



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 12th March

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had a wonderful week, welcoming back all our children to school. It has been such a joy to see them playing with their friends again and settling back in with their class teachers and teaching assistants. We are focusing on settling our children back into school routines, developing relationships, and a focus on Personal and Social Education as well as Physical Activity.

We would like to thank all our children and families for their help and support with remote learning, it has been a great help in transitioning children back into school.

THANK YOU

We would like to say a big thank you to one of our parents for the beautiful artwork she has created for our school. We think this is beautiful. It will be displayed in our main reception area as a reminder of the pandemic and how all our children, families and staff have worked to ensure our children had the best remote learning offer possible! Thank you, Mrs Harris.



OPAL Returns next week

We are delighted to be able to re-introduce the OPAL Provision to children in Classes 3 to 14. Children will be timetabled to play in one of three areas at school temporarily. We have been able to purchase some new scooters and bikes for OPAL and would like to thank one of our parents, Emma Renwick and her colleague Catherine at Element Cleaning Services for their kind contribution towards the cost. I am sure the children will be delighted with them, thank you to Emma and Catherine at Element.

We hope to invite our Reception children to take part as soon as some of the COVID restrictions are reviewed.

BE PREPARED, with OPAL comes messy play! Please make sure you supply a warm coat, wellies and warm clothing (they may get dirty!). OPAL will return on Monday 15th March every lunchtime and Friday afternoons.

Thank you.



Stars of the Week

This week we our Stars of the Week will have their certificates presented in Class. Mrs Woods and Miss Webb will be ringing parents of our Stars of the Week, to share the good news. This week our stars are:

Congratulations to	In Class	What have they been up to?
Emmie Y	Nursery	'being a friendly face to new children starting nursery'
Maddison C	Class 1	'a fantastic hard-working attitude on her return to school'
Mason S	Class 2	'teaching us so much about the tadpoles kindly donated by his family'
Bobbie	Class 3	'Showing enthusiasm and a pleasure for reading at home and in school'
Daniel B	Class 4	'a lovely attitude towards his learning'
Kelvin	Class 5	'an excellent, mature attitude towards his work'
Amar	Class 6	'excellent work during lockdown and in school this week.'
Emily S	Class 7	'demonstrating exceptional behaviour upon her return to school'
Bently	Class 8	'fantastic effort with all of his learning'
Poppie-Ann	Class 9	'coming back to school feeling positive and having a fantastic attitude to her work'
Baylea	Class 10	'a fantastic attitude to learning and outstanding writing'
Kai F-G	Class 11	'contributing ideas in lessons and trying very hard'
Bobbyray	Class 12	'participating actively in all lessons and shining in our maths lessons'
Maddison W	Class 13	'a positive and enthusiastic attitude towards her learning'
Ruby	Class 14	'her excellent attitude to school and her work'

Staggered Start/End Times for School

Children must be dropped off and collected at the times below. Please arrive promptly when dropping off and collecting your child at the times stated below.

<u>Year Groups</u>	<u>School Start Time</u>	<u>End/Collection Time</u>
Nursery AM	8.45am	11.45am
Nursery PM	12.15pm	3.05pm
Reception (Class 1 & 2)	8.45am	3.05pm
Year 1 & 2 (Classes 3,4,5,6)	8.55am	3.15pm
Year 3 & 4 (Classes 7,8,9,10)	8.45am	3.05pm
Year 5 & 6 (Classes 11,12,13 14)	8.35am	2.55pm
Families with Siblings in Classes 11, 12, 13 & 14	8.35am	See class times
Families with Siblings in Classes Nursery, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	8.45am	See class times

Hair and Jewellery

We are finalising our policy on Hair and Jewellery, and this will be shared with you next week. We expect children to follow school policy for uniform, hair styles and jewellery from Monday 12th April. Thank you.

Masks/Face Coverings

We are a large Primary School with many children. As a result, we have a large number of parents and carers dropping off and collecting children every day. Please wear a mask or face covering to protect everyone around you. Thank you to those parents and carers for helping to keep everyone safe.

Laptops

Thank you for all the laptops that have been returned. If you do have any laptops, chargers, etc. at home, please can we kindly ask for them to be returned as soon as possible. Thanks.

PE Days

We are asking children to wear their PE kit to school on the days they have PE. Please bear in mind that it is very cold at the moment, so please make sure you supply a jumper/sweatshirt, track suit bottoms, and other warm clothing, etc. as they may be outside for some sessions. Thank you

Class	PE Day
Nursery AM	Friday
Nursery PM	Friday
Class 1	Thursday
Class 2	Thursday
Class 3	Tuesday
Class 4	Tuesday
Class 5	Monday & Wednesday
Class 6	Monday & Wednesday
Class 7	Wednesday
Class 8	Wednesday
Class 9	Thursday
Class 10	Thursday
Class 11	Tuesday
Class 12	Tuesday
Class 13	Monday
Class 14	Monday

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club is available from 7.50am every morning, and costs £2 per child. **Children can be dropped off between 7:50am and 8:00am ONLY.** A Breakfast Club supervisor will meet and greet you at the main pedestrian gate and escort the children into school. The Infant hall is our Breakfast Club for Early Years and Infant children, whilst our Junior children attend Breakfast Club in the Junior hall. This is to help keep our children in small bubbles. We have places available for children. Please give us a ring or email the school: clubbookings@delveslane.co.uk We request that you book and pay in advance for each session, thank you.

After School Childcare

Our After School Childcare provision is available from the end of every school day (Monday to Thursday only) until 5.30pm, at a cost of £7 per child. Children are escorted by a member of staff to the childcare club where they will enjoy various activities and be provided with a drink and snack. Again, we do have places available and would be grateful if you could book and pay in advance for each session, thank you. Please ring the school office or email us at clubbookings@delveslane.co.uk

Easter Lunch Day

We are having a special Easter lunch on Thursday 25th March and would like to offer children who would normally have a packed lunch, the opportunity to have a school meal.

The Menu is as follows:

Chicken Goujons & Jacket Wedges
Sandwich Selection

Mixed Vegetables
Salad Selection

Chocolate Crispie Cake
Fruit

If your child already has a school lunch they will automatically have an Easter lunch ordered for them (there is no need to complete the form).

For those children who bring a **packed lunch** but would like to stay for an Easter lunch, please contact the school office by Friday 19th March 2021. The cost for a school meal is £2.10 (**free for infant children**) which can be paid via ParentPay or cash (in a marked envelope sent in with your child).

Parent/Carer Details

It is essential that school has the most up to date contact details for all our parents and carers. If you move address or change your phone number, please update us with your new contact details. You can ring the school office or email us at delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

R Woods

Mrs R Woods
Head Teacher