



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share news below of two pupils who have received a Kindness Award at DLPS! We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to Parent's Evening on Monday 27th March for most classes (more details included in this newsletter). We can't believe there is only one more week until the Easter Holidays!

Kindness Award

Shay and Lily from Year 5 have been nominated for a Kindness Award, which was donated by Vision for Education. They show kindness to all our children and staff every day, and we are very proud of them both.



Vision Education state that:

We want to recognise and celebrate the way young people treat others and show acts of kindness, so we are looking to award a star student for an outstanding act of kindness towards another person. Kindness is magic. It is fundamental of how we connect with each other. The smallest act of kindness can make the biggest difference to someone else's day.

Well done Lily and Shay for always spreading kindness and positivity at Delves Lane Primary School!

Key Stage 2 Visit to Medomsley Woods

Next week our junior children have the fantastic opportunity to take part in a ground-breaking project with OASES, Outdoor and sustainability education specialists. This allows pupils to help combat climate change by creating community and school woodlands in County Durham.

Our local site is in Medomsley. On Wednesday 29th March, Birch, Elm and Willow Classes will be visiting Medomsley Woods for a session with the team, to plant a tree.

On Friday 31st March, Poplar, Ash, Pine, Oak and Beech will go along to Medomsley Woods to plant a tree. Please can parents and carers make sure children wear dark clothes and old footwear (preferably different to their school shoes). The classes will be outdoors for around an hour so please ensure they wrap up warm and bring a pair of gloves! The site will be muddy, but we are sure they will all have a fantastic time. Thank you from Mrs



North East Festival of Languages Competition

Our children in Key Stage 2 have entered an exciting regional competition, which is designed by 'the Association of Language Learning North East'. Each child has spent time and care creating a compelling poster, explaining how learning another language can influence their future. We are very proud of the valuable messages they share and we are looking forward to seeing if there are any winners from our school!



Nursery Visit to Hall Hill Farm

Nursery have had a fantastic couple of days at Hall Hill Farm this week. The children were brilliant at answering questions about the names of the baby animals and used their listening ears to follow instructions from the guides at the farm. We got to see, feed and pet lots of animals and had a great time in the play areas and on our tractor ride, which was very bumpy! Great Job Saplings and Seedlings and a big thank you to all the parents/carers who joined us for the day, we hope you had as much fun as we did 😊



Hazel Class Visit to Northumberland Zoo

Hazel class have had a brilliant trip to Northumberland Zoo- we took part in an animal classification workshop as well as meeting and stroking Albert the African giant snail. The children particularly enjoyed seeing the Livingstone's Fruit Bats, watching them swoop down from the enclosure between branches and making funny noises. In addition to these, the Meerkats, Otters and Snow Leopards were some of the class favourites!



Whole School Sponsored Read

Today is the final day of our World Book day Sponsored Read. Thank you to everyone who has taken part. Could we please ask that all money is now collected in and brought into school. For sponsored events we will accept cash or you can pay via parent pay. We would be very grateful if all money could be handed into the school office or to the class teacher by next Friday 31st March. All the money collected will go back into school fund to buy new books. Thank you so much for your support with the sponsored read.

After School Clubs for Summer Term

After School Clubs will close on Thursday 30th March and re-open on Monday 24th April. These clubs will run for the rest of the academic year, rather than being split into the two half terms, the dates and cost of these are in the timetable below. After school activity clubs for the next term will be available to book and pay for via ParentPay on Friday 31st March. **PLEASE NOTE:** there has been a change to a Monday club and a Wednesday club. Please take a look at the timetable below and discuss with your children which club they would like to attend. A text will be sent to you once the booking and payment item is live.

