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Friday 3rd March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We can't believe it is March already! We have noticed the lighter mornings and evenings 😊
This is a short half term, but we have lots of events planned. This newsletter includes lots of important information.

World Book Day

Thank you so much to our lovely children and teachers who dressed up for World Book Day 2023! We would also like to thank parents and carers for supporting this event.

We had a fantastic fun filled day at DLPS including cosy reading time with milkshake and biscuits, making bookmarks, writing book reviews taking part in live World Book Day lessons and taking part in our Masked Reader competition. The children and their teddies looked terrific and it was wonderful to see the books that they enjoy reading at home. We hope to be able to buy some of the books the children shared with us. This will inspire children to read at home and at school.



There is still time for children to take part in our annual sponsored read. We are asking children from Nursery all the way up to Year 6 to take part. As it is the 26th Anniversary of World Book Day we would like children to be sponsored to read or to be read to 26 times. The money we collect will go to buy fabulous new books for our children to read. All money collected can be handed into class teachers or paid into the school fund on parent pay by Friday 31st March. Thank you!

Fundraising for Turkey/Syria Appeal

Thank you for all your kind donations for the Red Cross Turkey/Syria Earthquake appeal. We raised £155.81 😊

School Photographs

We have a new School Photographer coming to DLPS!

Details here: <https://www.unscriptedphotography.co.uk/school-photography-northeast/>

Unscripted Photography works with schools and settings that appreciate an alternative, authentic, meaningful way of capturing and promoting their values and children.

Your child will have their individual photograph on the following date:

Date	Class/Year Group	More Information
Tuesday 7 th March 2023	Nursery AM Reception (Cherry and Hawthorn) Nursery PM Elm (Year 4)	Please make sure children are in school uniform. Photographs will start being taken promptly at 9.00am. Any children who are not at school on their allocated day will have their photo taken on one of the other days.
Wednesday 8 th March 2023	Hazel (Year 1) Hawthorn (Year 1) Maple and Juniper (Year 2) Willow (Year 3)	
Thursday 9 th March 2023	Poplar (Year 3) Birch (Year 4) Ash and Pine (Year 5)	



Tuesday 14 th March 2023	Beech and Oak (Year 6)	
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This information will also be emailed to you today.

School Trips

The following school trips are due to take place in March:

Date	Event	Information
Monday 20 th March 2023	Nursery trip to Hall Hill Farm (Saplings)	Letter will be sent out early next week to parents of Nursery - SAPLINGS
Tuesday 21 st March 2023	Nursery trip to Hall Hill Farm (Seedlings)	Letter will be sent out next week to parents of Nursery - SEEDLINGS
Wednesday 22 nd March 2023	Hazel (Year 1) class trip – Northumberland Zoo	Letter will be sent out early next week to parents of Year 1 – HAZEL Class
Friday 24 th March 2023	Year 2 (Maple & Juniper Classes) trip to Hall Hill Farm	Letter has been sent out on Thursday 2 nd March to parents of Year 2 – MAPLE and JUNIPER Classes

Class Attendance Awards

Class	Year Group	Attendance
Saplings	Nursery	84.1%
Seedlings	Nursery	68.5%
Cherry	Reception	80.6%
Hazel	Year 1	94.2%
Hawthorn	Year 1	83.5%
Maple	Year 2	81.3%
Juniper	Year 2	97.5%
Willow	Year 3	97.5%
Poplar	Year 3	92.0%
Birch	Year 4	96.3%
Elm	Year 4	88.2%
Pine	Year 5	93.3%
Ash	Year 5	96.1%
Beech	Year 6	90.6%
Oak	Year 6	88.1%

Well done to **Juniper and Willow** Classes! We hope you enjoyed the lovely cakes!

Year 2 SATS Information Meeting

On Tuesday 7th March, parents and carers of children in Maple and Juniper Classes are invited to a meeting after school in our Infant Hall with Mrs Kelly-Fraser and Mrs Schenker.

The meeting will take place in the Infant Hall from 3.15pm.

