



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 7th May 2021

We have had a week of strange weather for May! The forecast is very changeable over the coming days, so please can you make sure your child comes appropriately dressed. Whilst the weather is so unpredictable, our children will need spare trainers or welly boots in order to access the school field during lunch and play times. Please can you make sure your child brings a spare pair of old trainers or welly boots so that they can access all of our OPAL provision, thank you.

OPAL Resources Needed

Do you have any old duvet covers, fabric, sheets, etc. to donate to our OPAL provision? The children love to build dens, so any donations would be gratefully received. Thank you.

Toys from Home

Unless specifically requested by your child's class teacher for show and tell or other classroom activity, toys can be disruptive to the learning environment and cause children to fall out with each other. It's easy to lose a personal toy in school. Please **DO NOT ALLOW** your child to bring toys into school. Any toys found will be kept by the teacher and returned to adults at the end of the school day. Thank you for your understanding.

Year 5 Request (Classes 11 & 12)

Do you have any cardboard, pringle tubes, bottle tops, etc. Children in Year 5 will be using these next week for Science Week. Donations will be very welcome.

Summer School Menu

Our School Meal Menu is having a Summer Revamp. This will begin **Monday 7th June** after the half-term holiday & we will start on Week 1's menu.

Please use the link- <https://bit.ly/3vxw8ye> to select the meal option your child would like. We will continue with one HOT option & one COLD option (sandwiches). Classes 1,2,3 & 4 will have their school meals in the Infant hall. Classes 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14 will continue to eat their lunch in their classrooms, due to our COVID-19 School Risk Assessment and current government guidance.

Our last menu saw lots of chopping and changing by the children which caused problems for both the office & kitchen staff. We **really** want your child to enjoy their school meal, and must therefore stress the importance of sitting down with your child and choosing their meal options with them to ensure they are choosing an option that they like and are going to eat. Please note, once your child has chosen an option, **it cannot be changed unless a parent/carer phones the school office.**

Please complete this form **NO LATER** than Monday 17th May, to enable us to order provisions in time. Thank You!

Walk to School Week

We have another exciting opportunity to participate in 'Walk to School Week'. On the week beginning Monday 17th May it would be great to see as many families as possible walking to school some days that week. The theme this time is 'Walking Superpowers' and each day there is a different fact explaining how walking can help us. We understand it is not easy for some families to walk from home to school, but you could park a little further away from school and walk up to the gate. All children that participate will receive stickers each day



they walk to school and a badge at the end of the week for participating. Walking to school is great for our mental and physical health, it would be great to see you all joining in!

Online Games

Coronavirus has meant that children are likely to have been spending more time online. Online games can be a great way for them to keep busy and stay in touch with friends and family but it's VERY important that children play safely.

If you have more than one child in your home, remember that games suitable for one child to play or watch, may not be suitable for another.

Help your child play safely online by:

- 1) Checking the games content - Most games have an age rating based on their themes. Games with violent and sexual content will have a higher rating. The age rating system is provided by PEGI and gives an overview of individual games which can help you to decide if it's appropriate. For example, Fortnite is suitable for children aged 12 years+ and Minecraft is recommended for children aged 10 years+
- 2) Change the Settings – All major games consoles have settings that prevent children from finding inappropriate games. You can set limits on how long a young person can play, and prevent them from speaking to unknown players. It's a good idea to explore these settings before your child plays the game.
- 3) Talk to your child regularly - Take an interest in the games they're playing and see if you can play them together and agree which ones are appropriate. Set limits on the amount of time a child can spend playing games, make sure these are clear and that you agree them together. You could try agreeing the number of rounds your child plays instead of a length of time.

Supervision of Children

When dropping off and collecting your child from school, please can you make sure children are carefully supervised. They should not be accessing school equipment after school. Thank you.

REMINDER 2 x Parent Governor Vacancies at DLPS

There are currently two vacancies for parent governors on the governing body and I am writing to encourage you to put your name forward. Being a governor can be very rewarding, do not worry if you have no experience in education matters as full training and support is available.

Have you thought about becoming a Parent Governor?

Becoming a Parent Governor offers you the opportunity to make a real contribution to the life and work of DLPS. Governors play a key role in the leadership of DLPS and work together with our Headteacher, staff and other governors to ensure that DLPS provides a challenging and supportive environment for its pupils.

