



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

Friday 21st April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope all our children and families had a lovely Easter holiday. It has been lovely to come back to some warmer weather this week! The children are having a great time outdoors in the sunshine this week!

Reception Visit to Hall Hill Farm

Cherry and Hawthorn Classes had a fantastic morning at the Early Years Multi Skills festival this week. There was a wide variety of activities that all of our children thoroughly enjoyed. There were some fantastic footballers who scored penalties, children demonstrated exceptional balance skills whilst playing a game of 'Human Scarecrows' and they found a new game to enjoy called 'Cone Head'. The children were very keen on bus journey and had a wonderful time. Well done everyone, you were great role models for DLPS 😊

Peer Mentor Training

On Tuesday and Thursday, some of our Year 5 children participated in Peer Mentoring training, which was delivered by a member of the 'Investing in Children Project Team'. The program is designed to enable young people to connect with their peers and it has taught our children a range of tools and techniques they can use to offer wellbeing support to other children as well as equipping them with ways they can help others find their own positive next steps. We are extremely impressed with how hard our children have worked during the sessions and we are excited to see how our newly trained peer mentors will flourish in their role in the near future!

PE Days for Summer Term

Please note that there are some changes to your child's PE day this term. This timetable will run until Friday 26th May.

| | Class | Year Group |
|------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Monday | Hazel | Year 1 |
| | Pine and Ash | Year 5 |
| Tuesday | Maple & Juniper | Year 2 |
| Wednesday | Cherry & Hawthorn | Reception |
| | Poplar & Willow | Year 3 |
| Thursday | Beech & Oak | Year 6 |
| | Birch & Elm | Year 4 |
| Friday | Birch & Elm | Year 4 |

Swimming

Year 3 Classes will take part in Swimming Lessons during the summer term.

| Class | Swimming Sessions |
|---------------|--|
| Willow | Monday 17 th April – Monday 22 nd May (2 Bank Holidays 1 st and 8 th May when Swimming will not take place). |
| Poplar | Monday 12 th June – Monday 17 th July |



Online Safety

This week we have been alerted to some children accessing Snapchat. The age restriction for Snapchat is 13+. Snapchat is a photo- and video-sharing app through which users can chat with friends via text or audio. Images and videos can be shared with specific friends, or as a 'story' (documenting the previous 24 hours) which is visible to a person's entire friend list. Snapchat usage rose significantly during the lockdown periods, with many young people utilising it to stay connected with their peers.

In the guide attached, you'll find tips on avoiding potential risks such as sexting, visible location and contact from strangers.

If you do have any concerns about Online Safety, please contact the school and we will get in touch to offer support. Thank you.

School Lunches

We wanted to share some more fabulous food from our food counters this week. The children have been giving us some great feedback!



We have a special Kings Coronation Menu on Thursday 4th May. A survey has been sent out to parents with more details.

Class Attendance Awards

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

| Class | Year Group | Attendance |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Saplings | Nursery | 87.5% |
| Seedlings | Nursery | 69.1% |
| Cherry | Reception | 93.1% |
| Hazel | Year 1 | 92.2% |
| Hawthorn | Year 1 | 93.8% |
| Maple | Year 2 | 93.1% |
| Juniper | Year 2 | 97.5% |
| Willow | Year 3 | 93.5% |
| Poplar | Year 3 | 92.1% |
| Birch | Year 4 | 81.0% |
| Elm | Year 4 | 84.6% |
| Pine | Year 5 | 92.1% |
| Ash | Year 5 | 96.1% |
| Beech | Year 6 | 88.6% |
| Oak | Year 6 | 89.9% |

OPAL News

Watch this space because coming soon... OPAL Bingo is back!! More details to follow.

| Golden Welly | | |
|--------------|-------|---|
| Name | Class | Reason for Nomination |
| Aicha | Hazel | Playing with children who looked lonely. |
| Lilly-Mae | Oak | Teaching year 3 children dance routines and being a good teacher. |





Celebration Assembly Weekly Awards – 21st April 2023!

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

| Class | SOTW | ROTW |
|-----------|--------|--------------|
| Saplings | Kane | |
| Seedlings | Max | |
| Cherry | Thomas | Riley |
| Hazel | Leo | Lexi |
| Hawthorn | Poppy | Zac |
| Maple | Rudy | Andrew |
| Juniper | Emily | Elise |
| Willow | Teddy | Paula-Louise |
| Poplar | Leah | Lainee |
| Birch | Emily | Hayden |
| Elm | Chloe | Eve |
| Pine | Ella | Olly |
| Ash | Olly | Tiana |
| Beech | Imogen | Bridie |
| Oak | David | Alfie |

House Points

Please see our house points for this week:

| Date: | Griffin | Unicorn | Minotaur | Phoenix |
|------------|---|---|---|---|
| |  |  |  |  |
| 21/04/2023 | 607 | 649 | 712 | 708 |

Well done, **Minotaur** fantastic news!

Holidays in Term Time

Taking a child out of school in term time will affect their education and we expect parents to help us by not taking children away during this time. There is no automatic entitlement in law to take leave during school time.

All applications for leave must be made, in advance, by the parent on the leave of absence form, which can be emailed out to parents.

Requests will only be authorised if the circumstances surrounding the request are considered to be exceptional.

Leave in term time will not be agreed by us at any time unless circumstances surrounding the request can be evidenced, by parents, to be exceptional.

Here is a link to our Attendance Policy: [Attendance Policy](#)

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Spare Uniform

Do any of our families have any spare uniform trousers, that they no longer require? We are very short of trousers aged 4-8 years. If you have any pre-loved trousers, we would be very grateful for your donations.

Thank you.

After School Clubs this term

After School Clubs will start next 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. **Texts confirming spaces have been sent to Parents earlier this week. 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. Booking is now closed for this term's after school clubs, if you would like your child to be added to a waiting list please email delveslaneprimary@delveslane.co.uk

| | 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 | 24.04.23 (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 colouring, 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 |
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| | 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 |

Booking system for Breakfast Club & After School Childcare

Thank you to all parents/carers who have already started to use our new booking system.

Places must be booked using this system. Please note if you book and your child does not attend you will still be charged unless your child is poorly or you have given 24hours notice.

School Car Park

Please can we remind parents and carers that parents cannot park on site at any time before or during the school day. This includes taxis. Staff and delivery vehicles are accessing the site before the school day.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

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](#)

Please have a look at the calendar of events. We have lots of events planned for this term.

Some dates to add:

- Industrial Action (Teachers) – Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. We have written to you separately about this
- King's Coronation Day – Thursday 4th May (In School Event)
- Reminder – The school is closed for two Bank Holidays on Monday 1st May and Monday 8th May
- Key Stage 2 (Year 6 SATS) take place from Tuesday 9th May until Friday 12th May

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

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