



# DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have really enjoyed being outdoors this week enjoying the great weather! We hope it continues!

### Maple Class Assembly

Maple Class have been working very hard over the past few weeks to create an exciting assembly linked to their Science topic, 'Growth and Survival' and on Thursday this week, they showcased what they have learnt! We were extremely proud of how the children spoke clearly and confidently while teaching their parents/carers the names of baby animals, how animals reproduce, what animals need to survive and where animals live. They also talked all about their trip to Hall Hill Farm and shared their favourite photographs of the day. The assembly ended with a quiz about everything they had taught and a Funny Farmer's song. Well done Maple Class and thank you to everyone for attending!

### Morning Drop off

Please note that parents and carers MUST escort children to their class in Nursery, Cherry, Hazel, Juniper and Maple. This is for safeguarding reasons.

### Statutory Assessments 2024

Year 6 pupils in Beech and Oak will take their SATs week commencing 13th May.

- Monday 13 May English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Paper 1: Questions, Paper 2: Spelling
- Tuesday 14 May English Reading paper
- Wednesday 15 May Mathematics Paper 1: Arithmetic, Paper 2: Reasoning
- Thursday 16 May Mathematics Paper 3: Reasoning

Year 4 (Birch & Elm) take their Multiplication tables check between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> June.

Year 1 (Hazel and Juniper) will take their phonics screening week commencing the 10<sup>th</sup> June

### Safeguarding

Keeping children safe from harm is our number one priority. We will always act upon any concerns individuals have, or any disclosures from children. However, if you have any concerns outside of school, or if you have a concern about a child or young person's welfare, it is essential that you call First Contact on: 03000 267979.

### School Uniform

A reminder that our school uniform is a pale blue/white polo shirt or blouse, a blue jumper or cardigan, black, navy blue or grey trousers or skirt or a blue checked dress. This can be with or without school logos. All footwear is to be plain black shoes or plain black trainers. Uniform can be ordered directly from

<https://www.sportswear.com/delves-lane-primary-school-493-c.asp>

You can also visit Track Sportswear's shop to try uniform on at Track Sportswear Ltd, Gledstone House, 26 Newmarket Street, CONSETT, Co. Durham DH8 5LQ. Families can telephone: 01207 506929 or email:

[tracksportswear@gmail.com](mailto:tracksportswear@gmail.com)



## School PE Kits

Children wear their PE kit to school on PE Days.

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.

Children should attend school on their stated PE day or for sporting events/trips wearing the appropriate kit and if needed, spare kit will be provided to pupils.

Additional kit can be bought from many everyday high street retailers unembroidered, or alternatively, it can be purchased through our current school uniform provider from the website

<https://www.sportswear.com>

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## JEWELLERY in School

In the interest of safety, we strongly encourage children NOT to wear jewellery in school. This includes any form of fashion band worn around the wrist. Jewellery can present a risk of injury to the wearer and to others, and our aim is to keep children safe from harm at school.

Delves Lane Primary is an OPAL school (Outdoor Play and Learning) and some of the curriculum is taught through structured play and outdoor learning. We STRONGLY ADVISE that children do not wear earrings in school.

### Watches

Watches are not allowed in school; this includes any type of SMART watch or fitness band.

If a pupil is found in possession of a smart watch, then the following procedures apply:

- On the first occasion the smart watch will be confiscated, and the pupil may collect the watch from their class teacher at the end of the school day.
- On the second occasion a member of staff will contact parents via a phone call, text, email or letter. Parents will be requested to collect the smart watch at the end of the school day.
- In the event of a pupil refusing to hand over a smart watch when requested to do so, we will contact parents immediately.

### Earrings

Should you choose to allow your child to wear earrings in school now or in the future, despite the Health and Safety risks, the following information applies:





- Children can wear ONE pair of earrings (small plain studs ONLY)
- Children MUST be able to remove their earrings independently for ALL physical activities (PE lessons, swimming etc.)
- Parents MUST give their consent if they wish their child to wear earrings in school. An electronic indemnity form should be completed on Arbor.

### PE and Physical Activities

- Earrings MUST NOT be worn for PE or other sporting activities including swimming.
- If children cannot remove their earrings, they will not be allowed to participate in the lesson or activity.
- It would be advisable for children not to wear earrings on PE days, or on days when they have planned sporting activities.
- Children will not be allowed to cover their earrings with a plaster, because this does not provide adequate protection.