Who can be a Parent Governor?

All parents and carers of registered students are eligible to become Parent Governors. Every parent, whether or not you live with your child, is entitled to be nominated as a Parent Governor and to vote in a Parent Governor Election. Someone who has parental responsibility or day-to-day care of a pupil is also eligible to serve and to vote.

Parents/carers who have paid employment at DLPS for 500 hours per academic year or more or who are elected members of the Local Authority are not eligible to stand in these elections.

How long do Parent Governors serve for?

The usual term of office is four years from the date of appointment. If you choose to, you can complete your term of office even if your child has since left DLPS.

How are Parent Governors nominated and elected?

If you would like to put your name forward please complete the nomination and application forms and submit a statement stating why you would like to be a governor (no more than 150 words). The forms are available from If more than one nomination is received, an election will be held and the ballot papers for this will be sent to all parents and carers.

REMINDER Parents Evening

We would like to thank our parents and carers for engaging in conversations with teachers about your child's progress and how they have settled back into school. If you haven't managed to speak to your child's

teacher this week, please email us at delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net and we will arrange to contact you.

COVID-19 News

Testing reminder for parents and carers. Does anyone in your household have coronavirus symptoms and need a test? 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 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. If you have difficulty accessing a PCR test your school may be able to help, as most schools retain a small stock of these tests. Alternatively, 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 or by phoning **03000 260 260**

Face Masks/Coverings

Please can we remind Parents and Carers to wear Face Masks when you come onto the school site to drop off and collect your children.

Punctuality

Please remember to drop off and collect your child/children promptly from school each day. Anyone who arrives after 9am will have to wait at the school gate and phone the school office for assistance. Thank you.

<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

Star of the Week

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

Congratulations to	In Class	What have they been up to?
Kendal	Nursery AM	'Playing with other children and using her big voice'
Reagan	Nursery PM	'Writing her name independently on all of her work'
Eva W	Class 1	'Fantastic progress in her phonics and reading'
Connie	Class 2	'Trying her very best and being an all-round lovely girl'
Scarlett G	Class 3	'Fantastic improvement in her reading'
Cody H	Class 4	'He has produced a fantastic piece of writing'
Natalia	Class 5	'Producing a fantastic story in Literacy'
Brianna W-D	Class 6	'Making great progress with her reading and writing'
Matilda	Class 7	'Working incredibly hard and making sensible contributions to class discussions'
Scarlett M	Class 8	'A massive improvement in her attitude and concentration'

Jake	Class 9	'Helping in class when he comes in early after breakfast club'
Grace	Class 10	'Coming up with an excellent resolution for sharing science equipment'
Sahara	Class 11	'Trying her best with everything she does and being kind'
Bobbyray	Class 12	'Supporting his peers and working well in a group'
Callum	Class 13	'A polite and hardworking member of Class 13'
Holly	Class 14	'A kind and considerate member of our class'

House points

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

Griffin = 135 points

Unicorn = 154 points

Minotaur = 177 points

Phoenix = 149 points

Minotaur House are the winners! Well done MINOTAURS!



Events Calendar

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
W/C Monday 26 th April	Remote Parents Evening	More information will follow in a letter on Monday 19 th April 2021
Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday	SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 4 th May	School re-opens to ALL Pupils	
Monday 10 th – Friday 14 th May	Science Week	Children in Classes 7 to 14 will be taking part in Science Week. We will share photographs via our Facebook Page.
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st May	Walk to School Week	See above
Thursday 17 th June	Year 6 Steel Works Project	In – School Event
Tuesday 22 nd June	Meeting for Parents of Children new to 2-Year-Old Provision and Nursery in Sept 2021	Details will follow
Thursday 24 th June	Year 6 Steel Works Project	In – School Event
Thursday 24 th June	Meeting to Parents of Children new to Reception in Sept 2021	Details will follow
Tuesday 29 th June to Thursday 1 st July	Bikeability Training for Year 6 (Classes 13 & 14)	In – School Event
Week Commencing 28 th June	Assessment Week Children need to have a good sleep and a hearty breakfast for Assessment Week	In-School Event
Friday 2 nd July	Year 6 (Classes 13 & 14) Beamish Museum Trip Trip linked to work on Consett Steelworks	More details to follow

Thank you for your continued support.
Have a lovely weekend.

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