



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had a very busy half-term, and would like to thank you for your support.

Valentine's Disco Year 3 to 6

Children had a lovely time at the disco yesterday afternoon. They were well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to pupils and staff as well as Mr Hunter who was a first class DJ!

Class 4 Assembly

Thank you to everyone who came to class 4s assembly yesterday. We are so proud of the children's writing this term and they really enjoyed showing off their Naughty Bus stories to you. They should be very proud of their amazing writing skills.

Class 7 Assembly

Class 7 have been extremely excited to host their class assembly this week. The children talked all about the hard work they had been doing this term and explained how they learn in literacy. They even performed some of the stories they have learnt. At the end of the assembly children had a chance to show family members their writing and read the stories they have been doing in class. It was fantastic to see such lovely comments from proud parents and guardians.

Class 6 Assembly

Class 6 have really enjoyed their story this half term. We have been learning 'How to train your dragon' and we loved sharing our story with our visitors during the class assembly

Year 5 Visit to Consett Academy

Year 5 pupils visited the Academy and took part in a variety of workshops within the Humanities and Languages and Culture Directorates.

Pupils learnt some basic Mandarin language and had the opportunity to write words in traditional Mandarin. Doctor Who made an appearance helping students to gather evidence to solve a mystery and they made sure that Wally had the appropriate kit for his travels around the world.



The event is arranged every year to reduce any worries that students may have about secondary school, and to allow them to make some new friends. The children had the opportunity to experience some of the fantastic new technologies at Consett Academy, including the 'nucleus' room, which simulated a volcanic eruption.

Double Decker Den visits Class 4

Class 4 had a surprise visit from a huge double decker bus yesterday afternoon as a celebration of their success in writing and a round off to our transport topic. But this was no ordinary bus..... It was a play bus! The children had a great afternoon playing on the huge slide and in the ball pool inside the bus. They were very well behaved and they all thoroughly enjoyed it..... Especially Mrs Randell!

Inclusion Room

We have an internal inclusion room at Delves Lane Primary for more serious behaviour incidents. If a pupil is in inclusion for two sessions or more, parents will receive a letter outlining the incident details. For more information you can find the Behaviour Policy on our school website.

Attendance

We have received information from the OFSTED Data Dashboard which highlights that our attendance for 2014/2015 for overall absence was 94.5%. This fell into the lowest 10% of all mainstream schools nationally. National Average for attendance is 96.1%.

After half term we will be reviewing procedures for attendance and sending letters to parents of pupils who fail to attend for at least 95%. We will also insist that parents make medical and dental appointments after the school day. If children have to attend appointments during the school day, then we will require medical evidence. We cannot emphasise enough how important it is for children to attend school regularly to improve their life chances. It is vital that pupils attend school regularly so that they have the best possible start in life and go on to achieve well.

Finally I would like to say it has been lovely to see so many parents attending events in school, including class and celebration assemblies. We hope pupils have a good holiday and would like to remind you that school reopens on Monday 22nd February.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Mrs B Woods
Acting Head Teacher

