



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

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It has been a very busy time in school this term so here are some updates on what has been taking place. Please remember to check out our website and Facebook page!

Our Neighbour and Me

This term, classes 8 and 10 are taking part in a project, which helps children recognise that our local communities in the North East are vibrant and culturally diverse. As part of this, our school has been twinned with Oakfield Primary School in Low Fell, Gateshead and last week six of our children went on a visit to meet up with the children and staff of Oakfield. We received a very warm reception and look forward in the future to welcoming them to our school.



Summer Fair

Our annual summer fayre is taking place on Wednesday 19 July from 2:00pm. Children can be collected from their classroom by an appropriate adult from 2:00pm, to attend the fayre.

Please note: If another parent or adult is sent to collect a child or children for the fayre, then the school office must be notified before 12:00pm that day so that they can inform class teachers. Only contacts on pupil records can collect pupils unless the office is notified beforehand.

Young Fivers Enterprise

Thank you to everyone who attended our Young Fivers Enterprise Fayre. Classes 7, 8 and 9 took part. The children worked hard to create products or services to sell on the day. Each class recorded a healthy profit, which will go towards some lovely resources for their new classrooms in September. More importantly, they learned some very valuable skills around teamwork and money handling.

Early Years Sports Events

The Early Years team would like to say a huge well done to nursery and reception for their fantastic sports day. We were so impressed with the children's behaviour and eagerness to complete our obstacle course. A big thank you to all the parents who came to cheer them on!

Key Stage One Sports Event

Key stage one sports day was a huge success. The weather stayed fine and the children enjoyed taking part in all the physical activities. A big thank you to all the parents who turned up to support the children. It was lovely to see so many of you take part in the parent's race. The children are still talking about it now.

Reception Trip to Blue Reef Aquarium

On Monday, Classes 1 and 2 visited Tynemouth Beach and Blue Reef Aquarium and the weather certainly did not dampen our spirits! The children had a great time on the beach making sand castles and thoroughly enjoyed watching the seal show at the aquarium. Their behaviour was excellent and they were an absolute credit to our school. Well done!



Opal Reward Afternoon for Unicorns

On Monday, the End of Year Winners of the 2016-17 House Cup were announced. A huge congratulations to all the children in **Unicorn House** who won with an enormous total of **10,106** points. A record amount of points! To celebrate the children's good behaviour and hard work this year, we invited them to take part in a play afternoon with a party, picnic and music outside in the sunny weather.

Cheerleading After School Club Performance

On Monday 10 July, the girls who have participated in the cheerleading after school club showcased their routine to family members. The girls have worked extremely hard learning different styles of cheerleading and incorporating them all together into a fantastic routine. They all enjoyed trying something new, and treated us to a great performance. Miss Kirkbride would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who came to watch, your support was very much appreciated!

Year 6 Games Day

Last week the year 6 children designed and created a range of games from 'Musical Mayhem' to 'Crabs vs Fish'. On Wednesday, the children from year 1 to year 5 had a fantastic time playing the games and winning prizes, raising almost £300! The year 6 children will decide what to do with the money, to leave behind a legacy for the rest of the children to enjoy.

Defibrillator at Delves Lane Primary

We have been very fortunate to receive funding from the Derwentside Area Action Partnership to purchase a defibrillator for our school and receive adult training in its use. Last week Justine Wilson visited school and presented the defibrillator to us. We will be organising staff training for next term. Many thanks to the Derwentside Area Action Partnership!

Class 10 & 11 Visit to The Sage and Assembly for Parents

This term, classes 10 and 11 have been practising for The Big Sing! On Tuesday 4 July, we attended The Sage in Gateshead to perform our songs with children from all over the North East. This year's theme was 'Showstoppers' so all of the songs were from musicals and films. We also performed them in a special assembly for parents on Thursday.

Duck Day in Years 5 & 6

Last Wednesday, the year 5 and year 6 children had an excellent day with the Duck Production Company. They learnt how to make origami ducks, and then worked in teams to buy the resources they needed to make as many ducks as possible. They then sold them to make a profit. It was a great opportunity for the children to experience running a business whilst also having fun!

Attendance

For the week ending 14th July the attendance for each class was:

Nursery AM	89.3
Nursery PM	82.7
Class 1	95.8
Class 2	90
Class 3	91.4
Class 4	100%
Class 5	90
Class 6	93.3
Class 7	98.1
Class 8	99.3
Class 9	93.2
Class 10	96
Class 11	97.2
Class 12	96.6

Well done to Class 4 and Class 8!!!!

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 18 July 2017	Parent drop-ins to discuss annual reports with class teachers	From 3:30pm onwards	Parents can drop in (no appt needed) junior & infant halls
Wednesday 19 July 2017	Summer Fayre	2:00pm onwards	Open to parents from all classes
Thursday 20 July 2017	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	9:15am to 10:00am	Open to parents of Year 6 (Class 12) children
Friday 21 July 2017	Non-uniform day (Oxfam)	All day	Whole school (small donation)
Friday 21 July 2017	Last day of term	SUMMER HOLIDAYS!!!	
Wednesday 6 September 2017	School re-opens today!		