



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

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We have had a lovely week at Delves Lane Primary School.

Class 6 Visit to Beamish

Class 6 had a fantastic day at Beamish Agricultural Show on Thursday. The children took part in dancing, photography and sampled some homemade juice and biscuits.

After a visit to the school, pit houses and a look at a range of different animals, we went back to the show field to collect our prizes. We entered: artwork, handwriting, flowers, gingerbread men and a fruit owl made from a pineapple. It was a great day and we came home with a selection of certificates and rosettes.

The children were extremely well behaved and I am sure all the adults who attended would agree, Delves Lane children did us proud! Well done from Mrs. Shaw.

Parking outside the School Gates

We would like to remind parents and carers that parking outside the school gates on zig-zag or double yellow lines is strictly prohibited. Traffic/parking outside the school gates is becoming an increasing problem. Please, please can we make a plea to all parents to come early and park your cars away from the school entrance area. We have over 300 pupils on roll in school and this causes a lot of congestion at the beginning and end of the school day. Please be considerate and keep our children safe.

The council will be taking enforcement action against anyone parking on zig-zag road markings outside schools. Yellow zig-zag road markings outside schools are there to provide a clear space for children to cross where they can see traffic and traffic can see them, but some motorists put children in danger by parking on them. We have also had many complaints from our resident neighbours about parking outside their driveways. Please may we remind you all not to block driveways when dropping and collecting your children from school.

Thank you for your support in this matter. Please help us keep your children safe by following our requests.

Year 2 & Year 6 SATS Meeting

Thank you to parents and carers who were able to attend the SATS meetings scheduled this week. We will have all Powerpoint presentations uploaded to Facebook by the end of this week. It is crucial that pupils attend school every day and that as soon as SATS tests are completed, children will be completing writing assessments until the end of June 2018. Thank you for your support.

Phonics Screen Information for Parents Session

There will be a Phonics Screen Information for Parents on Thursday 21 September at 3.30pm in the infant hall. Parents of children in Classes 3 and 4 (Year 1) are invited to attend. Thank you.

Holidays in Term Time

Requests for holidays taken in term time will be not be authorised by the Head Teacher unless there are extenuating circumstances. Good attendance at school is essential for every child to ensure they make maximum progress. Thank you for your support.

After School Clubs

These will start on Monday 18th September. Please be aware of the cancelled clubs below for this week.

Date	Clubs which will be cancelled
Wednesday 20 th September:	Colouring & Crafts Club with Miss Smith Computer Coding Club with Mr Jones/Mrs Stevens School Choir with Mrs Shaw

We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

Timings of the Day

This is a reminder that the gates will open at 8.45am and staff will be on duty. Children who are not escorted onto the site must walk to the infant or bottom junior yard and join their lines. Any incidents of poor behaviour will be reported to parents. Teachers will collect children from the infant or bottom junior yard at 8.50am promptly. Parents must stand well back behind the lines for safety reasons. Celebration Assemblies will take place at the end of day on Friday afternoons, and parents will be invited to attend from 3pm when hall doors open. Thank you.

Spare Clothes

If you have any spare clothes, particularly girl's underwear in sizes 3-4 years, 4-5 years, or 5-6 years we would be very grateful for any donations.

Jewellery in School

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery to school; this includes earrings and watches. We need to ensure the safety of all pupils. Thank you.

Parliament Afternoon

Both Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took part in a campaigning/debating workshop last Tuesday afternoon. We received a visit from Gillian Bell, who works for Parliament UK. The children enjoyed the sessions and came up with some interesting rules, for example free wi-fi everywhere! Thank you to Gillian for leading these sessions.

Reading Books

Please can children bring reading books to school every day, as teachers will be checking and changing books regularly. Thank you.

School Football

The Derwentside Primary Schools Football League kicked off this week for both our girls' and boys' teams. Due to the development of our outdoor facilities this year, we have been able to host league games at our school and the girls began their season at home against some tough opposition. They showed excellent teamwork and greatly enjoyed competing against the other schools. The boys began their season competing in the Davison Cup at Tanfield Lea Primary School. The boys played very well together with lots of the team playing for the school team for the first time. They won their first game against last year's league winners and narrowly missed a place in the final.



Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs R Woods

Head Teacher