



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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LEARN, ACHIEVE, INSPIRE

Friday 17th September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

We are so pleased with how well all our children continue to impress us with settling into their new classes. This week they have been working hard in lessons after 'Welcome Back Week'. It's also been lovely to see them all enjoying our OPAL Play.

Thank you for your support with Home Reading

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to all our children, parents and carers. We have been thrilled to see so many of our children bring in their book bags EVERY day. As we said last week, we are determined as a school that all of our children will learn to read and develop a lifelong love of reading.

Reading for pleasure is the single most important indicator of a child's future success (OECD 2002)

OPAL Donations

Do any of our families have any toy dolls lying around that they no longer need? We would be very grateful of any kind donations to add to our OPAL play. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

The Department for Education advise that high quality face-to-face education remains a government priority. Children should attend school every day unless they are unwell. Parents must contact our school office on the first morning of their child's absence to report the reason for non-attendance.

All children must arrive by 8.55am each day. Our school gates will close promptly at 9am.

Being punctual for school means making sure your child is at school and ready to learn by 8.55am. Being late doesn't only affect your child, it disrupts other children in the class as well as the teachers trying to teach a lesson.

COVID News

We have seen a rise in the number of COVID cases we have in our school community. Please remember that:

- Parents and Carers who call into the main school office MUST wear a mask
- Parents and Carers must wait at classroom doors and not enter classrooms
- Children should not come into school if they have COVID symptoms
- Please remember to use our ONE WAY SYSTEM when entering and leaving our school

DIARY DATES

We are busy finalising some of our School Events this year. We will send out further dates for the remainder of Autumn, Spring and Summer 2022 in the coming weeks.



Autumn/Winter School Meals Menu

Our school meal menu is having an Autumn/Winter revamp. This will start on Tuesday 2nd November when we return to school after the October half-term, holidays. We are pleased to offer a third option 'jacket potato selection' to allow your child more choice. Infant children are now eating their lunch in the hall so are able to choose what they would like daily and no longer need to pre-select their menu choices. Junior children are still eating lunch in their classrooms at the moment. Therefore, if your child is in the Juniors (Willow, Poplar, Birch, Elm, Pine, Ash, Beech & Oak) please use the link: <https://bit.ly/2Z0F3gt> to select the meal option your child would like. Please complete this form no later than Friday 15th October to enable us to order correct provisions.

Please sit down with your child and choose meal options together. We want their lunch times to be a positive experience but we still have a lot of children changing their mind or saying that they don't like the option that had been chosen for them. Unfortunately, once an option has been chosen it cannot be changed unless a parent contacts the school office to request this.

FISHY FRIDAY'S RESTART DATE

We are excited to announce that Fishy Fridays will return after the October half-term holidays! This gives children on packed lunches the opportunity to have a hot school meal every Friday! Fishy Friday's are free for Infant school children (Reception-Year 2) under the Universal Free School Meals Scheme. For Junior aged children (Year 3-Year 6) the cost is £2.15, which should be paid in advance via ParentPay. The first Fishy Friday will be Friday 5th October. If you would like to put your child's name on the list, please give the school office a ring.

School Uniform

Uniform can be ordered online at <https://sandnworkwear.co.uk/school-wear/Delves%20Lane>

Can we remind all parents of children in Nursery and Reception to label all cardigans, jumpers, shirts, trousers, coats, etc. We cannot return uniform to its rightful owner if it is not labelled with your child's name. Thank you.

After School Clubs

We are delighted to announce that we are once again able to offer a wide range of exciting afterschool clubs to keep our pupils entertained and develop them as young individuals!

These clubs will start **Monday 27th September 2021**.

Please use the following link to view the afterschool club timetable- <https://bit.ly/3nJ1CAS>

Please use this link to apply for places- <https://bit.ly/3tL6KFy>

Responses can be submitted until midnight Sunday 19th September at which point the form will be closed. If you have already applied for club places, you do not need to complete the form again. If you are having trouble accessing the form or would like to apply for a place after the deadline, please contact the school office. We can't wait to see many excited faces once again taking part in our afterschool clubs very soon!

VIRTUAL PARENTS EVENING

We will be holding a Virtual Parents Evening week commencing 11th October. We will be in touch soon with more details.

Social Media for Parents and Families

Social media is a great tool for sharing and keeping up to date with things that are happening. It's fun, interesting and keeps us connected. As a school, we have a responsibility to keep our children safe and to look after our team. When using social media, please follow the guidelines below.

- Think before you post. Social media should not be used to voice complaints against the school, policies, staff, parents or children as this is not the right place to do so. Instead, contact the school office and arrange an appointment to see your child's teacher or the Head Teacher to address any issues.
- Please use appropriate language, and never threaten or share personal opinions on anyone in the school community or about the school on social media.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Consett Academy - Year 6 Open Evening – Wednesday 22nd September 2021

Consett Academy are pleased to invite you and your child to the Year 6 Open Evening, which is taking place on the evening of the 22nd September from 6 – 8 pm. The evening will give you and your Year 6 child the opportunity to tour our state-of-the-art flagship building and to participate in “hands on” activities. There will also be a presentation in the theatre at 6.00pm. Due to increased numbers of students in local feeder schools, it is important that you seize every opportunity to gather as much information as possible to secure your child’s place at Consett Academy. Following Covid guidance from Durham County Council, it is recommended only one parent/carer along with each Year 6 student attends the evening. If you are unable to attend on the 22nd, CA are also holding an Open Evening on the 21st September which you are more than welcome to attend. If you feel you or your child would benefit from a personal tour of the Academy, please email enquiries@consettacademy.org.uk

REMINDER School Gateway App for Delves Lane Primary School

We are very excited to be introducing School Gateway to DLPS – a parent engagement app that will allow you to access communication from school at anytime from anywhere. Remember, download School Gateway to make keeping up-to-date with what's going on at school effortless. The app is FREE and saves our school money!!

To stay up to date with what's going on at school make sure you download the app for free. Just search School Gateway in your App store and download.

Apple iPhone users, download the app here:

schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload

Android phone users, download the app here:

schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload

Your login details will be your email address and mobile number of the main contact given to School, so please make sure the details we hold for you are up to date.

If you would like to update your contact information or are having any difficulties logging into the app please contact us by sending an email to delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net

PE Days for Autumn 2021

Children will continue to wear their PE kit to school on PE Days.

PE Day	Classes
Monday	Juniper and Maple (Year 2) Birch and Elm (Year 4) Beech and Oak (Year 6) Swimming starts from 13 th September
Tuesday	Cherry (Reception) and Juniper (Year 2) Pine and Ash (Year 5)
Wednesday	Hazel and Hawthorn (Year 1) Willow and Poplar (Year 3)
Thursday	Maple (Year 2) Beech and Oak (Year 6)
Friday	Saplings and Seedlings (Nursery)

House Points

Well done to all our House Teams this week.

Griffin = 153 points

Unicorn = 147 points

Minotaur = 134 points

Phoenix = 174 points

Phoenix House are the winners!!!

Well Done Mr Turnbull!!

A big Well Done to Mr Turnbull, teacher in Beech Class who took part in the Great North Run Sunday 12th September in aid of 'Heel and Toe' a charity which provides therapy for children with cerebral palsy.

Thank you for your continued support, we hope you have a lovely weekend.

R Woods

Mrs R Woods
Head Teacher