



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

Friday 17th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

SATs week is over and we want to say as a school how proud we are of all the children in Year 6. You have worked so hard this week, well done! Have a great weekend, enjoy the sunshine and have fun!



Walk to School Week

Next week, (20th May- 24th May) is 'Walk to School Week'. Walking can be great for your mental health and well-being as well as your physical health and this is a fantastic opportunity to get some exercise in before school starts. Children will be able to see how walking each morning makes them feel and during our 'health and wellbeing' days understand why this is beneficial to them.

We understand that sometimes it is not possible for you to walk all the way to school therefore children who walk from the car to the gate will be able to participate. All children will be able to discuss with their teacher how it is making them feel and we can all pledge to continue to walk to school in the future. We hope to see lots of you joining in!

Health and Wellbeing Days

Next Thursday and Friday (23rd and 24th May 2024) will be our annual Health and Wellbeing Days. Children are asked to come to school in their PE School Uniform.

Our PE Kit:

- A plain white t-shirt
- Plain navy blue or black; shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms.
- Appropriate sports footwear.
- A plain navy-blue school jumper.
- Pupils should wear their normal navy-blue school jumper over the top of their PE kit for cold weather if required.

All clothing must be plain and in the colours stated.

Wellbeing Raffle

We will be holding a raffle to link in with the health and wellbeing days.

Some of our year 6's will be going around the classrooms selling raffle tickets for £1 per strip all next week starting from **Monday 20th May**. Children can bring cash with them to purchase tickets each day next week.

Some of the fabulous prizes link to the Health and Wellbeing theme on offer include:

- A young children's bike (kindly donated by a parent)
- Fruit basket
- Meal voucher
- Beamish Museum voucher
- And many more.....

Year 6 Residential Experience 2025 (Current Year 5 Pupils)

This will take place on Wednesday 19th February - Friday 21st February 2025







For children to achieve their full potential, they must sometimes leave the boundaries of the classroom and experience challenges above and beyond what they usually learn. Residential visits offer a fantastic opportunity to learn new exciting skills, experience the natural world up close and in some cases, even conquer long standing fears!

We are very excited to announce that this year's residential visit will once again take place at Marrick Priory Outdoor Education and Residential Centre in Richmond, DL11 7LD. It is our sincere hope that as many as possible of our Year 6 children will be able to attend the visit to ensure nobody misses out on the opportunity to create lasting memories in their final year with us here at Delves Lane Primary School!

In preparation for our visit, which always comes around much quicker than you think, a member of staff from Marrick Priory will be hosting a live parent's Q&A session via zoom in the junior school hall on **Wednesday 22nd May to answer any questions that you may have. The hall can be accessed from 3:15 via the blue fire doors to the school car park. Any parents or carers of children in Year 6 next year are very welcome to come along to find out more with no obligation to book a place.**

House Points

Please see our house points for this week.

Date:	Griffin 	Unicorn 	Minotaur 	Phoenix 
17.5.24	629	722	701	679

Well done, Unicorn 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
Cherry	Jack	Nathaniel & McKenzie
Hazel	Isla	Oliver
Maple	Riley	Alfie
Juniper	Rome	Sydney
Willow	Issac	Connie
Poplar	Connor	Charlotte
Birch	Ebony	JJ
Elm	Aaron	Lily
Pine	Sky	Emily

Class Attendance Awards

Well done to Maple and Birch hope you enjoyed the lovely cakes!

Class	Year Group	Attendance
Cherry	Reception	92.9%
Hazel	Year 1	93.8%

Juniper	Year 2	94.7%
Maple	Year 2	99.5%
Willow	Year 3	90.0%
Poplar	Year 3	92.7%
Birch	Year 4	93.5%
Elm	Year 4	91.5%
Pine	Year 5	93.0%

OPAL News



PLEASE, WE NEED YOUR HELP! Do you have any of the following...

- Small world toys including cars, farm animals, wild animals, dinosaurs
- Pipes and guttering
- Large reels
- Soft suitcases
- Pushchairs
- Buckets and spades
- Dressing up clothes
- **A wheelchair** ♿

Holidays in Term Time

After illness, the taking of holidays in term time has been in recent years the single largest cause of absence from schools in England. At DLPS, we believe that holidays in term time are undesirable because of the impact on our pupils' education, and we strongly encourage parents always to take family holidays during the 13 weeks of school holidays which are available to families each year.

Research has shown that there is a clear link between levels of attendance and levels of achievement. In short, the more time a pupil misses school, the lower their levels of achievement are likely to be.

Taking holidays in term time has a disruptive effect upon pupils' learning and it is often difficult for pupils to catch up with work that has been missed.

The law states that parents do not have the right to take their child out of school for holidays in term time and that holidays should only be authorised in exceptional circumstances by the Headteacher.

Exceptional circumstances can only cover a maximum of 10 days in a school year. If your child has accumulated other absences, or there have been previous requests under exceptional circumstances, the request is extremely unlikely to be approved.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Children **MUST** wear safe and appropriate footwear to school. No flip-flops or backless sandals, high-heeled shoes or Crocs. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Home Time Arrangements

If you need to make alternative arrangements for your child at home time, please remember to contact school by 12.00pm to inform us of the change. This will ensure that we can pass on the information to the class teacher as soon as possible. **After this time we cannot ensure that the message will reach your child by home time.** Thank you.

Home Time Supervision

At the end of each school day, it is very important that parents and carers supervise your child/children to ensure they are kept safe. Please do not allow them to climb on school fencing, etc. Thank you.

Reception Yard

Please could we ask parents and carers to ensure their children are not playing in the Reception (Cherry class) yard at hometime. The children and staff in Cherry class work hard to tidy up ready for the next day. We have noticed siblings have been playing in the mud kitchen, water area, and even opening and letting themselves in to our reading shed. Items are then left out / open, undoing the hard work the children have done at tidy up time. We appreciate your help and support with this matter. Thank you.

Online Safety

This week's free online safety guide focuses on Clickbait, a widespread digital marketing strategy which carries several significant online safety risks for impressionable young people. Please see more information on the attached leaflet as well as our Facebook page.

Calendar of Events

Here is the calendar of events up until 4th June.

Date	Event	Event Information
Tuesday 21st May 2024	Year 3 trip to Sunderland Winter Gardens (Poplar & Willow Classes)	Letters sent out to Y3 parents/carers with trip information and payment details.
Thursday 23 rd May 2024	Health & Wellbeing Event Whole school event	In school event, children to come to school in PE kits
Friday 24 th May 2024	Health & Wellbeing Event Whole school event	In school event, children to come to school in PE kits
Friday 24th May 2024	School Closes for Half Term Holidays	
Monday 3rd June 2024	PD Day (Teacher Training) School is CLOSED to pupils	
Tuesday 4th June 2024	School reopens for pupils	

We hope you have a lovely weekend and enjoy the weather! Thank you for your continued support.

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