



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our teachers visited Lanchester EP School this week, to look at children's writing books. We looked at lots of examples of children's writing and were very proud of our DLPS books. Well done to all of our children!

DLPS Care Bears

We have been working with our DLPS Care Bears for a number of weeks. Our Care Bears are a group of Year 6 children who completed their Peer Mentor training in Year 5. They are a fabulous group of children who have a very important job at school:

- To help others
- To advise others
- To be kind and caring
- To encourage others to participate in games and teach children new games
- To listen to others and communicate properly
- To be a good role model
- To have fun

The Care Bears visited assemblies this week to introduce themselves officially. Our Care Bears are: Lily, Harley, Emilia, Nicole, Ollie S, Matilda, Liam, Leo, Martyna G, Sofia, Shay, Kian, Rayana, Gabrielle, Tiana and Brooke. We will update you soon with more news.



Anti-Bullying Week 2023

Article 19- Every child has the right to be safe.

Last week, our children took part in a range of activities, workshops and special assemblies as part of Anti-Bullying Week. This year's theme was 'Make a Noise About Bullying' and the focus has been on helping our children to understand what bullying is and how to 'call it out' if it does happen to them or to a friend. As a rights-respecting school, we want every child to feel safe and happy at school and empowering our children to know how to recognise and deal with bullying, is a very important part of our school curriculum here at Delves Lane Primary School.

In KS1, Big Foot Arts Company visited us to deliver a workshop called 'I Like Myself' which helped our younger children explore the concepts of self-esteem and friendship.

In KS2, our children took part in workshops which looked at respect and how to show this- both towards yourself and to others.



What did our children think of this year's Anti-Bullying Week?
Here are some of their comments:

'I enjoyed it and I think it is important to know about bullying and how to stop it.' Martyna

'It was really fun. I thought the bantometer was really good.' Leo

'I liked the workshop and doing the role-playing.' Oilly

'During our anti-bullying week, my favourite part was when we did our respect pictures. I feel more confident now about standing up for myself.' Odun



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	Reggie	
Seedlings	Ella	
Roots	Daniela	
Cherry	Mason	Lucas
Hazel	Jaxon	Ella-Mae
Maple	Harvey	Reagan
Juniper	Amaya	Dean-Mckenzie
Willow	Connie	Mason
Poplar	Elise	Connor
Birch	Leah	Franky
Elm	Aaron	Lily
Pine	Patrick	Kai
Beech	Emilia	Tiana
Oak	Phoebe	Ella

Class Attendance Awards





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

Class	Year Group	Attendance
Saplings	Nursery	75.0%
Seedlings	Nursery	70.5%
Roots	Nursery	84.7%
Cherry	Reception	95.8%
Hazel	Year 1	92.3%

Maple	Year 2	95.0%
Juniper	Year 2	88.8%
Willow	Year 3	86.3%
Poplar	Year 3	94.0%
Birch	Year 4	97.4%
Elm	Year 4	96.0%
Pine	Year 5	95.2%
Beech	Year 6	91.9%
Oak	Year 6	97.5%

House Points

Please see our house points for this week.

Date:	Griffin 	Unicorn 	Minotaur 	Phoenix 
24/11/2023	621	620	569	560

 Well done!

Griffin, fantastic news!

OPAL News

 **OUTDOOR PLAY**
AND LEARNING 

OPAL PLEA – Please look out for any 'loose parts' at home that we could make use of at school particularly any small world collections such as farm animals, dinosaurs etc.; sturdy children's spades/trowels or any items that could be repurposed as den building materials.



Christmas Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Ticket/Event Information
Wednesday 6 th December	Key Stage 1 Christingle (Hazel, Maple & Juniper)	11.00am Infant Hall Parents & Carers welcome to attend
Thursday 7 th December	Mr Windbags (Nursery & Cherry)	In school event
Thursday 7 th December	Pantomime (Year 1 to year 6)	Children in Year 1 to Year 6 will visit Consett Empire to see Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime. Tickets are £7 and can be purchased via the Arbor Parent Portal under School Shop.
Friday 8 th December	Early Years Nativity (Saplings, Seedlings, Roots & Cherry) Infant Hall	9:15am & 2:30pm tickets available via Arbor School Shop
Monday 11 th December	Key Stage 1 Nativity (Hazel, Juniper & Maple) Infant Hall	9:15am & 2:30pm tickets available via Arbor School Shop
Monday 11 th 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 th 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 th December	Christmas Dinner Christmas Jumper Day	If you child is on packed lunch but would like a Christmas Dinner please complete the following form https://forms.office.com/e/A1KjaVGYXK by 24th 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 th December	Christmas Party (Year 5 & Year 6)	DJ Glen 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 th December	Christmas Party (Nursery, Reception Year 1, 2, 3 & 4)	DJ Glen 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 th December	Christmas Fair	More information to follow soon

