



# DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## LEARN, ACHIEVE, INSPIRE

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

What a lovely sight it has been, to see all our children back in school, playing with their friends and having lots of fun. There has also been some great learning taking place this week and some wonderful activities around the topics of **Hope** and **Kindness**, subjects close to all our hearts at the moment.

### Welly donation

We are grateful to receive a very kind donation of wellies from The Grove Primary this week. Thank you very much to Bernadette and everyone at The Grove Primary School. The children are making good use of them in OPAL play!

### Easter 'Best Dressed Egg' Competition 🐣🐣

At this time of year, we should be welcoming our parents and carers into school to take part in Easter workshops with their children. Sadly, this year we can't do that, however we won't let Covid spoil our fun!!! We hope instead that you and your child can spend a little time together at home, creating the 'Best Dressed Egg' we've ever seen. All they need is a hard-boiled egg/small polystyrene egg and some imagination to create a masterpiece. Don't forget parents and carers, it's the children's work of art, so limited assistance from you please 😊

Once your child is happy with their creation, please take a photograph and upload it to Google Classrooms and Tapestry. The deadline to submit your photographs is 24th March and all winners will be notified before we break up for the Easter holidays.

We have a large chocolate Easter egg for the winner in each class 😊😁

We can't wait to see the children's weird and wonderful creations and very much appreciate your support with our Easter competition. Thank you.

## OPAL News

OPAL has been a really positive experience for all our children this week. We wanted to let parents and carers know that children access OPAL EVERY DAY at lunchtime in their designated areas. **Be prepared, with OPAL comes messy play! Please make sure you supply a warm coat, wellies and warm clothing.**

Are you having a Spring Clean or sort at home? Do you have any of the following equipment for our OPAL provision:

- Saucepans
- Kitchen Utensils
- Brushes
- Small World items – dinosaurs, dolls, prams, figures, trucks, cars, farm animals



- Buckets and spades
- Plastic crates
- Any old pushchairs
- Zimmer frames and wheelchairs
- Any old ride-on toys – cars, tractors, etc.
- Wellies – Any old wellies – All children and adult sizes. We especially need adult sizes 6, 7, and 8 if possible.

Mrs Teneur our OPAL leader is thrilled with all the amazing play in OPAL this week. We are very proud of our lovely children. Some photos from this week are below, more will follow next week on our School Facebook Page!



## Stars of the Week

This week 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?
Mia	Nursery AM	'Helping our new starters this week'
Ollie B	Nursery PM	'amazing counting in nursery with Miss Forbes'
Jorgie B	Class 1	'fantastic attitude to learning'
Charlie M	Class 2	'lovely listening skills during carpet time'
Ryan R	Class 3	'amazing improvement with his letter and number formation'
Zac E	Class 4	'fantastic effort in his reading'
Harry C	Class 5	'Working hard to improve his writing'
Georgie Y	Class 6	'Trying very hard in every subject'
Evie A	Class 7	'Working really hard in all of her lessons'
Danny	Class 8	'Using impressive language in his writing'
Aaron	Class 9	'Coming back to school with a positive attitude'
Leyton	Class 10	'Being extremely helpful and willing to help anyone'
Tiffannie	Class 11	'Following instructions and trying her best'
William	Class 12	'Being a star reader this week'
Dion	Class 13	'A great diary entry linked to our class story'
Ethan	Class 14	'Excellent effort and progress in his reading'

### **Supervising Children**

Please can we ask parents and carers to keep children off our school play equipment at the end of the day. We spend time organising our children's resources so that children can play with them the next day. Thank you for your support with this matter.

### **Hope Cards**

This week our children have been creating cards for the Hope Project. In our cards we have included positive messages that we wanted to share with the residents of local care homes during this difficult time. As part of the project, local care home residents will be replying to us, with advice for the future. Please have a look on your child's Tapestry or Google Classroom Page, or our School Facebook Page for some lovely photographs.

### **♥KINDNESS TREE in Year 4♥**

Our children in Classes 9 & 10 have made a kindness tree. The children thought of one kind thing they could do for someone else and wrote about it on a leaf. We've been talking a lot about being kind to our friends and being kind to ourselves since we came back to school. The tree also links to our RE work this half term, as we are learning about acts of kindness during Lent.

Please have a look on our Facebook and Google Classroom Page for some lovely photos.

### **Hair and Jewellery Policy – March 2021**

We have been updating our policy and will be sending you more detailed information next week.

### **REMINDER 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.

### **Spare Clothing**

Do you have any spare track suit bottoms from age 2 years, up to age 6 years? We are sending children home in spare clothing and have very low stocks! Thank you for any donations you are able to offer.

### **REMINDER 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.

<b>Class</b>	<b>PE Day</b>
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 – Places Available**

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](mailto:clubbookings@delveslane.co.uk) We request that you book and pay in advance for each session, thank you.

### **After School Childcare – Places Available**

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](mailto:clubbookings@delveslane.co.uk)

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

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Mrs R Woods  
**Head Teacher**