



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 2nd October

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a busy few weeks since the start of the Autumn Term.

Beamish Agricultural Show

Class 5 visited the show on the 18th September 2015. They took with us lots of work from across the school to enter into the different categories. They had an amazing day making scarecrows, dancing and sampling some homemade nettle juice. The weather was lovely and the children behaved impeccably. If that wasn't enough, they brought back lots of certificates awarded to the children and the school for all the wonderful work they entered. Well done everyone!

Infant Recorder Club

Mrs Shaw and Miss Webb would like to say that they are delighted with the children who are attending the after school recorder club. The children are so enthusiastic and willing to learn. I think it is fair to say that they will become the best recorder group the school has ever had. We are all hoping to make our first performance at the Christmas show. Well done!

News from Class 1 & 2

This week in Reception they have been making silly soup to learn sounds (s, a, t, p) and they've been learning number rhymes to help with number formation. Collages have been made of the numbers and sounds during free choice to help pupils remember them. In topic lessons they have been learning about how to look after babies.

Assembly on E-Safety

The police have visited school and led a junior assembly on E Safety. They reminded pupils of how to keep safe online before showing a short video.

Poppy Display

Some children from Classes 3 to 12 were asked to paint poppies. They will be displayed outside Tesco in Consett soon!

Attendance Awards

All pupils with 100% attendance for a whole week are entered into a class raffle. The winner is drawn by the class teacher and will receive a prize from the cabinet in the main reception area. There are 12 classes so one pupil from each class will win a prize for their attendance each week.

For the month of September our attendance for the whole school was 96.4%. This is above National Average and we would like to thank parents for their support.

Safeguarding Pupils

We would like to thank parents of junior pupils, who have informed the school office of home-time arrangements for their child.

Colouring Club

We started a colouring club with Reception pupils recently, but only a small number of children attend. We would like to ask if anyone **Year 1 pupils** would like to be join this club. There are 11 places available. If your child would like to attend this club could you please contact the school office. The places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

School Development Plan

We have set a number of priorities for the new academic year and these will be reviewed termly.

Our priorities:

- To raise standards in Phonics and Reading
- Improve handwriting
- Introduce assessment without levels
- Embed problem solving and reasoning in Mathematics
- Improve attendance
- Continue to enrich the quality of teaching
- Develop stronger links with the school community

Your continued support is much appreciated. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

B Woods

Mrs B Woods
Acting Head Teacher

Date	Event	Information
Thurs 8 October	Tag Rugby Competition Consett Rugby Club	Selected pupils from Years 5 & 6
Wed 14 October	Harvest Assembly	Class 1 and 2 only Parents welcome - 9.15am Infant Hall
Thurs 15 October	Key Stage 1 Harvest Festival	Classes 3, 4 and 5 Parents welcome - 9.15am Infant Hall
Week beg 19 October	Assessment Week	Years 1 – 6
Tues 20 October	Visit to Housesteads Roman Fort	Classes 8&9
Thurs 22 October	Class 5 Assembly	Parents welcome – 9.15am – Infant Hall
Thurs 22 October	Key Stage 1 Halloween Disco	Classes 3, 4 and 5 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm - Infant Hall
Fri 23 October	School Closed	Teacher Training Day
Mon 26 – Fri 30 October	School Closed	Half Term Holiday
Mon 2 November	School reopens today for teaching	
Wed 4 November	Class 3 assembly	Parents welcome – 9.15am – Infant Hall
Mon 9 – Mon 16 Nov	Travelling Book Company	Book Fair in the Library
Tues 10 November	Helping Hands Meeting	9.15 am Library
Fri 13 November	Children in Need	Non uniform – Charity event
Fri 13 November	Dragons' Den	Years 1-6 In school event
Thurs 19 November	Class 9 Assembly	Parents welcome – 9.15am – Junior Hall
Fri 20 November	Enterprise Event	Parents welcome Infants and Junior Hall
Tues 24 November	Parents' Evening	Appointment letters will be sent home with allocated times.
Week beg 30 November	Assessment week	Years 1-6
Fri 4 December	School Closed	Teacher Training Day
Tues 8 December	Pantomime Consett Empire Theatre	Jack and the Beanstalk - Years 1 – 6 1.00 pm – 4.30 pm
CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES		
Wed 9 December	Nursery Nativity Performances	10.45 am and 2.45 pm
Wed 9 December	Key Stage 2 Performances Classes 6,7,8,9,10,11 & 12	9.15 am and 2.30 pm Ticket information will follow
Thurs 10 December	Key Stage 2 Performance Classes 6,7,8,9,10,11 & 12	9.15 am Ticket information will follow
Thurs 10 December	Key Stage 1 Performance Classes 1,2,3,4 & 5	2.30 pm Ticket information will follow
Fri 11 December	Key Stage 1 Performances Classes 1,2,3,4 & 5	9.15 am and 2.30 pm Ticket information will follow
Mon 14 December	Carol Service Classes 3,4 & 5	10.00 am Delves Lane Chapel-Parents welcome
Tue 15 December	Carol Service Classes 6,7,8,9,10,11 & 12	10.00 am Delves Lane Chapel-Parents welcome
CHRISTMAS PARTIES AND WORKSHOPS		
Mon 14 December	Year 1 Christmas Party	Infant Hall
Mon 14 December	Year 6 Christmas Party	Junior Hall
Tues 15 December	Nursery Workshop	9.15 am and 12.30 pm
Tue 15 December	Year 2 Christmas Party	Infant Hall
Tue 15 December	Year 5 Christmas Party	Junior Hall
Wed 16 December	Reception Workshop	9.15 am
Wed 16 December	Year 4 Christmas Party	Junior Hall
Thurs 17 December	Nursery and Reception Party	Infant Hall
Thurs 17 December	Year 3 Christmas Party	Junior Hall

Date	Event	Information
Fri 18 December	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School charity event
Mon 21 Dec – Fri 1 Jan	School Closed	Christmas Holidays