



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to wish all our children, parents and governors a very happy new year! The first week back has flown by and it has been great to hear about the children's Christmas holidays.

Spring Calendar of Events 2019

I have attached the Spring Calendar of events for your information. The dates for events are the same as the original calendar for the year, but there are some new events which have been added. Thank you.

Class 3's visit to Mrs Woods

On Thursday morning, Class 3 went on a special mission to see Mrs Woods. The children have been very worried about the plastic straws used with the school milk. They think these straws, which are only used once, may be harming animals, particularly when they get into the rivers and seas. Class 3 wrote a special letter asking Mrs Woods to change the way in which the children get milk in school. In fact, they would like Delves Lane School to use a lot less plastic. Well done to Class 3 from Mrs Schenker and Mrs Beauvoisin. Following on from the Class 3's visit, I am going to contact the company that supplies our milk cartons and invite them into school to meet with representatives from Class 3 and myself. I was very impressed with the children's mission!

Thank you!

We have been very fortunate to receive some fantastic nativity costumes for our Christmas performances next year. We would like to say a big thank you to Kim and Christine Bland for their kind donations.

Year 6 (Classes 12 & 13) Victory Street Party – Invite to parents and extended family

To celebrate the end of the Second World War and begin their new topic of Post War Britain, Year 6 have been planning their very own 1940's style street party. The children are currently working hard to prepare a period menu, decorations, music and games and are eager to invite Year 6 family and extended family to attend the event taking place on **Tuesday 22nd January (2:30pm - 3:10pm)**. During the party, a light menu of traditional foods will be provided as well as tea and coffee for adults. The children will perform songs from the period and share some of the work they have been doing about the War. There may even be time for some traditional party games. We look forward to seeing you there! Thank you from Miss Jones, Mrs Donnelly and Mr Turnbull.

Spring Curriculum Newsletter

You will find attached a termly newsletter, so that you can find out more information about what your child is learning in school this term. Thank you.

Questionnaires

We would like to thank you all for completing the questionnaires. Well done to the Burns family who were the winners of the Argos vouchers. Next week we will send out an analysis of all your responses. Thank you again.

Well-done Assemblies

These will begin again on Friday 18th January for the Spring Term.

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Attendance

Here is the % attendance for this week.

Well done to Classes ...

Class 1	91.5
Class 2	98.8
Class 3	96.4
Class 4	95
Class 5	92.4
Class 6	99%
Class 7	94.7
Class 8	100%
Class 9	98.4
Class 10	98.9
Class 11	96.3
Class 12	98.4
Class 13	96.4

Well done to our attendance raffle winners from last term. They were:

Early Years – Elliott (Nursery), Charlie (Class 1)
Key Stage 1 – Lily (Class 3), James (Class 4)
Lower Key Stage 2 – Emma (Class 10), Lily (Class 8)
Upper Key Stage 2 – Lewis (Class 12), Samantha (Class 12)

Online Safety

We are aware that a lot of our children are talking about playing on a game called Fortnite. We are concerned for your child's online safety. The game is available on a PC, Mac, PlayStation, Xbox and iPads.

Recently we have noticed an increasing number of children playing and talking about this game, even though it is recommended for children aged 12+ years. Children have informed staff that they are playing on it for extended periods of time. We have also witnessed some aggressive behaviour at school, as well as increased anger and bad language. Please ensure you know what your child is doing online and that they are keeping safe. A fact sheet regarding Fortnite is attached for your information. Thank you for your support.

Jewellery Reminder

We have noticed children are wearing earrings, watches and items such as fit-bits at school. We cannot allow these to be worn at school. Earrings must be covered if a child's ears have been recently pierced. Please help us keep children safe by following our school policy.

PE Kits

Participation in PE is hugely important for the development of health, fitness and wider skills for learning such as resilience and collaboration. We have noticed a number of children are regularly forgetting their PE kit. We have found that a lot of children find it easier if they keep their PE kits in school and take them home half termly. Please do not take them home everyday. Please ensure you are ready to participate fully in lessons. Thank you for your support, it is appreciated.

Packed Lunches

We have noticed that some children's packed lunch contains a number of chocolate bars, etc. It is important not to fill up on too many foods that are high in fat and/or sugar at the expense of other more nutritious foods. Limiting high fat and sugar foods will help protect young people from becoming overweight as well as helping prevent tooth decay, heart disease, stroke, and diabetes. This is why sweets, chocolate, crisps, cereal bars, fruit bars,



toffee/salted popcorn, squash and fizzy drinks are no longer available in schools. Please support your school by not including these items in a packed lunch. Thank you.