OPAL News

We are monitoring the zones at the moment. We are still requesting old wellies and trainers for children. For the next few weeks, please can we remind parents and carers that children need these things for OPAL:

- Wellies or waterproof boots
- Waterproof coat
- Waterproof or spare trousers for playing on the field
- Hats/scarves
- Spare shoes and clothes (just in case they get wet)



Golden Welly Award

Golden Welly		
Name	Class	Reason for Nomination
Liam, Emily & Brooke	Ash	Being fantastic helpers on the infant yard. They have very mature and sensible attitude towards their job.
Charlotte & David	Juniper	Awarded the Golden Welly for great imaginative play as well as looking after each other.

Celebration Assembly Weekly Awards – 3rd 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	Kai W	
Seedlings	Lucas	
Cherry	Rose	Carter
Hazel	Jamie-Leigh	Rigers
Hawthorn	Odhran	Robyn
Maple	Charlie	Maggie
Juniper	Malik	Connor & Ellie-Mai
Willow	Isla	Lily-Rose
Poplar	Hylton	Ryan
Birch	Thea	Kelvin
Elm	Leona	Leandra
Pine	Nicole	Ella
Ash	Shay	Brooke
Beech	Bobbi	Riley
Oak	Robbie	Charlie

House Points

Please see our house points for this week:

Date:	Griffin	Unicorn	Minotaur	Phoenix
03/03/2023	532	753	636	634

Well done, Unicorn, fantastic news!

New Lunch Menu

We are one of a very small number of schools trialing the new Summer Menu.

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

Here is some of the food that has been served this week.





After School Clubs

After School Activity Clubs will continue until the 30th March. Due to possible Industrial Action, we may have to cancel clubs on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. We will of course give as much notice as possible about this. We will keep you informed.

After School Childcare

Due to whole school staff training, **CHILDCARE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY 20th MARCH.** We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

Online Safety - What is Snapchat?

- Snapchat is an app for sending photos and videos (known as 'Snaps'), and text messages. The 'Stories' feature lets users share photos or videos with all their contacts at once.
- Snaps disappear after being opened, usually within seconds. Stories disappear after 24 hours. Images and messages aren't automatically saved on phones.
- The minimum age to use Snapchat is 13, but it's easy to sign up if you're younger.

What's the problem?

- There's a 'high' risk of seeing sexual content, and of bullying
- Your child's location could be shared automatically with their contacts, which could put them in danger if they have strangers as 'friends' on the app
- There's a risk of children being 'groomed' by strangers into sharing pictures and information about themselves. Gangs also use apps to groom and recruit children

Four steps to help your child use Snapchat safely

1. Tell your child to only use it with real friends

Anyone could pretend to be a child or teenager online, so encourage your child not to talk to people they don't know in real life

2. Use privacy settings

By default, only 'friends' your child has added on Snapchat can contact them directly and see their story or location, so encourage your child to keep those default settings

To check and change the settings:

Tap the person icon in the top-left of Snapchat, then the cog in the top-right. Scroll down to 'Additional Services' and tap the relevant options ('Contact Me' and 'View My Story')

Under 'See My Location', choose 'Ghost Mode' to turn location sharing off

Under 'See Me in Quick Add' you can stop your child's profile from being suggested to strangers as a potential 'friend'

3. Talk to your child about 'sexting' and being careful about what they share

Even though images disappear in Snapchat, they can be screenshotted and then shared – outside of the original sender's control.

So, remind your child to think carefully about the images they share, and with who. Before they share anything, tell them to ask: "would I be happy for other people to see this?"

In particular, **make sure your child knows not to take, share or view naked or sexually explicit pictures of themselves or another child, either voluntarily or if asked to by someone else.**

This is known as 'sexting' and is illegal, even when the person doing it is a child. It can also be distressing for a child to be a victim of sexting, or to see an inappropriate image that someone else has shared.

4. Make sure your child knows how to use reporting and blocking functions

To report a Snap or Story, press and hold on it, tap the flag, then explain the problem

To remove or block a friend, swipe to the right to go to the 'Chat' screen, then tap and hold on the person's name. Tap 'More', then choose 'Remove friend' or 'Block'

What can I do about online bullying?

