



# DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been talking to the Children about WORLD BOOK DAY which takes place this year on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March! They are very excited by the news that we can all come to school in our pyjamas, bring a favourite teddy and of course their favourite book, comic, etc. More details below!

We close today for the February half-term holiday. We hope you all enjoy the break.

## World Book Day

**At Delves Lane we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March.** On that day we will be asking children to come into school dressed in pyjamas. They can bring a book from home and teddy bears. During the day the children will enjoy listening to and reading their stories during a cosy reading time session where they will have milkshake and biscuits.



This year it will be the 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Book Day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March! To celebrate this, we would like to hold a sponsored read. Children will be asked to read 26 times and collect sponsorship money. The money will be spent on books that children have asked for in each class. Sponsor forms will be handed out on first Monday back after the half term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

## Arts Week

This week has been Arts Week at DLPS. The children have had fun discovering, exploring, creating and sharing their own artistic creations covering art forms including mark making, photography, music, poetry and dance. Sadly, our author and illustrator visit had to be postponed due to unforeseen circumstances, but as soon as we are able to reschedule, the children will also enjoy a craft workshop linked to a story. We hope to have a date for this soon. Thank you to all of the children for working so hard this week on their different creations and making arts week 2023 a great success!

## Dance Festival

Our children have been busy practising their Class Dances. Some of the Dances have been shared with other classes. We hope to share all the Class Dances in an assembly with the children next half term. Our teachers have been very impressed with the performances, well done to all our children!



## Ben & Jet Visit to Year 5 Classes

This week, our Year 5 children had some very special visitors - police dogs Ben and Jet accompanied by their dog handler Claire. The children are learning about different types of jobs and careers as part of their PSHE topic and today they found out about many of the different jobs available in the police force from CSI investigators and data analysts to dog trainers. Claire explained that it takes 9 weeks to fully train a police dog. 'The best part of the lesson was when Jet and Ben came into the classroom and we got to stroke them' from James (Pine Class).



## Visit from our local Police officers

Our local police officers visited some of our junior classes this week. They delivered a workshop about Anti-Social behaviour and what this means. The police helped our children identify different types of anti-social behaviour and to reflect on its negative impact on the local community. The children in Oak, Beech, Pine and Elm Classes really enjoyed the sessions and asked some great questions.

## Year 6 Visit to Marrick Priory

The children have had a fantastic visit to Marrick Priory this year. They have been excellent role models for our school. We are very proud of them all. A big thank you to Mr Turnbull, Miss Jones and Miss Kirkbride for escorting them to Marrick Priory this week. I am sure they will need to catch up on lots of sleep over the holidays! Here is a link to some fantastic photos from the visit: <https://www.delveslaneprimary.durham.sch.uk/?s=marrick>



## Class Attendance Awards

Class	Year Group	Attendance
Saplings	Nursery	89.10%
Seedlings	Nursery	78.40%
Cherry	Reception	92.50%
<b>Hazel</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>98%</b>
Hawthorn	Year 1	88.00%

Maple	Year 2	90.00%
Juniper	Year 2	94%
Willow	Year 3	90.50%
Poplar	Year 3	93%
Birch	Year 4	96.00%
Elm	Year 4	92.60%
Pine	Year 5	95.80%
<b>Ash</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>97%</b>
Beech	Year 6	94.00%
Oak	Year 6	93.50%

Well done to **Ash and Hazel** Classes! We hope you enjoyed the lovely cakes!



## OPAL News

We are monitoring the zones at the moment. Please can we remind parents and carers to send in wellies or old trainers for children to change into when accessing OPAL. We will be speaking to the School Council after the half term holiday, to find out their views on our OPAL provision.



## Golden Welly Award

There is no Golden Welly Award this week, this will return after the holiday!

## Celebration Assembly Weekly Awards – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023!





Please see our super Stars and Readers this week. We are very proud of all our children, well done!

Class	SOTW	ROTW
Saplings	Niamh	
Seedlings	Daniella	
Chery	Betty	Jacob
Hazel	Alfie	Harvey
Hawthorn	Chloe	Bobby
Maple	Isaac	Bella
Juniper	Evie	Emily
Willow	Harrison	Emmy

Poplar	Caedmon	John-James
Birch	Elijah	Cory
Elm	Brianna	Eve
Pine	Charlotte	Lizzie-May
Ash	Matilda	Olly
Beech		
Oak		

## House Points

Please see our house points for this week:

Date:	Griffin	Unicorn	Minotaur	Phoenix
				
17/02/2023	912	884	1037	1089

*Well done, Phoenix, fantastic news!*

## Piano Lessons

Our school is now hosting piano lessons, provided by the Tapiola Piano School. (Rated 5-stars on Google!) The 1-1 lessons are 30 minutes in duration and take place during the school day. All children are encouraged to participate in concerts, music examinations and festivals, whilst also benefiting from creative tutorials on our exciting YouTube channel.

