



# DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lot of wet weather this week. If children want to access our fields, then they must bring their wellies and spare clothes, as well as a warm waterproof coat.

### Gate Opening/Closing

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

### Pupil Attendance Expectations

#### What Parents & Carers must do:

- Telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.
- Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and email appointment cards/letters.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

#### What DLPS will do:

- Check your child's attendance every day.
- Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.
- Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.
- If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.
- Our Attendance officer Leanne Hood, will work with DLPS to support your child's good attendance at school.

### Punctuality

- It's a GREAT START to the day ON TIME, putting your child in a positive frame of mind to make the most of the day's learning and activities.
- Punctuality is linked to good attendance, and as we know, good attenders have more opportunities, more support and therefore achieve more!
- It sets your child up for their future – whether it is college, work or university, they could lose their place or lose their job if they think it's ok to be late!

**If families arrive after 8.40am they must report to the main office.**

**Please remember that children will be marked as late after 8.40am each day.**





## Christmas Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Ticket/Event Information
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 Christingle (Hazel, Maple & Juniper)	More information to follow soon
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Mr Windbags (Nursery & Cherry)	In school event
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomine (Year 1 to year 6)	More information to follow soon
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Early Years Nativity (Saplings, Seedlings, Roots & Cherry) Infant Hall	9:15am & 2:30pm tickets available via Arbor School Shop
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 Nativity (Hazel, Juniper & Maple) Infant Hall	9:15am & 2:30pm tickets available via Arbor School Shop
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Upper Key Stage 2 Christmas-Sing-Along (Pine, Beech & Oak) Junior Hall	9:15am & 2:30pm tickets available via Arbor School Shop
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Lower Key Stage 2 Christmas-Sing-Along (Poplar, Willow, Elm & Birch) Junior Hall	9:15am & 2:30pm tickets available via Arbor School Shop
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner  Christmas Jumper Day	If you child is on packed lunch but would like a Christmas Dinner please complete the following form <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/A1KjaVGYXK">https://forms.office.com/e/A1KjaVGYXK</a> by 24 <sup>th</sup> November.  Children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumper and non-school uniform. Donations via Arbor School Shop can be made to Save The Children Charity.
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party (Year 5 & Year 6)	DJ Geln and Christmas Party games children are welcome to come to school in their Christmas party outfit.  Party tickets available via Arbor School Shop.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party (Nursery, Reception Year 1, 2, 3 & 4)	DJ Geln and Christmas Party games children are welcome to come to school in their Christmas party outfit.

		Party tickets available via Arbor School Shop.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair	More information to follow soon

## Christmas Decorations and Resources required

Do you have any Christmas decorations that you no longer need? We are also looking for silver tinsel and Angel dress-up costumes. Any donations would be gratefully received by our Infants. Many thanks

## Common childhood illness and school attendance - NHS guidance for Parents and Carers

Parents and carers can access NHS guidance to help you decide when your child is well enough to attend school or when your child is too ill to attend school, the link is here:

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

## OPAL News



OPAL PLEA – **We are still on the hunt!** 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 😊



## House Points

Please see our house points for this week.

Date:	Griffin	Unicorn	Minotaur	Phoenix
17/11/2023	543	558	551	572



*Phoenix, fantastic news!*

## Online Safety

This week the National Online Safety guide focuses on Smart TVs. As these internet-enabled entertainment systems rapidly become standard, find out how to guide children in using such devices safely. Here is a link to this weeks flyer <https://shorturl.at/fpKY8>

## 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:

- Assessment Period – Week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> November.

## REMINDER - Recycling/Clothes Bank

We have a clothes bank situated near our main school office. Please would you consider donating pre-loved clothing to the clothes bank. Donation bags can be collected from the school office. Please see the information leaflet below.



We're excited to inform you, your child has been entered into a School Competition to win a prize for their whole class!

We have chosen 10 schools who take part in our School Connect Project, to participate and here is what you must do to be in with the chance of winning:

1. Recycle as much unwanted clothing, shoes and accessories through your school clothes bank.
2. Encourage other family members to recycle through your child's school.
3. Tag us in your selfies when recycling using [#Schoolconnect!](https://www.facebook.com/groups/271717411696839)
4. Join our Assist group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/271717411696839>

❖ How we choose the Winner ❖

The winning school will go by who recycles the most weight in 3 weeks out of the 10 schools.

Each class from that school will then be put into a hat and the class what is chosen wins the prizes!

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

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Mrs B Woods  
Head Teacher