- Encourage your child to talk to you if someone says something upsetting or hurtful to them
- Look for signs they may be being bullied, like being afraid or reluctant to go to school, feeling nervous, losing confidence or becoming distressed and withdrawn, or losing sleep
- Tell your school about any bullying your child experiences

There are also few ways you can save images and messages as evidence:

- Use another device to, quickly, take a photo of the image or message (this is the only way you can save the image without other people knowing)
- Tap on the message, quickly, to save it (other people will know, from the grey background)
- Take a screenshot, quickly (the person who shared it will get a notification)
- Change your 'delete' settings to save messages for 24 hours – swipe to the right to go to the 'Chats' screen, tap and hold a friend's name, then 'More' > 'Delete Chats...' > '24 Hours after Viewing'

What can I do if I think my child is being targeted by a gang?

Share your concerns with our school immediately. You can also contact the NSPCC for advice – call 0808 800 5000 or email help@nspcc.org.uk.

Be alert to changes in your child – such as having new unexplained possessions, changing friendship groups, behaviour and mood changes, unexplained injuries

More information here: [DLPS-SNAPCHAT-Parent-Info.pdf](#)

Parents Evening

Parents and carers will be invited into school for a Parents Evening on Monday 27th March.

We will send out more information in our next newsletter. Thank you.

Calendar of Events

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

Date	Event	Information
Week Commencing 27 th February 2023	Year 5 (Ash Class) Swimming Every Monday Afternoon until end of Spring term	In school event – please ensure children bring their swimming kit
Thursday 2 nd March 2023	World Book Day Wear PJ's – Non-Uniform	In school event
Tuesday 7 th March 2023	Year 2 SATS Information Event (Maple & Juniper Classes)	Infant Hall 3.15pm to 3.45pm Parents and carers welcome
Tuesday 7 th to Thursday 9 th March 2023	School Photographer will be here to take children's photos	Please see above. Email with information will also be sent out.
Friday 10 th March 2023	Internet Safety Day	In school event
Week commencing 11 th March 2023 TBC	Key Stage 2 Science Week – (Poplar, Willow, Elm, Birch, Pine, Ash, Beech, Oak Classes) Afternoons only	In school event More Information to follow
Tuesday 14 th March 2023	School Photographer will be here to take children's photos	Please see above. Email with information will also be sent out.
Monday 20 th March 2023	Nursery trip to Hall Hill Farm (Saplings)	More information to follow
Week commencing 20 th March 2023	Assessment Period Year 1 – Year 6 (Hawthorn, Hazel, Maple, Juniper, Poplar, Willow, Elm, Birch, Pine, Ash, Beech, Oak Classes)	Please make sure children are on time for school and have eaten a good breakfast!
Tuesday 21 st March 2023	Nursery trip to Hall Hill Farm (Seedlings)	More information to follow
Tuesday 21 st March 2023	Meeting for Parents of new Nursery children	Junior Hall - 3.30pm – 4.15pm More information to follow
Wednesday 22 nd March 2023	Hazel (Year 1) class trip – Northumberland Zoo	More information to follow

Thursday 23 rd March 2023	Year 6 House Cup Event – Cricket (Oak & Beech Classes)	In school event children to come to school in PE kits
Friday 24 th March 2023	Year 2 (Maple & Juniper Classes) trip to Hall Hill Farm	School Trip More information to follow
Monday 27 th March 2023	Parents Evening	Information to follow
Thursday 30 th March 2023	Year 2 (Maple & Juniper Classes) Assembly	Infant Hall @ 2.40pm Parents and Carers welcome to attend
Thursday 30 th March 2023	Interfaith/Diversity Day/Easter Egg Competition	In school event More information to follow
Friday 31 st March 2023	Non-School Uniform Day	Children can come to school dressed in non-school uniform for a £1 donation towards our school fund.
Friday 31st March	Last day of Spring Term School closes for Easter Holidays	
Monday 17th April	School opens for pupils	

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

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