



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 27th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

After a very challenging period of national lockdown, our local area will find itself in the 'very high' Tier 3 when national lockdown ends on Wednesday 2nd December. More information is available here:

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/24677/Let-s-work-together-to-move-out-of-Tier-3-as-quickly-and-as-safely-as-possible>

With the arrival of winter and an increase in the number of cases of coronavirus (COVID-19), it is more important than ever that we all take steps to reduce the spread of infection in the community to save lives and protect the NHS.

Symptoms of COVID-19

The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of **any** of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If you live with someone with COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test result you must **Stay at home.**

Stay at home for 14 days. This is because you may have been exposed to the virus and could pass it on to others, even if you don't have symptoms. Do not leave your home unless in certain circumstances, and only exercise within your home, garden or private outdoor space.

The 14-day isolation period starts from the day when the first person in your household developed symptoms. If you are isolating because someone in your house has had a positive test result but does not have symptoms, your 14-day period starts from the day their test was taken.

Children cannot come to school if someone in the household has symptoms of COVID-19, they must stay at home.

IMPORTANT COVID-19 Emails

If you need to report any information to school regarding your child developing COVID-19 symptoms or isolating, then all emails can now be sent to our new email:

covid19emergencies@delveslane.co.uk

Emails can be sent at any time (including weekends) but are ONLY for COVID-19 related matters. Thankyou.

Anti-Bullying Day (Friday 20th November)

As a rights-respecting school, we believe that every child has the right to feel safe in school (Article 19 UNCRC).

This year's theme for Anti-Bullying Day was 'United Against Bullying' and each class took part in a range of activities to help the children understand what bullying is and what to do if it happens to them. Using a selection of lovely picture books, the children were able to discuss and act out lots of different scenarios and came up with lots of great ideas to make Delves Lane Primary a bully-free zone!



Here is a selection of the fantastic books our children enjoyed reading last week...



Christmas Cards

We've received several enquiries about whether children can send Christmas cards this year. To be Covid safe, children can bring cards in on MONDAY every week, starting on Monday 30th November and cards will be quarantined and handed out to children on FRIDAY each week. Could you please ask your children not to hand cards to each other directly. Thank you.

Toys

A number of children are bringing toys into school. Please can we remind parents and carers that toys SHOULD NOT be at school, they can get lost and damaged. Thank you for your support with this.

Parking outside School

It is very important that parents and carers park safely and considerately outside our school.

You can help by doing the following:

- park away from school gates to reduce congestion
- keep clear of zig zags, school entrances, dropped kerbs, junctions and residents' driveways
- stop for a school crossing patrol when asked
- don't park on pavements in a way which stops pedestrians, disabled users or parents with prams/pushchairs from using the pavement
- don't park on corners - this will make sure our children can see cars and drivers can see our children
- don't stop on school 'keep clear' markings or safer crossing place
- don't block a road which could prevent emergency vehicle access
- don't stop in the middle of the road to drop your child off - this makes it dangerous for children

More information is available here: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/schoolparking>

FLU Vaccinations

Children in classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 whose parents have given consent, will receive their Flu Nasal Vaccination next Monday 30th November.

PLEASE NOTE: The children in classes 11,12, 13 and 14 will have their Flu Nasal Vaccination on Tuesday 15th December along with any children who were absent on Monday 30th.

Christmas Lunches

If you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner on Friday 18th December, then please can we be notified by Monday 7th December 2020. The cost of a Christmas dinner is £2.10 for junior children and is free of charge to the infants. Those children who currently have a school meal will automatically have a Christmas lunch ordered for them. Please note: there will not be a packed lunch school meal option on Christmas dinner day.

Individual Photos for Children in Classes 11 and 12 – Thursday 3rd December

The children in classes 11 and 12 will have their photograph taken on Thursday 3rd December along with any child who was absent from school this Wednesday.

Head Lice

We have noticed an increase in the number of children with head lice at school. Please follow the advice from the NHS if your child has head lice. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



REMINDER myON

We have signed up to an online reading scheme called myOn. This links to our Accelerated Reader programme which already runs in school from Year 2 to Year 6 (Classes 5 to 14). Over the next week your child will come home with log in details. They will be set reading books to read linked to their reading age. On top of this they will have access to over 5,000 books to read in their free time. Children who are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (Classes 1 to 6) will continue to bring an actual school reading book home. These books match directly to the phonic programme that is taught in Early Years and Key Stage 1. Follow the link below to find out more: <http://www.renlearn.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Parent-Guide-to-myON-1.pdf>

REMINDER Reception Places

We have places in Reception for September 2021. The deadline for applications for school for September 2021 is **Friday 15th January**. All Nursery Parents – please do not forget this important deadline. Missing this deadline could risk your chances of gaining your first-choice school.

REMINDER Reception 2021 Virtual Zoom Meeting – Wednesday 2nd December at 4:00pm

On Wednesday 2nd December, we will have a zoom meeting for all prospective parents of Reception children. At this meeting, you will have the opportunity to meet the key staff, have a virtual look round the Reception classes, hear all about us and our routines and also ask any questions you might have. As Head Teacher, I am also more than happy to have phone calls with any interested parents and answer any questions you may have. Choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will ever make, so you need to be sure it is the right one!

Details of the link will be forwarded to current Nursery parents; whose child is due to start in Reception in September 2021. Thank you.

Thank you as always for your kind support. Take care and stay safe,

R Woods

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