	Club	Age Group	Club Time	Club Size	Club Staff	Collect From	Start Date End Date
Mon	Mini Sports Club In this club children will take part in a wide range physical activity aimed at developing fundamental movement skills through various sport related games and activities.	Y1 – Y2	3:10 - 4:00	20 Children	Mr Leach (Foundation of Light)	Infant Entrance	24.04.23 (6 weeks) £6.00
	Dodgeball Club In this club children will learn to play many different exciting versions of the classic game Dodgeball whilst energetically testing their ducking, dipping, diving and dodging skills.	Y3 - Y6	3:10 - 4:00	20 Children	Mr Spencer (Grassroots)	Junior Entrance	17.04.23 (6 weeks) £6.00
Tues	Mini Arts & Craft Club In this club children will have the opportunity to relax with their friends whilst taking part in a range of fun colouring or craft activities whilst listening to music.	Y1 - Y2	3:10 - 4:00	20 Children	Miss McGuigan Mrs McCabe	Infant Entrance	25.04.23 (9 weeks) £9.00
	Film Club In this club children will be able to get together to watch some of their favorite movies whilst drawing, colouring and playing boardgames with their friends.	Y3 - Y6	3:10 - 4:00	20 Children	Miss Randell Miss Hedge	Junior Entrance	25.04.23 (9 weeks) £9.00
	Girl's Football Club In this club children will be introduced to football through a wide variety of fun activities and games which are designed for everyone to enjoy.	Y3 - Y6 (Girls Only)	3:10 - 4:00	15 Children	Mr Poole (Consett AFC)	Junior Entrance	25.04.23 (9 weeks) £9.00
Wed	Story Telling Club In this club children will have the opportunity to read and listen to a wide variety of fun and exciting picture books, stories and comics.	Y1 - Y2	3:10 - 4:00	20 Children	Mrs Winskill Miss Forbes	Hazel Class Door	26.04.23 (9 weeks) £9.00
	Arts & Crafts Club In this club children will have the opportunity to develop their own artistic style through colours, crafts, arts and music.	Y3 - Y6	3:10 - 4:00	20 Children	Mrs Teneur Mrs Clark	Junior Entrance	26.04.23 (9 weeks) £9.00
	Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths Club (S.T.E.M.) In this club children will take part a wide range of activities such as fun science experiments, designing models using different materials and playing computer technology games.	Y3 - Y6	3:10 - 4:00	20 Children	Miss Smith Miss Jones	Junior Entrance	26.04.23 (9 weeks) £9.00
Thurs	Mini Construction Club In this club children will be able to play creatively with Lego, K'Nex and Playdough alongside many other exciting resources to build anything they can imagine.	Y1 - Y2	3:10 - 4:00	20 Children	Miss Kelly Mrs Moody	Maple Class Door	27.04.23 (9 weeks) £9.00
	Construction Club In this club children will be able to play creatively with Lego, K'Nex and Playdough alongside many other exciting resources to build anything they can imagine.	Y3 - Y6	3:10 - 4:00	15 Children	Mdm Sweeny (Linacoti)	Junior Entrance	27.04.23 (9 weeks) £9.00
	Dodgeball Club In this club children will learn to play many different exciting versions of the classic game Dodgeball whilst energetically testing their ducking, dipping, diving and dodging skills.	Y3 - Y6	3:10 - 4:00	20 Children	Mr Turnbull Mr McMeiken	Junior Entrance	27.04.23 (9 weeks) £9.00

Bookings for Breakfast Club & After School Childcare

We have been reviewing our booking system and have made some changes to this to improve our systems. We have now implemented a booking procedure for all DLPS families to use. Please see the below information including the link to the booking form. This form needs to be completed by any family wishing to use our Breakfast club or after school childcare facility. If you currently have a regular booking in place this will now need to be booked each week as below.

Please complete this form <https://bit.ly/3JliAbP> by Thursday midnight for the following week. NO BOOKINGS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER THIS TIME AND PLACES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.

A booking form **MUST** be completed and the booking paid for via ParentPay the week before your session is required. If you pay using childcare vouchers or invoices please ensure this is stated in the relevant question in the form and you have an arrangement with the school office.

Anyone who has not pre-booked using the form will be refused entry to breakfast or childcare club for Safeguarding purposes.

Please complete a form for **each** child.

Spaces available and times for each club are as follows:

Breakfast Club (Infants) - 20 places **7.50am - 8.40am (Monday – Friday) £2.00**

Breakfast Club (Juniors) - 20 places **7.50am - 8.40am (Monday – Friday) £2.00**

Childcare Club (whole school) - 16 places **3.10pm – 5.30pm (Monday – Thursday) £7.00**

This fee is inclusive of breakfast or a light snack and juice, depending on the club the child is attending.

Once the booking form is completed the admin team will confirm your booking by email on a Friday afternoon from clubbookings@delveslane.co.uk

Visit from Councillor Sterling and Mrs McGuigan

Our local Councillor, Angela Sterling, and Chair of Governors, Andrea McGuigan visited school last Friday. Collectively, we discussed the ongoing issues regarding Parking outside of school as well as some possible Careers Events for children at DLPS in the future.

Our visitors also had a lovely conversation with some of our School Council. Lucie, David and Tiarna spoke about school lunches, Assemblies, OPAL, Clubs in the community, and they also shared details about their weekly School Council Meetings.

Our Councillor discussed her role in the community, and said she would love to come and visit School Council soon. Thank you to our School Council for your contributions. We would also like to thank Councillor Angela Sterling and Andrea McGuigan for visiting us at DLPS.

