



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of a busy Summer half term. The children have had a lovely time this week with lots of activities linked to health and wellbeing. They have really enjoyed the visit from Creative Kitchen! The cookery sessions have proved very popular. We will give an update on the Health and Wellbeing Days in our next newsletter!

In assemblies this week we have been discussing Growth Mindsets. Our children have been learning that a growth mindset means that you believe basic abilities can be developed through hard work, dedication and persistence which in turn can improve intelligence and performance.

Kwik Cricket Festival

This year we took four teams of our Year 6 children to the Derwentside Kwik Cricket Festival held at Consett Cricket Club. The festival is an early introduction to Cricket and allows the children to put their skills to the test against children from other local primary schools. All the children were fantastic representatives for our school and performed very well throughout the day, demonstrating some excellent cricketing skill, sportsmanship and team spirit. Congratulations to one of our teams who finished second overall on the day and qualified to take part in the Derwentside District Cricket Competition later in the academic year. A huge well done to all the children who took part!



Year 5's Trip to Beamish Museum!

On Tuesday, our Year 5 children from Pine & Ash Classes had a wonderful day at Beamish Museum, where they learned more about their current History topic 'Children in Victorian Britain'. They each participated in workshops, where they were led across the 1800s landscape, meeting various characters to find out information about mines and the working conditions for the children working underground. They also enjoyed a ride on the tram and



explored the school, the dentist and most importantly, the town, where they all purchased some delicious sweets from Jubilee Confectioners. What a fantastic day had by all!



Juniper Class News

Children in Juniper class have entered the Poetry Safari competition this week. It's a national Young Writers competition, with the chance to get their poems published and win a certificate of merit. Each child has written a poem about their favourite animal, from raccoons to koalas to sea lions. They all really enjoyed taking part.



Online Safety

A free online safety guide on influencers is attached <https://shorturl.at/oruK1> to this week's newsletter.

Through newspaper columns and TV spots, we've long been accustomed to hearing informed opinion from, say, Martin Lewis on money, Nigella Lawson on food or Mark Kermode on cinema. How the digital revolution has changed the game, however, is by providing a plethora of platforms from which literally anyone can have their say. Online, you'll find hordes of people holding forth on any number of topics: gaming, beauty, travel, fashion, fitness ... virtually anything you can think of. What qualifies them as 'experts', however? Is it safe for young people to consume the oceans of content that they generate? This week's guide brings you the essential info on the influencer phenomenon.

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 (Final 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!

Holidays in Term Time

We have had a large number of requests for holidays in term recently. The government has made amendments to the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 which came into force on 1st September 2013. These state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence for holidays during term time unless there are **extreme exceptional circumstances**.

Absence for holidays in term time due to the following reasons will not be authorised:

- availability of cheap holidays
- availability of desired accommodation
- poor weather experienced in the school holiday period
- overlap with beginning or end of term
- holidays booked before checking with the school
- day trips
- holiday dates of siblings at other schools
- parents leave of absence from work cannot be in school holidays

Please be aware that if a child is absent for 10 school days they will miss 5% of their education during that academic year. Any absence from school will disrupt your child's learning. You may consider that a holiday will be educational but your child will still miss out on the teaching that peers will receive whilst your child is away. Children returning from a leave of absence during term time are also unprepared for the lessons which build on the teaching they have missed. More information is available here: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2208/Holidays-during-term-time>

Class Attendance Awards

We have cancelled our Celebration Assemblies this week because of the Health & Wellbeing Days. Our awards will return after the holiday.



OPAL News





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

Celebration Assembly Weekly Awards

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House Points

Please see our house points for this week:

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Well done, Phoenix, fantastic news!

Calendar of Events

Please click on the link here to find out what events are happening this term <https://shorturl.at/jmprJ>

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

Some dates to add:

- Last day of term – Friday 26th May
- Teacher Training Day – Monday 5th June (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)
- School Opens to pupils including Breakfast, Childcare and After School Clubs – Tuesday 6th June
- Class photo's and Year 6 Leaver Photo's – Thursday 8th June
- Year 1 Phonics Check – Week Beginning 12th June
- Year 4 Multiplication Check – Week Beginning 12th June
- Reception Trip for Cherry & Hawthorn to Tynemouth Aquarium – Wednesday 14th June
- Year 4 Assembly for Birch & Elm Classes – Tuesday 20th June at 2.40pm

2023/2024 School Holidays - Reminder

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

Arbor Parent Portal is now LIVE!

Good news! Our Arbor Parent Portal is now live and you should now have received a welcome email (please check your spam/junk folders). We hope you find this portal very user friendly, informative and useful. Please use the half term to download the App, log in and familiarise yourselves with the information on here. We will now be using this as our main way of communication with our parents and carers. If you have any questions please contact our school office in the next half term. Please see the support flyer by following this link

<https://shorturl.at/ELS56> and a tutorial video link <https://youtu.be/kFCuC1NyH5U> to support you with our new parent portal.

Watch out for more information regarding our new app coming soon



School Fund Donations

We would like to say a big thank you for your school fund donations this half term we have raised an amazing £108.00.

These contributions help school to provide some wonderful experiences for our children, including visits into school from DJ Garyoke, to Mr Windbags, Pantomime and school visits etc. This will also help to purchase outdoor resources for OPAL and Early Years as well as providing children with curriculum enrichment activities throughout the school year.

ParentPay

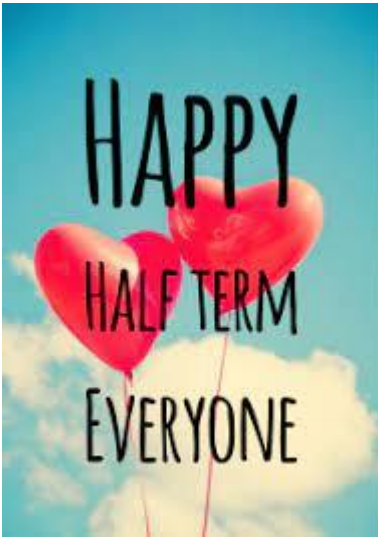
We are currently aware of some issues with ParentPay, we are working to resolve, however if you could please try to keep your balances up to date in preparation for our transfer over to Arbor Parent Portal for our payments and bookings. You will receive more information about this during the next half term.

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies!

Well done to all of our year 6's, they have worked so hard throughout the year and during SATs, we hope you all love your leavers hoodies and enjoy the final half term at Delves Lane Primary School!



Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely holiday! **Don't forget that we open again on Tuesday 6th June to all our children.**



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