



# DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## LEARN, ACHIEVE, INSPIRE

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

We have come to the end of the first half of the Summer Term. It's been great to have all our children back at school for the last seven weeks. Both myself and Miss Webb have visited classrooms to see children's Reading and Phonics lessons. We were very impressed! Keep up the fabulous work everyone!

### Year 5's Virtual Victorian Lesson (Classes 11 & 12)

Year 5 took part in a virtual Victorian lesson this week, thanks to Simon from Beamish Museum. We learnt a lot about Victorian classrooms and completed some activities that Victorian children would have done. We recited times tables, copied them from the board into our copy books and learnt about the Victorian money system for our arithmetic lesson. 12 pennies made a shilling, 20 shillings made a pound, but they also had half and quarter pennies!

We copied letters and a sentence from the board for our writing lesson and, for our reading lesson, we recited a poem over and over again until we knew it by heart. For our object lesson, we were shown a stuffed badger and we had to draw it, writing some facts about the animal as we did so.

We also learnt about punishments in Victorian schools and heard about some real Victorian children and what they were given the cane for.

We were very glad that we weren't Victorian children!

Well done children, you were fantastic, from Miss Jones and Mr McMeiken.



### Science Week

Last week, we celebrated Science Week! Miss Jones asked each Key Stage Two Class to design and create a game or activity around an area of science. The designs were all fantastic! Although it was so hard to choose just one, a winning design was chosen from each class and will be compiled into a video to share with other schools within our Science Partnership. A HUGE WELL DONE TO THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN, WHO WERE THIS YEAR'S SCIENCE WEEK WINNERS!

Class	Winners
7	<i>Harley, Emilia</i>
8	<i>Scarlett, Nicole</i>
9	<i>Keith</i>



10	<i>Lucy, Robbie, Kenzie and Leon</i>
11	<i>Nikola, Kayne</i>
12	<i>Reece, Zuzanna</i>
13	<i>Emma</i>
14	<i>Holly and Ellie-Mai</i>

### Donation of Books

Please can we say a huge thank you to David, Lucie and Robbie from Class 10 for donating books they have read at home. These will be available for Accelerated Reader and other children will get to enjoy these books! *Thank you!*

### Donation of Hula Hoops

Please can we say a great big thank you to Darcy's grandma and family for their very kind donation of a class set of new hula hoops! Class 1 and 2 had a great time in PE this afternoon! **Thank you very much!**



### COVID-19 – Reporting Cases to School over Half Term

In order to help us, please can we ask families to do the following over May half term:

If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19 within 48 hours from the last day they attended school, you **MUST** contact us by emailing [covid-19emergencies@delveslane.co.uk](mailto:covid-19emergencies@delveslane.co.uk) as soon as possible. Please follow this up by booking a test and informing us of the result on the email address above.

If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19 after the 48 hours from the last day they attended school, then you do not need to inform us. However, if their results show they are positive we would need to be informed as this could impact on their attendance when returning to school on Monday 7th June 2021.

Can we also take this opportunity to remind families to follow Covid-19 guidance as we enter our last half term. There are lots of events planned and a positive case in school would impact visits and events planned.

### COVID-19 Tests

We would like to thank parents and carers for helping to keep everyone safe and following COVID-19 procedures. If anyone in your household has symptoms you need to book a PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) test as soon as possible. For more information and to book a PCR test visit [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or call NHS test and trace free on 119. **As coronavirus symptoms in children can vary it is advised that children who are unwell should not attend school until they are well again.** Durham County Council offers support to people seeking further advice about coronavirus through the County Durham Together Community Hub, details of which can be found at [www.durham.gov.uk/covid19help](http://www.durham.gov.uk/covid19help) or by phoning 03000 260 260.

### COVID-19 Test and Trace Support Payment for Parents & Guardians

You might be able to get a payment of £500 if you are the parent or guardian of a child who has been told to self-isolate and you need to take time off work to look after your children.

You must be employed or self-employed to get the payment. You need to claim within 42 days of you or your child's first day of self-isolation. More information can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/test-and-trace-support-payment>

## COVID Local Support Grant – Voucher Payments

You may be aware that the Winter Food Grant has been extended into the Summer Term and is now known as the 'Covid Local Support Grant'. In County Durham they are again making this support available as vouchers. Eligible families will **automatically** receive £20 per child to help them keep the children in the household fed and warm over the coming weeks.

Please watch out for an email from school over the next few days, which will contain the codes you need to redeem your vouchers.

## Congestion at the School Gates

Some parents and carers are concerned by the congestion at the gate every morning. **Please can we ask that children do NOT arrive earlier than the times stated below, this is to reduce the congestion at the school gates.**

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

## Star of the Week

This week our Stars of the Week will have their certificates presented in Class.

