



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 11th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We can't believe that next week is the last week of the Autumn term! All our pupils and staff have been fantastic at following our COVID-19 procedures. The children have been working hard during Assessment Week and I am sure are looking forward to our Christmas activities planned for next week. Well done everyone!

Christmas Raffle

If you would like to buy a ticket for our Christmas Raffle then children can bring their money into school on Monday or Tuesday next week. Tickets are £1 each and your child will be able to purchase them in class on both days.

Children will be given a ticket to take home and the duplicate will be kept in school. Tickets will be drawn next Wednesday and winners will be notified via text message. Prizes can be collected on Thursday 17th December at a pre-arranged time organised between the lucky winners and the school office.

There are some great prizes available! Thank you for your kind support.

Christmas Jumpers

As we are filming Christmas events next week, we have added MONDAY as a Christmas Jumper Day. Children can come to school in their Christmas Jumpers and Christmas accessories such as hats, headbands, etc. on:

- **Monday, Tuesday and Friday next week.** We can't wait to see them!

Children's Party Clothes

CHILDREN CAN COME TO SCHOOL DRESSED IN THEIR PARTY CLOTHES ON THE DAY OF THEIR PARTY

Please see the dates below and note the change of date for Class 11 & 12 party:

Christmas Parties	
Wednesday 16th December	Class 3 & 4 - Morning Class 5 & 6 - Afternoon Class 7 & 8 - Morning Class 9 & 10 - Afternoon
Thursday 17th December	NurseryAM – Morning NurseryPM - Afternoon Class 1 & 2 - Afternoon Class 13 & 14 - Afternoon
Friday 18th December	Class 11 & 12 - Morning

Google Classroom

For children in Classes 3 to 14, your child's Christmas Singing will be filmed and uploaded to Google Classroom. Please get in touch if you need your child's login information to be sent out. If you would not like your child to be included in the video, please contact the school office by 9am on Monday 13th December. The Class Christmas Sing-Along will be available to view by Friday 18th December.



Tapestry

For children in Nursery, Class 1 and 2, your child's Nativity Mash-Up will ONLY be available via tapestry. Please contact Mrs Randell or email the school office if you need your login details. If you would not like your child to be included in the video, please contact the school office by 9am on Monday 13th December. The Nativity will be available to view by Friday 18th December.

Christmas Events – Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Information
Friday 4 th December	School closed for In Service Training	
W/C 14 th December	In School Virtual Event	Virtual Pantomime 'The Emperors New Clothes' will be streamed in classes across the week
Monday 14th December	Early Years Nativity Mashup Nursery, Class 1 & 2	School will provide children with costumes A recording will be uploaded to Facebook/Website Children can come into school dressed in Christmas Jumpers
Tuesday 15th 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
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Singalong in school Infants	Children can come into school in Christmas Jumpers A recording will be uploaded to Facebook/Website

Friday 18th 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 18th December	Last day of Autumn Term	
Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January	Christmas Holidays	
Monday 4th January	School Re-opens for Teaching/Children welcomed back to school	

PE Kits

Please note: Children will **NOT** need to wear their PE kits next week, as we have lots of Christmas activities planned. Thank you.

School Council News

We are happy to inform you that class elections have taken place and our new school council is ready to go! Being part of our school council is a great opportunity and will involve the children having their say, as the voice of all of our pupils, in the future direction of our school. They will work closely with Mrs Donnelly to share their ideas, discuss significant school and community issues and make important decisions about the running of our school.

Our new councillors are: **Sophie (Class 5), Georgie (Class 6), Emilia (Class 7), Leo (Class 8), Milena (Class 9), Heidi (Class 10), Lucy (Class 11), Oscar (Class 12), James (Class 13) and Holly (Class 14).**

Congratulations to all of our winning candidates and a huge thank you to all of the children who applied for the role. It is great to see so many of our children keen to make a difference for our whole school community.

Keeping Children Safe in Education/Safeguarding Policy

Please note that our revised Safeguarding Policy is available for parents and carers here:

<http://www.delveslaneprimary.durham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/17/2020/12/DLPS-KCSIE-Safeguarding-School-Policy-December-2020.pdf>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS (Benefit related) Covid -19 Winter Grant Scheme – winter food vouchers

Durham County Council have received funding from the Government through the COVID-19 Winter Grant Scheme to support families through the winter.

Every pupil who currently receives free school meals (benefit related) will be provided with a voucher to spend at Asda, Morrisons, Sainsburys or Tesco.

Today we will send out an email to the parent of each eligible pupil which will provide details of the process – Please keep an eye out for an email from delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net

CHRISTMAS CARDS - REMINDER

As we are must quarantine Christmas cards this year, the final collection day is MONDAY 14 December for cards to be distributed on Friday 18th December, so to avoid any disappointment, please ensure your child brings their cards in on Monday.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to hand out any Christmas cards that are brought into school after Monday's deadline.

Thank you for your understanding 🙏🙏

CHRISTMAS GIFTS 🎁🎁

As Christmas rapidly approaches, the staff wish to make a difference in someone's life. In the midst of all the glitz and glitter of a modern Christmas, it is easy to forget that some people in our community may not know where their next meal will come from. Due to Covid-19 many families may be on reduced incomes and could be struggling to provide presents for their little ones this year. With this in mind, we ask that you do not buy us any gifts this Christmas, although we do appreciate your kindness, there is really no need for presents. A thank you is quite sufficient as it is our privilege and pleasure to teach your lovely children.

Instead of giving to us, should you wish, you could make a small food donation to Food4U Foodbank, Consett (Glenroyd House). Alternatively, you could pop a gift for a child into your shopping trolley and add it to one of the many collection boxes in our local supermarkets? This will directly help our local communities.

We hope you agree that this will be an excellent way of supporting others less fortunate than ourselves.

Thank you for your kindness

The Staff of Delves Lane Primary School 🙏🙏

COVID-19 Emails

Please remember if you need to report any information to school regarding your child developing COVID-19 symptoms or isolating, then all emails can now be sent to our new email:

covid19emergencies@delveslane.co.uk

Emails can be sent **at any time (including weekends)** but are ONLY for COVID-19 related matters. Thankyou.

Thank you as always for your kind support, have a lovely weekend. We are very much looking forward to all our Christmas events next week!



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