



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

Friday 19th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week at DLPS! The children have had some great ideas about Walk to School Week in our assemblies this week. The school council are going to design some posters to promote walking to school!

Walk to School Week

We would just like to say a huge thank you to all the families that have joined in with walk to school week this week. The children have loved hearing the facts about how walking to school can help them physically and mentally and can also help the environment. Lots of children have pledged to continue to walk to school and can't wait to continue to do it.

Year 3 Visit to Sunderland Winter Gardens

Willow and Poplar class had a fantastic day at Sunderland Winter Gardens. We explored the museum and got to see taxidermy, pottery, mining, boats, historical artefacts and much more. We then got the opportunity to explore the winter gardens and see waterfalls and different plants from very high up. We also took part in a workshop based on the work of LS Lowry. We looked at some of his work in the gallery and then created our own class piece of artwork based on his scenery drawings. All of the children were very respectful when exploring the museum and had fantastic behaviour in the workshop. They were a fantastic role models for our school. Well done Year 3! Mrs Crompton and Mrs Randell.



Budding Author in Year 6!

Riley in Year 6 is a budding author. He spends all of his spare time planning and writing stories. He brings his finished books into school to share and has even given some away to his close friends and favourite teachers! Riley has written three book series that revolve around two good guy characters called Sam and Pete. Riley thinks about his audience and doesn't make his stories too scary for young children. He illustrates his stories all by himself too. We are really proud of Riley and are excited to read his new book collection called Pet Kingdom. This collection of shorter stories will be based on a different animal character, one of which is Riley's cat, Lenny.





World Book Day Sponsored Read

Our sponsored read made over £600 this year. We are delighted and would like to thank all the children (and parents) who took part. We will buy new books for school with all the money we raised. It is a huge achievement in such hard times, and we really appreciate your efforts. Thank you 😊

Online Safety

The online world and digital technology has become such a significant part of our lives – and integral to so many aspects of our daily routine – that we shouldn't be surprised at the degree of influence it can wield over what we think and how we feel. Many experiences that young people have on the internet are hugely positive and uplifting ... but sadly, that's not always the case.

Negative incidents online – such as disagreements with other users, stumbling across upsetting content or feeling left out by friends – can be intensely damaging to a child's emotional state. The attached poster has some useful tips for young people and trusted adults on how even small, simple actions can help to protect our wellbeing when we're on the internet.

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

Year 4 Bikeability Level 1 Training - Friday 9th June (Reminder)

After half term, pupils in Year 4 (Birch & Elm) will have the opportunity to take part in the Durham County Councils Bikeability Cycle Program. The course is aimed at helping our children learn how to use their bikes safely whilst in the community and is not a learn to ride course. If you would like your child to take part, please return the paper consent form brought home by your child or submit your form electronically via the QR code included in the letter. Forms must be returned by no later than Friday 26th May so we can pass the relevant information on to the tutors leading the training. We hope to see many of our pupils take part in what is always a fun and exciting day!

Class Attendance Awards

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

Class	Year Group	Attendance
Saplings	Nursery	84.8%
Seedlings	Nursery	77.3%
Cherry	Reception	93.1%
Hazel	Year 1	91.7%
Hawthorn	Year 1	84.0%

Maple	Year 2	91.3%
Juniper	Year 2	98.8%
Willow	Year 3	97.6%
Poplar	Year 3	89.8%
Birch	Year 4	94.7%
Elm	Year 4	93.4%
Pine	Year 5	88.8%
Ash	Year 5	96.7%
Beech	Year 6	83.8%
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
Ellie-Mae, Maddison, Jorgie, Evie, Elise, Emily	Juniper	For making up games on the infant field. It was really lovely to see them all playing together.
Scarlett	Pine	For having great fun on the scooters! Scarlett always respects our OPAL equipment and follows our school rules.

Celebration Assembly Weekly Awards





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	Casey	
Cherry	Ella-Mae	Oliver
Hazel	Emilee	Oscar
Hawthorn	Dean-McKenzie	Chloe
Maple	Darcy	George
Juniper	Thomas	Oliver
Willow	Tahlia	Isla

Poplar	Caedmon	Layla
Birch	Emily	Kelvin
Elm	Lana	Harry
Pine	Bently & Alfie	Scarlett
Ash	Rayana	Mason
Beech	Jakub	Bobi
Oak	Heidi	Joe

House Points

Please see our house points for this week:

Date:	Griffin 	Unicorn 	Minotaur 	Phoenix 
19/05/2023	715	652	712	713

Well done, Griffin, fantastic news!

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:

- Year 2 SATS take place week beginning 22nd May 2023
- Year 5 (Pine & Ash) Visit to Beamish Museum – Tuesday 23rd May
- Non-Uniform Day – Friday 26th May
- Last day of term – Friday 26th May

Opal Event

Our annual OPAL afternoon will not take place on 26th May, but will be re-scheduled for next half term. We will let you know the new date as soon as possible.

This has been cancelled due to lots of activities taking place for our annual Health & Wellbeing Days!

Arbor – Cancelled Meetings

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. Please look out for your welcome email and parent guidance to assist you with this. This will be our main form of communication so **ALL** parents will need to download this app once you receive your welcome email.

Unfortunately, we have not had enough bookings for the parent workshops, so have decided to cancel these and produce some guidance to support you. Anyone who has booked on to a workshop will be contacted by the school office once we have launched the App.

If you would like some 1-1 support with signing up and using the Arbor Parent App please contact the school office to arrange a time.

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.



Free NHS Thermometers

School have been provided with some thermometers by the NHS which are available free of charge from the school office.

If you do not already have a thermometer at home and would like to collect one, please come along to the office and collect yours. It is one per family and will be available on a first come basis.

Thermometers contain button batteries which are a hazard for children and so the thermometer needs to be collected by an adult and stored safely at home out of the sight and reach of children.

Thank you

Mrs Clark & Mrs Woods

2023/2024 School Holidays

Please follow the link to see DLPS holidays for next academic year: <https://bit.ly/43eSqpr>

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

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Head Teacher