



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

Friday 28th April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had some very positive assemblies this week with children about the school rules - Ready, Respectful and Safe.

We would like to remind families that school will be closed on Monday 1st May (May Bank Holiday). We will be open for some classes on Tuesday 2nd May but the following classes will be CLOSED – Hazel, Juniper, Poplar, Willow and Elm.

Online Safety

We continue to have incidents in school relating to children's online behaviour. Recently these have been linked to TikTok. TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy.

Parents are advised that the recommended age for accessing TikTok is 13 years old.

We have attached a poster for families, 'What parent's and carers need to know about TikTok. Please check your what your child is accessing online, and discuss the dangers.

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

King Charles III Coronation Event

On Thursday 4th May 2023, we will be celebrating the King's coronation, with lots of fun activities during lesson time and a special menu at lunchtime. **Children can come to school wearing the colours red, white and blue if they would like to.**

Early Years Request

If you have any old paintbrushes, can you please donate them to school. Our Early Years team would be very grateful. The brushes are so helpful in building muscles in little hands, arms and shoulders.

If you have older children who have finished playing with toy tools, work benches and hard hats can you please donate them to school. Again, our early Years Team have little Bob the Builders in the making! Thank you

Maple and Juniper Art Task

Children in Y2 will be creating self-portraits that feature items of interest to them. Please could children bring in items that represent their interests on **Wednesday 3rd May**. For example, if they are interested in baking, they could bring in an apron and rolling pin. Please avoid bringing in valuable items as we would hate for these to get lost or damaged. Thank you, Mrs Kelly-Fraser, Mrs Moody and Mrs Schenker.



Walk Home Consent

Could we please request that parents/carers **DO NOT** call the school office giving their child/children last minute walk home consent. A walk home consent form must be completed and signed for each child and handed/mailed to the school office. We will be unable to allow children to walk home alone without this form in place, to safeguard your child. Thank you

Mobile Phone Reminder

Please can we remind children, if you have consented for your child to bring their mobile phone to school it **MUST** be switched off and in their bags before entering the school premises. It must then be handed to the teacher on entering the classroom. These rules must be followed by all children or they risk having their phone confiscated.

Class Attendance Awards

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

Class	Year Group	Attendance
Saplings	Nursery	83.7%
Seedlings	Nursery	89.9%
Cherry	Reception	93.1%
Hazel	Year 1	86.8%
Hawthorn	Year 1	92.4%
Maple	Year 2	88.1%
Juniper	Year 2	97.5%
Willow	Year 3	95.2%
Poplar	Year 3	95.7%
Birch	Year 4	93.8%
Elm	Year 4	89.2%
Pine	Year 5	92.1%
Ash	Year 5	92.1%
Beech	Year 6	91.3%
Oak	Year 6	95.2%



OPAL News

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

Golden Welly		
Name	Class	Reason for Nomination
Isaac Stobbart	Maple	for having great fun in the digging area and finding Pirate treasure
Leah	Willow	for showing amazing resilience and not letting her broken leg spoil her OPAL playtimes

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
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Saplings	Nova	
Seedlings	Boran	
Cherry	Kendal	Betty
Hazel	Zuzanna	Reagan
Hawthorn	Rome	Annalise
Maple	Renae	Emily
Juniper	Harry	Nicholas
Willow	Harrison	Callie
Poplar	Lilly D	Scarlett
Birch	Patrick	Thea
Elm	Emmie	Oliver
Pine	Lola	Zoe
Ash	Kian	Shay
Beech	Leon	Jake
Oak	Charlie	Brandon

House Points

Please see our house points for this week:

Date:	Griffin 	Unicorn 	Minotaur 	Phoenix 
28/04/2023	575	617	659	642

Well done, Minotaur fantastic news!

Spare Clothing

Do any of our families have any spare socks, that they no longer require? We are very short of socks, especially for junior aged children. If you have any pre-loved socks, we would be very grateful for your donations. Thank you.

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 make sure you answer all questions on the form and click 'submit'; to ensure we receive your response.

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.

Calendar of Events (Reminder)

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) – 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

Kind donation to school

We would like to say thank you to Darcy's parents for their kind donations this week. School has been given rucksacks, stickers, notebooks, mugs, keyrings and soft toys. These items will be sold/raffles at the Summer School Fair.

Exciting News!

We are currently working in the background on our new MIS system Arbor. In the next half term we will be launching the Arbor Parent Portal for all payments and communications. The portal will enable you to easily see your child's attendance, make changes to personal details and any consent information.

To support everyone with the transition from ParentPay to Arbor we are holding some face to face and online parent workshops towards the end of this half term, dates for these will be confirmed in next week's newsletter. The Admin Team are here to support everyone with the new systems so please do not worry, we will work together to ensure a smooth and stress free transition.



Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely bank holiday weekend. School will open again to all classes except Hazel, Juniper, Poplar, Willow and Elm on Tuesday 2nd May.

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Head Teacher