Online Safety

This week the National Online Safety guide focuses on Snapchat. Snapchat is a photo- and video-sharing app through which users can chat with friends via text or audio. Images and videos can be shared with specific friends, or as a 'story' (documenting the previous 24 hours) which is visible to a person's entire friend list. Here is a link to the online guide about Snapchat <https://shorturl.at/gjrsM>

Assessment Week

Next week our children will be taking part in assessments. Please make sure they arrive on time for school. Thank you 😊

Homework Plea!

Homework is an extremely important aspect of your child's education and helps pupils to learn independently, re-enforce the learning done during school time and helps develop good self-discipline and work ethic. We are finding that in some classes, some children are not regularly reading at home or completing their homework. We would really appreciate our parents/carers support in encouraging your child to complete their weekly homework task, as well as reading aloud to an adult. Housepoints are awarded to pupils who complete their homework and read at home! Thank you for your continued support!

Why is homework important?

- Homework gives your child the opportunity to reflect and think about the learning that has taken place in school and to practise applying their new found knowledge and skills to other situations and problems.
- Homework can also be used to help your child prepare for up and coming lessons; giving them the opportunity to research and find out about new topics, that they will be studying in greater detail during their lessons.
- It improves your child's thinking and memory
- It helps your child develop positive study skills and habits that will serve him or her well throughout life
- Homework encourages your child to use time wisely
- It teaches your child to work independently
- Homework teaches your child to take responsibility for his or her work
- It allows your child to review and practice what has been covered in class
- Homework helps your child learn to use resources, such as libraries, reference materials, and computer Web sites to find information
- It encourages your child to explore subjects more fully than classroom time permits
- It allows your child to extend learning by applying skills to new situations
- It helps your child integrate learning by applying many different skills to a single task, such as book reports or science projects
- Homework helps parents learn more about what your child is learning in school
- It allows parents to communicate about what he or she is learning and encourage them to spark your child's enthusiasm

Healthy Snacks and Packed Lunches

At DLPS, we encourage children who have a packed lunch or snack to eat a nutritious meal/snack in order to stay healthy.

Healthy Lunchbox Suggestions

Try to vary the type of bread such as wholemeal, granary or high fibre white bread. Also make sandwiches from different kinds of bread including bread rolls, French bread, bagels and pitta bread as well as sliced bread.

Use a different sandwich filling each day – preferably including a fruit or vegetable.

For example,

- Grated apple and sliced pear
- Chicken, lettuce and tomato
- Grated cheese and carrot
- Tuna and sweetcorn
- Cheese and cucumber
- Mashed banana
- Cottage cheese, grated carrot and grated apple
- Fruit and vegetable

Some fruits to try:

Seedless grapes

Satsumas, tangerines or clementines (peeled and wrapped for younger children)

Small bananas

Cherries

Apples (can be cut into pieces for younger children and brushed with lemon juice to avoid browning)

Plums

Dried fruit such as apricots, dates or raisins

Fruit salad (apples, satsumas, pears, pineapple chunks, kiwi fruit and grapes work well together. Avoid bananas because they go brown)

Canned fruit transferred to a pot (use fruit stored in natural fruit juices rather than syrup)

Some vegetables to try:

Cherry tomatoes

Carrot sticks

Celery sticks

Cucumber chunks

Baby sweet corn

Grated carrot and raisin salad

Drink

Avoid sugary and fizzy drinks. Instead use water or fruit juice.

Lost Glasses



We have a collection of lost glasses in the school office if these belong to your child please come and collect from the office.

REMINDER 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/>

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. This can be any old clothing that you no longer require. 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!**
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!

Household Support Vouchers

Household Support Vouchers have been emailed to 1st priority parent today via school email for children eligible in Reception to Year 6. Nursery vouchers have not arrived yet and will be issued once we have received them around the 4th December. Thank you!

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

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