



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

Friday 24th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We can't believe that half term has arrived, we hope all our children and families have a lovely holiday next week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their Health and Wellbeing Days this week. Thank you Mrs Donnelly for arranging this!

Year 3 visit to Sunderland Winter Gardens

Poplar and Willow class had amazing day on our trip to Sunderland Winter Gardens this week. We got to see original paintings by LS Lowry and then sketched our own versions of the buildings and ships while in the gallery. We then made a huge landscape sketch with all our pieces combined which we have brought back to school to paint!

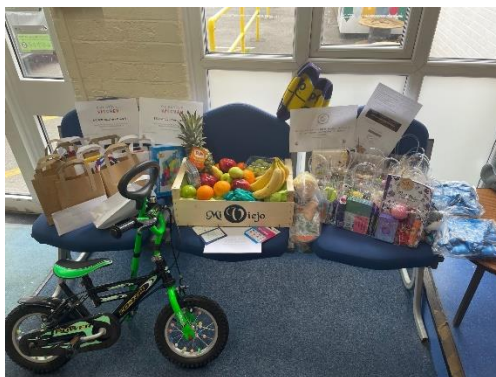
We also got to explore the museum and the winter gardens where we saw lots of artefacts related to our Y3 topics such as fossils, Egyptian and stone age artefacts, rocks and even taxidermy animals!

We also spotted some dinosaurs lurking around the winter gardens where we all climbed the stairs to see some amazing views from the top! Well done Year 3! A great end to our half term!



Wellbeing Raffle

Thank you to all the businesses who donated prizes for our Wellbeing Raffle, we raised an amazing **£216.00**, thank you to everyone who bought tickets! We hope the prize winners enjoy their prizes 😊



Prize	Winner
Bike	Hayden - Hazel
Beamish Day Ticket	Lily - Birch
Travellers Voucher	Mrs Bell
Restaurant Voucher	Robbie - Pine
Dining Out Gift Card	Mia - Cherry
Brow Wax Voucher	Chayton - Beech
Massage Voucher	Miss Hill
Creative Kitchen Voucher	Daniel - Birch
Creative Kitchen Voucher	Harry - Hazel
Fruit Basket	Jay-J - Cherry
Wellbeing Bags	Leo - Maple
Wellbeing Bags	Ebony - Birch
Wellbeing Bags	Skye - Oak
Wellbeing Bags	Hank - Cherry
Wellbeing Bags	Faith - Elm
Wellbeing Bags	Ollie - Juniper
Wellbeing Bags	Thomas - Hazel
Wellbeing Bags	Layla - Elm
Wellbeing Bags	Thea - Pine
Wellbeing Bags	Cody - Elm
Wellbeing Bags	Nieve - Pine
Wellbeing Bags	Max - Cherry
Skips and Bubbles	McKenzie - Cherry
Skips and Bubbles	Tiana - Beech
Skips and Bubbles	Chloe - Juniper
Skips and Bubbles	Harper - Cherry
Space Hoppers	Toby - Cherry
Space Hoppers	Carter - Hazel
James and the Giant Peach Doll	McKenzie - Cherry
Basket Ball	Jonjo - Cherry
Basket Ball	Alfie - Maple

Soft Bricks	Elsie - Saplings
Wellbeing bags (paper bag)	Callie - Birch
Wellbeing bags (paper bag)	Thea - Pine
Wellbeing bags (paper bag)	Evie - Poplar
Wellbeing bags (paper bag)	Martyna - Beech
Wellbeing bags (paper bag)	Andreea - Birch

After School Clubs

Next half terms afterschool clubs are now live on Arbor! Please see the below timetable:

