



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 2nd October

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are at the end of another busy week. We are very grateful to parents and carers for responding quickly when we have to close a Year Group Bubble. We continue to try and improve our systems and procedures.

Walk to School Week

Next week is Walk to School week and we have signed up to the challenge. We are asking for families to walk to school every day next week if possible. In class we will record how many children have walked to school that day and look at the benefits of doing this. Every child that takes part in the challenge will receive a special badge at the end of the week. We would love for as many of you to join in as possible and talk to your child about some of the benefits of walking to school.

CORONAVIRUS

Durham County Council are reminding all residents to:

- 1) Wash **hands** for 20 seconds and often
- 2) Cover **face** whenever possible
- 3) Make **space** stay 2 metres apart from others
- 4) Get a **test** if you have symptoms of Coronavirus

It's great to see our families following our new entrance, one-way system and exit from the school. Here is a reminder of the procedures we must all follow.

- Please can we all continue to socially distance from other families. There is a lot of congestion outside Class 6. Where parents cannot socially distance, then we strongly recommend parents & carers wear a face covering.
- Children CANNOT cycle or scoot on school grounds
- Children MUST WALK when on school grounds
- We strongly recommend parents and carers wear a face covering when entering and exiting school. This is recommended because some areas can become quite congested.
- **DLPS has been advised that only ONE parent or carer should drop off and collect their child/children each day. Thank you.**

Drop Off and Collection Times

The start and end of the school day seem to be running well. However, the key to this success is good time-keeping. Some parents/children are still arriving almost ten minutes too early. Please make every effort to keep to your child's allotted time slot and not arrive early, as this is when the yards/paths become over-crowded. Thank you very much, in advance, for your support with this. It has also been good to see so many of you wearing masks when dropping off and picking up your child, this can only help – especially when we are all having to adhere to local restrictions.

The FINAL DROP OFF TIME is 8.55am. The pedestrian gate will be closed by 9AM each day.

REMINDER COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

If your child develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus (COVID-19), they should STAY AT HOME. Please contact school at once and notify us. However, if your child develops symptoms at school, they will be sent home. Anyone with symptoms should stay at home for at least 10 days and book a test. This can be done by calling 119 or online through the NHS website: www.nhs.uk/coronavirus. The rest of the household needs to stay



at home for 14 days to self-isolate. All children attending school will have access to a test if they display symptoms of COVID-19 and are encouraged to get tested.

The symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell

Any pupil who develops any of the above symptoms should be tested. There is no need for their households to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic.

Children may feel unwell with a common cold, sore throat, headache or upset stomach. These are not symptoms and therefore a test is not required and self-isolation is not required.

Once the test has been taken, if the test is negative, all isolation ends and the child and the household can return to school and work. Please inform us and send confirmation of the negative test.

If the test is positive, the child remains in isolation alongside their family and the latest government guidance will need to be followed. The social group for that child or staff member will be contacted and we will engage with Public Health England and Test and Trace.

ISOLATION GUIDELINES

If your child has been sent home due to their bubble closing, Public Health guidelines state that you child must self-isolate for 14 days. If parents live in two separate households, your child should isolate in the home of the resident parent and not move between both households. Please click on this link for more detailed information.

<https://bit.ly/3l9ulKG>, thank you.

Parent Survey – Remote Education

In the event that classes, year group bubbles, groups or individual children need to self-isolate due to COVID-19, we will provide remote education (home learning). A survey was sent out yesterday via text/email to collect your opinions about remote education/home learning. A link to the survey can be found here:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Uv_fRWSDc02_Oo-YvFENh0w0ooFkYEFNsCzn8O6lnONURURKU0s0SDVStk03QzdRNDBIQjZDUVdGSC4u

We value your feedback, as this will help us to continue to improve our remote education/home learning offer. The survey closes on Monday 5th October 2020 at 4pm. Thank you.

We will only provide remote education (home learning) in the following circumstances:

- 1. A child has to isolate for 14 days because they have been in 'close contact' with someone who has tested positive at school. School will contact Public Health and communicate immediately with those families affected.**
- 2. A child has to isolate for 14 days because someone in their household or support bubble has tested positive**
- 3. A child has tested positive and needs to isolate for at least 10 days from the day their test was taken**

Attendance

Can we remind parents and carers that you must contact school every day to inform us if your child is going to be absent from school. If your child is displaying symptoms of COVID-19, then you must give keep us informed every day with an update. PLEASE can you contact school as early as possible if your child has tested positive. The main office is opened from 7.50am each day. Thank you.

TAPESTRY for Nursery and Reception (Classes 1 & 2)

This has been delayed and we will be in touch with parents & carers week commencing 5th October, thank you.

Tapestry will be introduced to all our Early Years Families next week. Tapestry is a secure online Learning Journal to record photos, observations and comments, in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. This will help us build up a record of your child's experiences during their time with us. The system allows us to work with parents and carers to share information and record the children's play and learning in and outside of the classroom. Next week we will be in touch with more information and to confirm all parent/carers email addresses, thank you.

Class 5 & 6

Please remember that children take part in P.E. every Wednesday. Children can come to school in their P.E. kit. Reading books are given out every Monday and should be returned on the following Friday. Thank you.

Hand Sanitiser/Toys

We have noticed a number of children bringing in their own hand sanitiser. Please remember that we have hand sanitiser and soap all around school. Children **MUST NOT** bring their own supplies. We have also noticed some children trying to bring toys into school. Toys are not allowed to be brought into school. Thank you.