## House Points

Please see our house points for this week.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Griffin</b> 	<b>Unicorn</b> 	<b>Minotaur</b> 	<b>Phoenix</b> 
3.5.24	616	<b>747</b>	728	599

*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!

<b>Class</b>	<b>SOTW</b>	<b>ROTW</b>
Cherry	Kane	Niamh
Hazel	Kendal	James
Maple	Leo	Lucas
Juniper	Lochlann	Bobby
Willow	Maggie	Rudy
Poplar	Emily	Evie
Birch	Aria	Lola
Elm	Hylton	Ryan
Pine	Chloe	Jack
Beech	Lily	James
Oak	Sofia	Martyna

## Class Attendance Awards

Well done to **Hazel, Poplar & Beech** Classes! We hope you enjoyed the lovely cakes!

<b>Class</b>	<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Cherry	Reception	91.0%
<b>Hazel</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>98.3%</b>
Maple	Year 2	95.2%
Juniper	Year 2	90.3%
Willow	Year 3	87.8%
<b>Poplar</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>95.8%</b>
Birch	Year 4	91.3%
Elm	Year 4	94.0%
Pine	Year 5	94.2%

Beech	Year 6	96.6%
Oak	Year 6	90.9%

## Golden Welly

Golden Welly		
Name	Class	Reason for Nomination
Lochlann & David	Juniper	Playing captain of the ships on the rocks having great adventures.
John-James, Daniel, Roman, Harrison & Michael	Birch	Being very creative, looking after creatures and going on a bug hunt.

## OPAL News



Our school is an OPAL school and children will play outside in all weathers. **We strongly advise that children bring spare shoes, trainers, boots or wellies and spare track suit bottoms or trousers to change into, so that they can play on the fields.**

## 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
- Large cardboard boxes
- **A wheelchair ☺**

## Reminder Healthy Snacks

We are sharing some additional guidance about playground snacks. You can provide your Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6) child with a snack to eat during morning breaktime (10:10am). We aim to strongly discourage the consumption of snacks high in fat and sugar at break-time. The following is not an exhaustive list, but is provided to help you come up with ideas for appropriate snacks.

### Good choices:

- Fresh fruit
- Dried fruit
- Vegetable sticks (carrot, pepper, etc.)
- Breadsticks
- Oaty bars
- Pitta bread
- Crackers

- Plain brioche

**To discourage:**

- Crisps
- Chocolate bars
- Biscuits
- Processed cheese i.e. Dairylea dunkers (these can be high in fat and salt)
- Cheese strings
- Sweets
- Cake
- Doughnuts

Thank you for your support with this,

## Online Safety

This week's free online safety guide focuses on Ofcom's annual Media Use and Attitudes Report. On 19th April 2024, Ofcom released their annual Media Use and Attitudes Report, detailing the findings of several surveys and their implications for parents, children and young people in the UK. These statistics often include plenty of thought-provoking information relating to online safety.

The report itself is extremely extensive, so instead we've provided a bespoke selection of data gathered by Ofcom about children and young people's experiences on social media, video games and the like. Check the guide for a thorough breakdown of the headline findings.

Please see more information on the attached leaflet as well as our Facebook page.

## Calendar of Events

Below are some events taking place over the next few weeks.

Date	Event	Event Information
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>	<b>School Closed Bank Holiday</b>	
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>	<b>School opens for pupils</b>	
Week beginning 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Year 6 SATS  (Oak & Beech Classes)	More information to follow  Free Year 6 breakfast club available from 8am (Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024	Health & Wellbeing Event  Whole school event	In school event, children to come to school in PE kits
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Health & Wellbeing Event  Whole school event	In school event, children to come to school in PE kits
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>	<b>School Closes for Half Term Holidays</b>	
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024</b>	<b>PD Day (Teacher Training) School is CLOSED to pupils</b>	
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b>	<b>School reopens for pupils</b>	

## Pupil News

A huge well done to Maddison Clark in Poplar Class for competing in her gymnastics competition at the weekend. She received medals for 1st place in 'floor', 2nd place in 'vault' and came fourth overall! What an excellent achievement Maddison we are all very proud of you!



## More Pupil News

Nicholas in Poplar class who attends Timeless Musical Theatre Academy had an amazing opportunity to sing and dance on stage at The Customs House in South Shields. He took part along with a selected few from his musical theatre academy performing side by side with Timeless Entertainment professionals, The Yesterday's. Well done Nicholas, excellent news!!



We hope you have a lovely bank holiday weekend. **School opens again on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024.**  
Thank you for your continued support.

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**Head Teacher**