Afterschool Club Timetable 2023-24

	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 - Y6	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Miss Smith	Maple Class Door	10.06.24 - 01.07.24
	Derwent Valley Allstars Club In this club children will have the opportunity to work with Derwent Valley Allstars to develop their dance skills and learn tumble, jump and stunt skills.	Y1-Y6	3:15 - 4:00	24 Children	Miss Kirkbride	Infant entrance	10.06.24 - 01.07.24
	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 McMeiken	Junior Entrance	10.06.24 - 01.07.24
	Cooking Club In this club children will have the opportunity to develop their cooking/ baking skills. Children will decide what tasty treats they would like to make and bring them home to share with their families.	Y3 - Y6	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Miss Forbes	Junior Entrance	10.06.24 - 01.07.24
	Reception Fun club In this club children in reception will be able to experience all of our clubs. They will enjoy playing different sporting games, singing, creative tasks and much more.	Cherry class only	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Miss McCabe/ Mrs Gordon	Hawthorn Class door	10.06.24 - 01.07.24
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.	Reception, Y1 and Y2	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Miss Morgan/ Miss Kirkbride	Infant Entrance	04.06.24 - 02.07.24
	Puzzle/ Board Game club In this club children will take part in a wide range of puzzles from jigsaws to mazes. They will build resilience in completing tasks they find difficult and can even try and create their own puzzles to puzzle their friends.	Y1 - Y6	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Mrs Randall	Junior Entrance	04.06.24 - 02.07.24
	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	04.06.24 - 02.07.24
	Arts & Crafts Club In this club children will have the opportunity to develop their own artistic style through colours, crafts, arts and music.	Y1 - Y6	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Mrs Clark	Junior Entrance	04.06.24 - 02.07.24
Wed	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.	Y1 - Y6	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Miss Troke (Grassroots)	Infant Entrance	05.06.24 - 03.07.24
	Well-being Club In this club children will have the opportunity to relax and learn different mindfulness skills that they can use in their everyday life.	Y1 - Y6	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Miss Parker	Maple Class Door	05.06.24 - 03.07.24
Thurs	Drawing Club In this club children will have the opportunity to develop their drawing skills, learning new techniques whilst they create masterpieces.	Y1 - Y6	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Mrs Winskill	Hazel Class Door	06.06.24 - 04.07.24
	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.	Y1 - Y6	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Miss Burnett	Junior Entrance	06.06.24 - 04.07.24
	Boy'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.	Y3 - Y6	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Mr Turnbull	Junior Entrance	06.06.24 - 04.07.24
	Music Club In this club children will explore rhythm and tempo and will have the opportunity to play some different instruments.	Y1-Y6	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Miss Hedge	Junior Entrance	06.06.24 - 04.07.24

Nursery Open Event

We would love to welcome any families who have children looking for a nursery in September 2024 to come along to our nursery open event on Tuesday 11th June at 3:30pm.



Nursery Open Afternoon
Tuesday 11th June
3.30-5.30pm

Are you looking for a Nursery Place
for your child in September 2024?

We have places for:
2 Year Olds
15 Hour Nursery Places
30 Hour Nursery Places



Come along and meet our wonderful staff and let your child experience
what Delves Lane Primary School has to offer.

If you would like to attend, please contact our school office.

Tel: 01207509984
Email: delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net
We look forward to meeting you.



Website/Social Media Promotional Material

On 13th June we will be having some photos and video footage taken to refresh our website and social media pages. For this to happen we need your consent for video footage to be taken of your child/ren as well as the photo consent we already have. Please could you log onto your Arbor Parental Portal and either consent or decline by Tuesday 4th June. **If you really do not want your child included in this please contact the school office on our return from the holidays.**

Class & Year 6 Leaver Photos

This year our class & year 6 leaver photos will be taken on Thursday 13th June by Unscripted Photography.

Reminder - 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!

OPAL News



OPAL Bingo is back!

Watch out for your child's class bingo board this week! Collect all the items, call BINGO and the winning class will get extra OPAL time. Good luck and let the competition begin!

Reminder - 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!

Online Safety

This week's free online safety guide provides some practical tips for helping to reduce your family's screen time and promote healthier use of their devices.

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
Friday 24 th May 2024	School Closes for Half Term Holidays	
Monday 3 rd June 2024	PD Day (Teacher Training) School is CLOSED to pupils	
Tuesday 4 th June 2024	School reopens for pupils	

Infant Cook

Our temporary cook – Elaina is leaving us today. We wish her all the very best in her new role. We would like to thank her for doing a good job! After the holidays, we will be welcoming our new cook Sandra to the infant kitchen team!

Goodbye to our wonderful Mr Matthews

We can't believe our lovely Mr Matthews is retiring after being with us for the last ten years (nearly 11)! Congratulations Les, and enjoy every minute because you deserve it! Thank you for everything you have done for us at DLPS!

We hope you enjoy your future with lots of time to enjoy your hobbies, friends and family as much as we've enjoyed having you! Cheers to your retirement. We will miss you!



We hope you will come back and visit, and tell us all about your adventures!

We hope all our children and families have a lovely holiday and enjoy the weather! **School opens again on Tuesday 4th June.** Thank you for your continued support.

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Head Teacher