Outdoor Play

Please could you ensure your child has a warm winter coat and gloves during the winter months. We only allow children to access the field when wearing their wellies. Your child can bring old clothes and wellies in a bag so that they can change into them for outdoors. We would appreciate any spare wellies you are able to donate, particularly larger sizes from adult size 3 to 6. Thank you.

Community News

If you have concerns about your child's confidence, worries, anger, feeling sad, relationships and friendships then the Emotional Health and Resilience Nurse Drop In Sessions are taking place at Consett Rugby Club with Jo Campbell on:

Monday 21st January from 3.30pm to 5pm
Monday 4th February from 3.30pm to 5pm
Monday 18th February from 3.30pm to 5pm
Monday 4th March from 3.30pm to 5pm
Monday 18th March from 3.30pm to 5pm
Monday 1st April from 3.30pm to 5pm
Monday 15th April from 3.30pm to 5pm

YMCA Furniture Project

The YMCA has a great furniture recycling unit in Consett and they clean and re-sell at affordable prices, Please take a look at their Facebook page with directions of where they are located.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/YMCA-Furniture-Project/1155935621129455>

Delves Lane Village Hall News

Animal Instinct – Dog Training Classes for Beginners from Wednesday 16th January. 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

Pottery Ceramics Course – 21st January from 6pm to 9pm. This is a 6 week course.

Batik Fabric Art Course – 23rd January from 6pm to 9pm. This is a 6 week course.

Painting/Drawing Course – Tuesday 5th February from 10am to 12pm. This is a 10 week course.

For more details on any of these courses please ring Tel: 01207 583174

Attached is a Spring Calendar of Events, Online Safety Advice re Fortnite and your child's Spring Term Curriculum Newsletter. Thank you for your support.

R Woods

Mrs R Woods
Head Teacher



Spring Term 2019

Date	Event	Information
Tuesday 22 nd January	Classes 12 & 13 (Year) Victory Street Party	Parents and extended family are invited into school. 2.30pm to 3.10pm
Thursday 31 st January	Class 7 (Mr Jones) and Class 8 (Mrs Shaw) assembly	2:40pm Junior Hall Parents Welcome
Monday 4 th February	School Nurse drop-in	9-10am KS2 Group Room Parents and carers can meet with the school nurse re their child's health or any concerns
Monday 11 th to Friday 15 th February	Safety Week – All Year Groups	In School Events
Thursday 14 th February	Valentines Disco	Info to follow
Friday 15 th February	Break up half-term	Non Uniform Day – School nominated charity
Monday 25 th February	School opens	
Week beginning: Monday 25 th February	Book People Book Fair	Open after school until 4pm
Tuesday 26 th February	Delves Lane Dance Festival (Whole School)	Info to follow.
Tuesday 5 th March	House Cup Event Obstacle Course	Classes 3 and 4 (Year 1) In school event Children need a PE kit in school
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	Fancy Dress with a word!
Tuesday 12 th March	Orchard Planting Event with Musicians from The Sage	Classes 7, 8, 9, 10 1.15pm to 3pm Parents and carers welcome
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief	Info to Follow
Week beg 25 th March	Assessment week	
Monday 1 st April	Diversity and Interfaith Week	In school event
Monday 1 st April	Nursery Easter workshops	In Nursery – times to follow
Monday 1 st April	Reception Easter workshops Class 1 and 2	Class 1 9:15am – 10am in Infant hall Class 2 10:15 – 11am in Infant hall Parents welcome
Monday 1 st April	Class 10, 11, 12 and 13 Easter Workshops	Class 11 Junior Hall 1:15 – 2pm Class 12 and 13 Junior Hall 2:10 – 2:55pm Parents welcome
Tuesday 2 nd April	Class 3 and 4 Easter workshops Class 9 Easter workshops	Class 3 Infant Hall 9 – 9:45 Class 4 Infant Hall 10 – 10:45 Parents welcome Class 9 Junior Hall 1:15 – 2pm Class 10 Junior Hall 2:10 – 2:55pm Parents welcome
Tuesday 2 nd April	Parents Evening	More info to follow 3.20pm onwards