<b>Congratulations to</b>	<b>In Class</b>	<b>What have they been up to?</b>
Robyn	Nursery AM	'Using her big voice more and more each day'
Levi	Nursery PM	'Helping his friend when he fell over'
George	Class 1	'He is such a kind and caring boy'
Kaia	Class 2	'Fantastic attitude towards her work.'
Franky	Class 3	'Working extremely hard to create an excellent piece of work'
Lola	Class 4	'An amazing piece of writing for our class story.'
Molly	Class 5	'Working so hard in phonics this week'
Lana	Class 6	'Excellent behaviour and kindness to others'
Holly	Class 7	'Working really hard in all of her lessons'
Martyna	Class 8	'She takes great pride in her learning'
Jack	Class 9	'A lovely, hard working member of Class 9'
Alfie	Class 10	'Producing a fantastic piece of poetry based on 'The Magic Box'
Lucy	Class 11	'She has excelled in Maths this week'
Lily	Class 12	'Making a real effort with her handwriting'
Miley	Class 13	'An enthusiastic attitude towards her learning'
Daniel	Class 14	'Excellent effort with his reading and writing'

## House points

Every week we will report the House Points for each team at DLPS. This week each team scored:

Griffin = 178 points  
Unicorn = 163 points  
Minotaur = 190 points  
Phoenix = 189 points

That was a very close one but... *Minotaur house are the winners! Well done*



## Minotaurs!

### Toys in School

Children should not be bringing any toys into school. We have a number of children bringing fidget and sensory toys into school. Please make sure your child keeps these at home. Any children with special educational needs, who require sensory aids, will be provided with these by school.

### Spare Trousers/Track Suit Bottoms and Socks

We are desperately in need of boy's trousers and track suit bottoms from 3 years up to 6 years. We are also in very short supplies of boy's socks. If you have any spare supplies, we would really appreciate them. Please can families return spare clothes provided by school. Thank you.

### Nursery Parents

Please can Nursery children bring a bag with a spare set of clothes to change into if they get wet as our supplies are getting low (especially trousers). Thank you.

### Afterschool Clubs:

We are extremely excited to see so many of our children signing up for afterschool clubs which will begin straight after the holidays on 7<sup>th</sup> June. You should have received a text message today confirming your child's place in a club, but if you haven't heard from us and you have requested a place, please just get in touch with the admin team.

Unfortunately, we will no longer be able to run the Story Telling Club on Thursday's for Classes 3-6 or the Languages Club for Classes 11-14 on a Wednesday. However, due to its popularity we will instead be running a second Dodgeball Club on Wednesday's for Year 5 & 6 only (Class 11-14). Dodgeball Club on a Thursday will now only be available to pupils in Year 3 & 4 only (Classes 7-10).

There are still some spaces left in several clubs (**NOT** Thursday's Dodgeball club), so please take a look at what is on offer by clicking on the following link: <https://bit.ly/3ftE0LR> If you would like to apply for a place just follow this link: <https://bit.ly/34r7QKE> will inform you next half term if there is a space available.

We can't wait to see lots of little smiling faces taking part in afterschool clubs very soon!

### Calendar of Event Calendar – Summer 2021

We are still busy planning trips and events for the remainder of this term and will share a more detailed calendar of events in the next two weeks as we are able to book in more events.

Date	Event	Information
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Summer First Half Term	School closes today for one week

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Beginning of Summer Second Half Term	School opens again for all children
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	After School Clubs begin	Details sent out separately
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	David Wheelhouse from Consett Academy to visit Year 6	In School Event
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	PCSO Mark Rogers working with Class 11	In School Event
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Class 7 & 8 Visit to Botanic Gardens	Details to follow
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	PCSO Mark Rogers working with Class 12	In School Event
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Steel Works Project (Classes 13 & 14)	In School Event
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	World Music Day	In School Event
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Class 3 & 4 (Year 1) Visit to Wolsingham Park	Details will follow
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Meeting for Parents of Children new to 2-Year-Old Provision and Nursery in Sept 2021	Details will follow
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	PCSO Mark Rogers working with Class 13	In School Event
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Class 3 & 4 (Year 1) Vision Screening	Details will follow
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Steel Works Project	In – School Event
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Meeting to Parents of Children new to Reception in Sept 2021	Details will follow
Week Commencing 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Assessment Week Children need to have a good sleep and a hearty breakfast for Assessment Week	In-School Event
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Bikeability Training for Year 6 (Classes 13 & 14)	In – School Event
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	PCSO Mark Rogers working with Class 14	In School Event
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Letter to Parents re New September Classes	Details to follow
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 (Classes 13 & 14) Beamish Museum Trip Trip linked to work on Consett Steelworks	More details to follow
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Class 13 & 14 (Year 6) Trip to King Wood Activity Centre, Hexham	Details have been sent to parents
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Events	9.45am Nursery AM 1.45pm Nursery PM
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Events	9.15am Classes 3,4,5,6 2.00pm Classes 1,2
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Events	9.15am Classes 7,8,9,10 1.15pm Classes 11,12,13,14
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Steel Works Project	In School Event
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Moving Up Days	In School Event
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	School Reports to Parents & Carers	Parents will receive School Report via email and text alert will be sent. If Parents/Carers would like a paper copy, please contact the school office.
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer House Reward Trip	Details to follow

Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 (Class 13 & 14) Steelworks Presentation	Details to follow
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Durham Music Service – Brass Band to visit DLPS To be confirmed	1pm In School Event
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 (Class 13 & 14) Leavers Service/Picnic	Details to follow
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Durham Music Service – Brass Band to visit DLPS To be confirmed	1pm In School Event
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Summer Term for Pupils	Last day of term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	PD (Professional Development) Days for Staff	School closed to children Training Days for Staff
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021	PD (Professional Development) Days for Staff	School closed to children Training Days for Staff
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021	School Opens to Children	Welcome back to children in ALL classes

Thank you for your continued support. We hope all our children and families have a lovely half term holiday. Fingers crossed for some lovely sunny weather next week! See you all again on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

Hello  
Sunshine!



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