



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

12th June 2017

We have had a busy start to the second half of the Summer Term.

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

We would like to explain that there will be days during the year when the weather is severe and children will not be able to go outdoors. Hopefully, these will be few and far between but I would like to reassure you that we have created a 'Severe Weather Plan' for such occasions. Children will be supervised indoors during severe weather conditions. Please could you send spare clothes, a coat and wellies into school every day because the weather is very changeable. Thank you.

Year 6 Visit to Durham Cathedral



Year 6 enjoyed a visit yesterday morning when they attended the annual Leavers Service. This is held at Durham Cathedral. During the service children had time to reflect on their time at Primary School and look forward to their transition to Secondary education. The children were exceptionally well behaved and are a credit to our school. Well done to Class 12!

Attendance Class Awards this week:

Class 5 - 94.2%

Class 9 - 96.6%

Statutory attendance for the school is currently 94.3%. This is below the national average of 96.1%. We have had a large number of requests for holidays during term-time and these will not be authorised. If your child is absent for 7 days or more and the absence is unauthorised we will be referring the case to the Attendance Improvement Team. You may be liable to a fixed penalty notice which means that each parent would be fined £60 per child for the unauthorised absence. We have looked carefully at attendance and there are a large number of pupils who are below 95% for their attendance. Class teachers will be contacting parents/carers of pupils whose attendance falls below 95%. I will be working with the Attendance Improvement Partner and Local Authority

with regards to the attendance of children below 90%. School reports this year will include comments on pupil attendance. Thank you for your support with this matter.

OPAL Fundraising Afternoon

We are grateful for the support we received and were pleased with how many parents and carers were able to attend the event. We had some really positive feedback regarding the playground developments. Thank you for your kind donations, we managed to fund raise £196 towards our tree house village.

Year 6 Residential Visit to Kingsway

This year a group of Year 6 children had the opportunity to visit Kingsway Outdoor Education Centre in Middleton-on-Teesdale for an action packed outdoors adventure. Take a look at this link Kingsway Residential Visit 2016-17 to see who you can spot and what they got up to. <http://www.delvelanprimary.durham.sch.uk/pupils/school-sports/kingsway-residential-visit-2016-17/>

Young Fivers Enterprise

Parents of children in classes 7, 8 and 9 (Mr McMeiken, Mrs Donnelly and Mr Turnbull) are invited into school on 29th June at 3pm to our Young Fivers Enterprise Event. The children were visited by Alison from Young Fivers Enterprise before the half term holiday. They are working in groups to develop a business plan complete with a business name and logo. The children will take part in market research to find out how much to charge for their product before making and selling their final goods. We look forward to seeing what our budding Alan Sugar's come up with!

Dates for your diary next week:

Meeting for new Nursery Parents – **Wednesday 14th June at 3.30pm in the Infant Hall**

Meeting for new 2 Year Old Parents – **Thursday 15th June at 3.30pm in the Infant Hall**

The children will be watching a production of Charlotte's Web in school next Thursday, I am sure they tell you all about it!

Sainsbury's School Games Silver Mark Award

We are delighted to announce that our school has been awarded the Silver Mark from Sainsbury's School Games. More information can be found here:

[https://www.yourschoolgames.com/uploads/file/School_Games_Mark_Criteria_16-17\(7\).pdf](https://www.yourschoolgames.com/uploads/file/School_Games_Mark_Criteria_16-17(7).pdf)

Thank you to all our pupils for all their efforts as well as all staff for their support with increasing PE provision at Delves Lane Primary School. Mr Turnbull has developed the PE provision, including increased participation as well as pupils taking part in more competitions.

Yours sincerely

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