		School Nurse will be available
Wednesday 3 rd April	Class 5, 6, 7 and 8 Easter workshops	Class 5 Infant Hall 2 – 2:45pm Class 6 Infant hall 2 – 2:45pm Class 7 Junior Hall 1.15 – 2pm Class 8 Junior Hall 2:10 – 2:55pm Parents welcome
Thursday 4 th April	Easter egg competition	3pm Year 1- 6 In school event
Friday 5 th April	Break up – Easter holidays	



Child safety on Fortnite: Parent Factsheet

Fortnite is an online video game where players compete to be the last person standing in a post-apocalyptic world. The most popular version is Fortnite: Battle Royale, which sees up to 100 players pitted against each other to stay alive on an island. Players can build and demolish structures, and collect weapons, supplies and armour to help them along the way.

Players shoot each other using a range of lethal weapons, but the brightly-coloured, cartoon-style graphics and lack of bloodshed mean it doesn't feel too gory or graphic.

To play, the age recommendation is **12 and above** due to 'mild violence', although you don't have to provide your age when creating an account, so younger children can still log on easily.

Fortnite: Battle Royale is **free to download** on PC/Mac, Xbox, Playstation, Nintendo Switch and iOS devices (Apple phones and tablets). It's coming to Android soon.

It has about 45 million monthly users worldwide including the England football team, who reportedly played it in their World Cup downtime.

What are the concerns?

You may have seen news reports or heard concerns raised about the:

- **Communication between players:** a chat function allows players to talk to each other either over a headset and microphone, or using messaging. Children could use it to speak to strangers, or it could put them at risk of cyberbullying
- **In-app purchases:** players can build up large bills on their parents' accounts by buying cosmetic items like outfits for your character and better-looking weapons (otherwise known as 'skins')
- **Addictive nature of the game:** anecdotal stories tell of children staying up all night to play, or falling asleep in lessons after playing for too long. Some commentators attribute this to the communal feel of the game – you can play with your friends – and the game is different every time you play, keeping it fresh

What safety options are available to parents?

Use the parental controls on the gaming device

Most devices allow you to **set time limits** on game play, **set age limits** for content, and **restrict in-app purchases**.

Visit the website 'ask about games' for links to detailed instructions on the device your child uses – the site covers Playstation 3, Playstation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One, Apple and Android phones, and Nintendo Switch.

[Ask About Games](http://www.askaboutgames.com/advice/parental-controls)

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The battles in Fortnite last around 20 minutes. When trying to limit your child's screen time, make the most of this natural stopping point. Set a limit in terms of matches rather than hours and minutes, or set time limits in 20 minute increments.

Turn off the voice chat feature

Speak to your child to make sure they know this feature exists, and encourage them to use the options below if they encounter someone who is offensive or inappropriate.

You can disable the voice chat function in the game if you:

- Open the settings menu (the 3 lines on the right-hand-side of the screen), then choose the 'cog' icon



- Select the 'audio' tab
- You should be able to turn off 'voice chat' by tapping the arrows next to it

You can also 'mute' individual players in the game by:

- Pausing the game
- Hovering over the player you wish to mute
- Selecting the mute button (a loudspeaker icon)

Make sure your child knows how to report inappropriate behaviour

You or your child can report players who make them uncomfortable using the in-game feedback tool (located in the main menu).

You can also use the 'support' section of the Epic Games site (the makers of Fortnite). You're asked to select the platform you play the game on, the game mode you're playing, and then you can select 'report player'. You can provide more detail such as the player's name, and attach a screenshot.

Support, Epic Games

https://fortnitehelp.epicgames.com/customer/portal/emails/new?b_id=9729&q=email+us

What else can I do?

Further tips

- Download and play the game to help you understand it
- Talk to your child about what they're doing online, and make sure they know they can talk to you about anything that has upset them
- Check your bank statements and gaming system account balance regularly to look for in-app purchases you're not happy with, and to make sure your child isn't getting around any passwords you've set up

More sources of support

- Non-profit organisation Internet Matters has put together [5 top tips to manage children's screen time](https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/5-top-tips-to-manage-childrens-screentime/).
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- The [National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children \(NSPCC\)](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/) has a range of resources for parents on internet safety.
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- The NSPCC has also teamed up with O2 to offer advice to parents. You can call their free helpline on 0808 800 5002, or [make an appointment](https://guru.secure.force.com/O2DeskStoreLocator) with an O2 Guru in an O2 store.
<https://guru.secure.force.com/O2DeskStoreLocator>

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