



## DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Wow, what a strange week of weather we have experienced in school! Our children like nothing more than making the most of the fantastic OPAL provision we have here at Delves Lane, which means they should be prepared for our unpredictable Consett climate. Can we please remind you that children **must** bring a waterproof coat to school **every day**. A pair of wellies would also be very useful, as we encourage the children to play outside whatever the weather, meaning shoes can and do get muddy (wellies should be brought into school to change into at breaktimes). Thank you for your support.

## Virtual Parents Evening

This is a reminder to all our DLPS families, that parents can book video appointments via this link:

### [Parent Evening Appointment Booking](#)

We have a number of appointment times available between 3.30pm and 6pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October for all classes except Juniper Class. Juniper Class will hold parent appointments on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October from 3.30pm onwards. If parents have not booked a video appointment then teachers will make contact via a phone call at their earliest convenience. Teachers may make calls from a 'withheld number'. If you have any queries, please contact the school office or email us at [delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net](mailto:delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net)

## News from Year 5 & 6 (Pine, Ash, Beech & Oak Classes)

Children in year 5 and year 6 have been participating in the global ECO2 Smart School project to learn about climate change and how to tackle it. Over 4000 pupils from 130 schools in 13 countries have been involved! Children have spent time discussing how our country and other countries from around the world are experiencing and adapting to climate change.

On Wednesday, the children took part in a virtual ECO2 global conference where schools from around the world discussed their experiences of climate change depending on the country they were from and also shared many different pledges to tackle it. We are extremely proud of how seriously the children in year 5 and year 6 considered the issue of climate change and their motivation to take care of our planet together!

## Consett Steelworks Project (from July 2021)

We wanted to highlight the fantastic work about the Consett Steelworks which was completed by our previous Year 6 children in July. It is now on display at the new Consett & District Heritage Initiative until Saturday evening 9<sup>th</sup> October. You can go along and see it in Consett at what was the old St John's Ambulance building.



## DLPS Star of the Week

Well done to our incredible DLPS STARS this week.

Congratulations to	In Class	What have they been up to?
Lochlaan	SAPLINGS	'trying really hard to form letters from his name'
Ellie-Mai M	SEEDLINGS	'such a wonderful helper in class'
Louie K	CHERRY	'fantastic behaviour in school and trying his very best'
Emily S	HAZEL	'super listening in all of her lessons'
Isaac	HAWTHORN	'a fantastic attitude towards his learning'
Ava H	MAPLE	'trying really hard with her work and behaviour'
Lily S	JUNIPER	'Excellent work writing <i>Jack and the Beanstalk</i> '
Robbie G	WILLOW	'a confident mathematician who enjoys a challenge'
Brooke B	POPLAR	'making good choices and helping others around her'
Lola T-R	BIRCH	'making an effort to join our class discussions'
Alexis W	ELM	'excellent story writing of the story <i>Beekle</i> '
Zakk R	PINE	'Excellent, imaginative work in RE'
Max E	ASH	'Setting an excellent example with his superb behaviour'
Lily D	BEECH	'Listening attentively in class and sharing her ideas'
James H	OAK	'He is enthusiastic, works hard and is helpful and kind'



## DLPS Reader of the Week

At Delves Lane Primary we believe that being able to read and write is an essential life skill that enables us to express ourselves and a one which opens the door to the rest of the curriculum and life opportunities. We are extremely proud of our Readers of the week!

Congratulations to	In Class
Elise	HAZEL
Amelia W	HAWTHORN
Layla W	MAPLE
Faith	JUNIPER
Emmie L	WILLOW
Silver	POPLAR
Nicole	BIRCH
Shay	ELM
Riley M	PINE
Aiden	ASH
Amelia C	BEECH
Nikola	NIKOLA

## Leave of Absence during Term Time

Whilst we strongly discourage holidays during term time, parents and carers can if they wish, request a leave of absence for their child. To make an application for a leave of absence, you must fill out an application form, which can be requested from our school office. The application form asks you to outline the reasons why you feel your request should be regarded as 'exceptional.' Following the submission of your application, you will be notified as soon as possible of the School's decision.

Parents and carers should be aware that if you take leave of absence during term time without making a prior application to the school, or if you make an application but your requested leave of absence is not authorised and still take the child out of school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. Similarly, if you keep your child away from school for longer than agreed or authorised, the excess absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Unauthorised absences on your child's attendance record may mean that you are liable to incur a Fixed Penalty Notice (fine) or could face prosecution. Fines will be issued to **each person with parental responsibility** for the child/children who is deemed liable for the offence/offences.

## Parent Questionnaire Results

Please click on this link to see the results of our recent Parent Questionnaire- <https://bit.ly/3DkbJR2> We would like to thank everyone for taking the time to respond. Please get in touch if you have any queries.

## CALENDAR of EVENTS – AUTUMN 1

Below is the Calendar of events for the remained of this half term. Meetings highlighted in grey are meetings to be held with parents and carers.

Date	Event	Information
<b>Autumn Term 2021</b>		
Week Commencing 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening Video Appointments or Telephone Calls	More details to attached
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 House Cup Event for POPLAR and WILLOW Classes	In school event PM
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 Phonics screening information meeting with Miss Webb & Class Teachers	ZOOM Meeting at 3.30pm Parents of HAZEL and HAWTHORN Class will be emailed an invitation
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2 SATS Meeting Maple Class	MAPLE Class at 4.00pm Parents of MAPLE and JUNIPER Class will be emailed an invitation
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception House Cup Event for CHERRY Class	In school event PM
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Key Stage 1 Harvest Festival AM	In school event for HAZEL, HAWTHORN, MAPLE and JUNIPER Classes More information to follow
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Drop-In Session for parents and carers <u>interested</u> in a Reception Place	3.30pm to 4.30pm Current Nursery Parents will be sent an invite
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Wear Red Day	Non-Uniform Day To support the 'Show Racism the Red Card' charity, all children and staff can 'Wear Red' today.
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	<b>Break Up – Half Term holiday</b>	
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>School closed for Staff Training</b>	

## House Points

Well done to all our House Teams this week.

**Griffin** = 179 points

**Unicorn** = 247 points

**Minotaur** = 212 points

**Phoenix** = 186 point

**Unicorn House** are the winners, congratulations!

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

*R Woods*

Mrs R Woods  
**Head Teacher**