Year 2 Assembly

Parents and Carers of children in Maple and Juniper Classes are invited to attend a Class Assembly on Thursday 30th March at 2.40pm in the Infant Hall. Our children are looking forward to sharing their work with parents and carers.

NON-UNIFORM DAY – Friday 31st March

Next Friday 31st March is Non-Uniform Day at DLPS. This is to help raise money for School Fund. Children can come to school in Non-Uniform in exchange for a £1 donation to School Fund. Thank you for your support.

Class Attendance Awards

Well done to **Hazel, Birch, Pine** Classes! We hope you enjoyed the lovely cakes!

Class	Year Group	Attendance
Saplings	Nursery	84.0%
Seedlings	Nursery	76.1%
Cherry	Reception	87.5%

Hazel	Year 1	95.8%
Hawthorn	Year 1	84.7%
Maple	Year 2	93.1%
Juniper	Year 2	93.1%
Willow	Year 3	96.4%
Poplar	Year 3	90.7%
Birch	Year 4	100.0%
Elm	Year 4	94.1%
Pine	Year 5	98.7%
Ash	Year 5	96.1%
Beech	Year 6	82.1%
Oak	Year 6	94.6%



OPAL News

Our children would love any old suitcases, pushchairs, walking frames or old wheelchairs. Do you have any of these items that you no longer require? They would be well used in our OPAL Play! Thanks for any donations



Golden Welly Award

Golden Welly		
Name	Class	Reason for Nomination
Riley	Hazel	Looking after and caring for the worms!
John-James, Michael and Lewis	Poplar	For fantastic den building skills!

Celebration Assembly Weekly Awards – 24th March 2023!





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

Class	SOTW	ROTW
Saplings	Lexi	
Seedlings	Charlotte	
Cherry	Jaxon	Thomas
Hazel	Rigers	Evie-Jorge
Hawthorn	Bobby	Jayden
Maple	Finley	Daniel
Juniper	Nicholas	Ellie-Mai
Willow	Faith	Miles
Poplar	Oliver	Andreea
Birch	Molly	Hayden
Elm	Kai	Romi

Pine	Bently	Zoe
Ash	Liam	Rayana
Beech	Bridie	James
Oak	Keith	Max

House Points

Please see our house points for this week:

Date:	Griffin	Unicorn	Minotaur	Phoenix
				
24/03/2023	832	723	785	799

Well done, Griffin, fantastic news!

School Photographs

Next week parents and carers will receive instructions and log in details via email to view your child/ren's gallery and you will be able to order and pay for the photographs you would like to buy. We have seen some samples, and they look absolutely fantastic. We hope you are as delighted as we are with the photographs from Unscripted Photography.

Parents Evening on Monday 27th March

Parents and carers will be invited into school for a Parents Evening on Monday 27th March for most classes. Please see further details below.

CHERRY CLASS - Please note that Cherry class have their parents' evening on Wednesday 29th March. Some appointment slips mistakenly have the 27th on them. Please accept our apologies for this error. The times on your slips are correct, but the date is the 29th. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

Monday 27th March 2023	<p>Parents Evening from 3.30 – 5.30pm</p> <p>Infant hall for Saplings, Hawthorn, Hazel, Maple & Juniper classes</p> <p>Junior Hall for Poplar, Willow, Birch, Elm, Pine, Ash, Oak & Beech classes</p>	<p>Information in newsletter 10th March 2023.</p> <p>Parental appointment slips will be sent out by Friday 17th March 2023</p>
Tuesday 28th March 2023	<p>Parents Evening from 3.30 – 5.30pm</p> <p>Infant hall for Seedlings class</p>	<p>Information in newsletter 10th March 2023.</p> <p>Parental appointment slips will be sent out by Friday 17th March 2023</p>
Wednesday 29th March 2023	<p>Parents Evening from 3.30 – 5.30pm</p> <p>Infant hall for Cherry class</p>	<p>Information in newsletter 10th March 2023.</p> <p>Parental appointment slips will be sent out by Friday 17th March 2023</p>
Wednesday 29th March 2023	<p>Meeting for Parents of new Nursery children</p>	<p>Junior Hall - 3.30pm – 4.15pm</p> <p>All new parents have received letters</p>

Parent Pay

Please can all parents/carers log into ParentPay and clear any arrears for dinner money, breakfast club and after school childcare by the end of this half term. Thank you.

Calendar of Events

Please click on the link here to find out what events are happening this term [DLPS Calendar of Events Spring & Summer 2023](#)

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

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