Class 13 & 14 News

Mrs Donnelly and Mr Turnbull have been extremely impressed with the home learning taking place. They are really pleased to see children submitting regular work via Google Classroom. Well done Year 6! Keep up the good work.

Infant Play Equipment

A number of children are playing on the infant wooden play equipment at the end of each day. This is not permitted as the equipment is **OUT OF USE DUE to CORONAVIRUS**. The equipment CANNOT be cleaned and is CLOSED TO ALL CHILDREN. Please help us by collecting your child and promptly leaving the site. Where you have to wait for siblings, please keep your children with you. Thank you.

REMINDER Calendar of Events – Autumn 2020 Update

Please see this terms Calendar of Events. Details and reminders will come out via text message and email, thank you.

| Date | Event | Information |
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| Monday 5 th October | Hot School Meals | Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 are able to have hot meals. These must be pre-selected. Contact the school office for more information. |
| Monday 12 th October | Hot School Meals | Classes 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 are able to have hot meals. These must be pre-selected. Contact the school office for more information. |
| Week beginning 12 th October | Food Bank donations welcome | Collection points for dry food donations will be located around the site at drop off and collection times. Details to follow |
| Week beginning 12 th October | Parent and Teacher phone calls – Settling back into School and Initial baseline assessments for the Autumn term More Information will follow. | Parents will be given a time when Class Teacher will ring to discuss how their child has settled in school and share children's baseline assessment. |
| Friday 23 rd October | Non – Uniform Day - Red | Children bring in £1 to come to school dressed in Non-Uniform. A percentage of donations go to NHS Charities Together |
| Friday 23 rd October | Last day of Autumn 1 st Half Term | |
| Monday 25 th October to Friday 29 th October | Half Term Holiday | |
| Monday 2 nd November | School closed for Staff Professional Development | |
| Tuesday 3 rd November | School closed for Staff Professional Development | |
| Wednesday 4 th November | School Re-opens for Teaching/Children welcomed back to school | |
| Week beginning 7 th December | Assessment week – Years 1 - 6 | Please make sure children come to school on time and have eaten a good breakfast. |
| Friday 4 th December | School closed for Staff Professional Development | |
| Monday 14 th December | Early Years Nativity Mashup Nursery, Class 1 & 2 | School will provide children with costumes A recording will be uploaded to Facebook/Website |
| Tuesday 15 th December | Christmas Singalong in school Juniors (Classes 7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14) | Children can come into school dressed in Christmas Jumpers A recording will be uploaded to Facebook/Website |

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| Tuesday 15 th December | Christmas Singalong in school Infants | Children can come into school in Christmas Jumpers. A recording will be uploaded to Facebook/Website |
| Wednesday 16 th December | Christmas Parties: Y1 Morning Y2 Afternoon Y3 Morning Y4 Afternoon | For morning parties, children can come dressed in their party clothes. For parties in the afternoon please put clothes in a labelled carrier bag. Children will get changed at school with support from staff. |
| Thursday 17 th December | Christmas Parties: Nursery Morning Reception Afternoon Y5 Morning Y6 Afternoon | For morning parties, children can come dressed in their party clothes. For parties in the afternoon please put clothes in a labelled carrier bag. Children will get changed at school with support from staff. |
| Friday 18 th December | Christmas Dinner in School | Children can wear Christmas Jumpers. Children bring £1 into school for dressing in non-uniform. A percentage of donations will go to NHS Charities Together. |
| Friday 18 th December | Last day of Autumn Term | |
| Monday 21 st December to Friday 1 st January | Christmas Holidays | |
| Monday 4 th January | School Re-opens for Teaching/Children welcomed back to school | |

Breakfast Club & After School Childcare

Places must be pre-booked and pre-paid. Children can be dropped off between 7.50am and 8.00am **ONLY** for Breakfast Club. When collecting your child from Childcare, you will not be able to access the entrance area if you are not wearing a face covering. Please contact the school office during office hours Monday to Friday (7.50am to 3.30pm) should you wish to pre-book a place. Thank you.

Memorial for Marnie Gibson

Marnie's family and lifelong friends joined a small group of staff on Friday 18th September. We were able to share lovely memories about Marnie; read poetry and remember the wonderful person that she was. We miss Marnie very much and it was a great comfort to finally see her fabulous bench in place, release some balloons and wish our dear friend a happy birthday. A big thank you to Tommy Craggs Tree Sculpting for designing and producing this truly amazing work of art, he incorporated all of Marnie's favourite things in his design and I'm sure you will agree, it's a fitting tribute to our lovely friend. We would also like to thank a wonderful team of people who helped to install the bench in our school grounds and of course everyone who donated to the bench fund and made this all possible. We look forward to the time when our children can enjoy Marnie's bench and we're able to welcome visitors onto the school field to see it too.

Our poem for Marnie

A friend...

*A friend is someone we turn to
when our spirits need a lift.
A friend is someone we treasure,
for friendship is a gift.
A friend is someone who fills our
lives with beauty, joy and grace.
A friend makes the world we live in,
a better and happier place.
Thank you, Marnie, for being our friend.*



Please remember that if there is anything at all that you would like to talk about, or that concerns you, please do not hesitate to contact school. We are here to help and will get back to you as soon as possible.

Have a lovely weekend.

R Woods

Mrs Woods
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