Seedlings	Nursery	84.1%
Roots	Nursery	97.5%
Cherry	Reception	87.1%
Hazel	Year 1	97.6%
Maple	Year 2	94.5%
Juniper	Year 2	85.6%
Willow	Year 3	93.1%
Poplar	Year 3	89.3%
Birch	Year 4	98.4%
Elm	Year 4	96.0%
Pine	Year 5	93.6%
Beech	Year 6	93.8%
Oak	Year 6	95.0%





OPAL PLEA – If you have any bread crates, milk crates, plastic pipes, old suitcases, cable drums and old road signs for our OPAL provision, we would appreciate any donations. Thank you 😊



Golden Welly		
Name	Class	Reason for Nomination
David	Juniper	For fantastic imaginative play and having a great time in the digging area.
Caedmon	Birch	For looking after our OPAL grounds. Caedmon does a regular litter pick during his time outside. Thank you, Caedmon.

House Points

Please see our house points for this week.

Date:	Griffin	Unicorn	Minotaur	Phoenix
				
20/10/2023	468	479	458	493

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	Noah	
Seedlings	Joshua	
Roots	Jenson	
Cherry	Tommy-Joe	Toby
Hazel	Isla	Harry

Maple	Jaime-Leigh	Lesley-May
Juniper	David	Sydney
Willow	Eva	Finely
Poplar	Maddison	Kaia
Birch	Harrison	Chanade
Elm	Cody	Isla
Pine	Oliver	Brooke
Beech	Ella	Liam
Oak	Odunayo	Alfie

Online Safety

This week the National Online Safety guide is about football video gaming. This week we are sharing 'What Parents and Carers Need to Know about EA Sports FC'. Please see more information here <https://shorturl.at/hmDF5>

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 25th October - Height & Weight Clinic for children from Reception & Year 6 (All classes except Nursery)
- Thursday 26th October - Special Lunch Menu for Halloween
- 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.
- After School Activity Clubs begin again on Monday 6th November
- Remembrance Assembly – Friday 10th November. (In school event)
- Anti-Bullying Day – Friday 17th November
- Children-in-Need – **Non Uniform Day** on Friday 17th November

Reminder: 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

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

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