For further information, please visit [www.tapiolapianoschool.com](http://www.tapiolapianoschool.com) or contact Rudi Eastwood on Tel: 07972 151346 or Email: [rudi.tapiola@gmail.com](mailto:rudi.tapiola@gmail.com)

We look forward to welcoming some new pupils!

## New Lunch Menu

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023, we will have a new lunch menu at DLPS. Please can you take the time to discuss the choices with your child. We are a trial school for this summer menu.

<https://www.delvelsaneprimary.durham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/17/2023/02/Chartwells-North-Eats-SS23-Menu-DLPS.pdf>

## Fundraising for Turkey/Syria Appeal

Thank you for all your kind donations for the Red Cross Turkey/Syria Earthquake appeal. We will let you know the total raised after half term.

## Reminder - School Meals – Price Increase

From Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February (following the half-term break) a school meal will cost £2.41 per day. From September 2023 meals will increase to £2.50 per day with this rate fixed until April 2024. Thank you.

## After School Clubs

After School Activity Clubs start on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Confirmation texts have been sent out today if you have secured a space for your child. There are still spaces left on most clubs so we are leaving the booking open during half term, if you can see the club you want on ParentPay then you will be able to book and pay for the

clubs.

## Parent Pay - Reminder

Please can we politely request that parents and carers log in to ParentPay and clear any outstanding arrears for dinner money, breakfast club and after school childcare. If you are having any financial difficulties, please could you contact the school office and we will offer support. Thank you.

## Online Content: 10 Tips to Keep Your Children Safe Online

Information from National Online Safety. The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. The guide below provides parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.

<https://www.delvelaneprimary.durham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/17/2023/02/Online-Content-10-tips-to-keep-your-child-safe-online.pdf>

## Calendar of Events

Please click on the link here to find out what events are happening this term [DLPS Spring Calendar of Events 2023](#)  
Here is a reminder of some important dates coming up in the next two weeks.

Date	Event	Information
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for half term	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	School re-opens for teaching	
Week Commencing 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Year 5 (Ash Class) Swimming <b>Every Monday Afternoon until end of Spring term</b>	In school event – please ensure children bring their swimming kit
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day Wear PJ's – Non-Uniform	In school event
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Year 2 SATS Information Event (Maple & Juniper Classes)	Infant Hall 3.15pm to 3.45pm Parents and carers welcome
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	School Photographer will be here to take children's photos	More information to follow
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Internet Safety Day	In school event

## Half Term Holiday Activities

### County Durham Libraries

Are you looking for free family-friendly events in your area this half-term?

We have 39 public libraries across County Durham who will be offering a range of activities for children, from takeaway craft bags, drop-in craft sessions, entertainers and workshops 😊

Booking may be required for some of the sessions. Why not contact your nearest libraries this half-term to find out what is going on?

You can find a full list of all our libraries and their opening hours at [www.durham.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.durham.gov.uk/libraries)

**Atoms Education CIC**



FREE Holiday Activity on Thursday 23rd February with ATOMS. Half Term holiday Science and Creative Storytelling! The quickest way for parents and carers to sign up is via this quick google form:  
<https://forms.gle/iVrGfBAwKpYe3r6D9>

**ATOMS**  
EDUCATION CIC

Durham Valley Area Action Partnership  
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**FUN & FOOD**

**FASCINATING FEBRUARY FUN**  
Half term science & creative storytelling fun  
Thursday 23rd February  
Fantastic Science 10am - 12pm  
The Mysterious Box (oral storytelling) 1pm-3pm  
Lunch & Games 12pm-1pm

Scan to book

**FREE Kids Sessions at  
Consett Heritage & Arts  
Centre (HEART) this half  
term**

email: atomsvonni@gmail.com with any queries

**Free swimming during the school holidays (20th to 24th February)**

This half term holiday, children under the age of 18years can access Free Swimming at Consett Leisure Centre. Families will need to apply for a THRIVE card - details in this link [durham.gov.uk/freeswimming](http://durham.gov.uk/freeswimming)

**Fun and Food**

Fun and Food February - Half Term holiday - Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February.

News from FUN and FOOD below...

February half term is just around the corner and we are super excited about all of the wonderful Fun and Food activities with healthy food that are on offer across County Durham. Activities are now being loaded onto our Fun and Food landing page at [www.durham.gov.uk/funandfood](http://www.durham.gov.uk/funandfood) we will be uploading more activities daily so keep visiting to see what's new

**School closes today for our February half-term holiday. We open again on Monday 27th February.** We hope you have a lovely holiday next week. Thank you for your continued support.

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**Head Teacher**