



## DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 13 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

We have had an exciting week at Delves Lane Primary School!

### **Year 4 Football Competition**

This week some of our Year 4 pupils took part in their very first primary school football competition, hosted at our school. The children had great fun competing against pupils from other local primary schools and did very well, winning, losing and drawing one game on the night. The team encouraged each other throughout, celebrating all their goals enthusiastically and should be very proud of their efforts! Well done to: Marley, Alfie, Bobbyray, Owen, Oscar, Craig, Mckenzie.

### **Year 1 visit to Northumberland County Zoo**

Class 3 and 4 had a fantastic time at Northumberland County Zoo. All the children enjoyed wandering around the zoo seeing the different animals they had to offer including wallaby's and lemurs. They were able to apply things they have been learning in class and discussed whether the animals were herbivores, carnivores or omnivores. All children took part in a mini-beast workshop where they got to stroke a Giant African Land Snail and a Millipede as well as looking at stick insects. They were all very well behaved and enjoyed themselves. Well done from Mrs Gibson and Miss Kirkbride.

### **Key Stage 2 Science Fayre**

The junior children had a great time this week making games involving forces! From rocket launchers to marble runs, there was a great selection of fantastic games which everyone enjoyed having a go at! Even Class 4 came to join in the fun! The teachers were so impressed with the effort and enthusiasm put into creating the games, that they've each selected some children to take their games to a celebration event in April, to show off their creations with children from other schools. Stay tuned to find out who those lucky children are! A big thank you to parents and carers who joined us, and to the Science Ambassadors who helped Miss Jones run the Fayre. We hope you enjoyed yourself as much as we did! We would also like to thank Miss Jones for organising this popular event!

### **IMPORTANT – NO After School Activity Clubs – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Next Tuesday (17<sup>th</sup> March), our after school clubs will be cancelled. Our childcare club will be open as normal from 3.05 to 5.30pm. Many thanks.

### **OPAL Plea for kitchen utensils & Small World construction toys**

Do you have any old pots, pans, serving spoons, oven trays? Also we would really appreciate any small toy diggers, trucks or dumper style toys for our new area? Thank you from Mrs Teneur.



## **Reception request**

Class 1 & 2 need your help! Do you have any trays from inside boxes of chocolates, ice cube trays or baskets? They would be gratefully received in Classes 1 & 2 – Thank you!

## **Parent Governor Vacancies**

Would you be interested in becoming a Parent Governor? We currently have three vacancies. We thought we would ask one of our parent governors to give you an insight into the role.

Roles & Responsibilities of a school Governor:

- Read governor prior to attending meetings.
- Attending termly governor body meetings: 2/3 hours every 12 weeks to discuss school priorities, developments, school vision and financial information.
- Attend subcommittee meetings as required if you are elected to this committee.
- Carry out subject reviews.
- Feed into and review policies and strategic documentation
- Provide relevant input and ideas, based on personal experience and knowledge to the topics being discussed.
- Work as a team and an individual to promote the school and support the running of the school.
- Facilitate activities/volunteer where possible.
- Attend relevant training.

Good sources of information

<https://www.governorsforschools.org.uk/app/uploads/2018/10/The-role-of-a-school-governor.pdf>

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/schoolgovernors>

Please come into the main office and pick up an application if you would like to be considered as a Parent Governor, thank you.

## **Coronavirus Update**

A coronavirus is a type of virus. As a group, coronaviruses are common across the world. COVID-19 is a new strain of coronavirus first identified in Wuhan City, China in January 2020.

The following symptoms may develop in the 14 days after exposure to someone who has COVID-19 infection:

- cough
- difficulty in breathing
- fever

Generally, these infections can cause more severe symptoms in people with weakened immune systems, older people, and those with long-term conditions like diabetes, cancer and chronic lung disease. There is no evidence that children are more affected than other age groups – very few cases have been reported in children.

At Delves Lane Primary, we are following the guidance from the Department of Education and Public Health England who advise that all pupils, staff and visitors:

- ✓ Wash hands often for 20 seconds at a time - with soap and water, or use alcohol sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available. Hands should be washed - before leaving home, on arrival at school, after using the toilet, after breaks and sporting activities, before food preparation, before eating any food, including snacks and before leaving school
- ✓ Cover a cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin
- ✓ Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- ✓ That if anyone feels unwell that you should stay at home and should not attend work or any education or childcare setting
- ✓ Should avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- ✓ Pupils, staff and visitors should stay at home for 7 days if they have either - a high temperature or a new continuous cough

If you are worried about your symptoms or those of a child, please call NHS 111. Do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment. More information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

We remain open and receive daily updates from the Department for Education and Public Health England. Thank you for your support.

### **Attendance**

Here is the class % for attendance this week. Well done!!

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| Class 1  | <b>96.5</b> |
| Class 2  | 94.4        |
| Class 3  | 93.0        |
| Class 4  | 87.7        |
| Class 5  | 95.0        |
| Class 6  | 89.0        |
| Class 7  | 95.0        |
| Class 8  | 94.4        |
| Class 9  | <b>98.2</b> |
| Class 10 | 94.7        |
| Class 11 | 88.8        |
| Class 12 | 91.7        |
| Class 13 | 89.4        |

### **Dates for your Diary**

| <b>Date</b>  | <b>Event</b>  | <b>Information</b>  |
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| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March to Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March | Assessment Week   | Please make sure your child arrives punctually for school and also that they attend school every day. Thank you   |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April    | Scholastic Book Fair  | Parents and carers can come and purchase books between 3.05pm and 3.45pm  |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March                                   | PSCO Steven Liddle – Drop in for parents/carers<br>3.00pm to 4.00pm | Please call into the main office and you can meet privately with PC Liddle about any concerns, e.g. parking outside school, anti-social behaviour, community issues, etc. |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March                                   | Year 5 Taster Day at Consett Academy                                | Classes 11 & 12 will visit Consett Academy for the day.   |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March                                    | Parents Evening from 3.15pm   | Individual appointments will be coming out next week. These will be 5 minute appointment times.   |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April                                  | Easter Lunch Day  | A letter will be coming out to inform you of the menu. You will be asked if your child would like a school lunch that day if they normally have a packed lunch.           |

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| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April | New Nursery Starters – Parents Meeting | Infant Hall from 3.20pm  |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April    | Interfaith/Diversity Day               | In school event  |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April    | End of Spring Term                     | School closes today and re-opens on Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April. |

Thank you for your continued support.

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Mrs R Woods  
**Head Teacher**