New Delaval Primary School Newsletter - January 2019

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Dear Parents/Carers

A belated 'Happy New Year' to parents who I have not yet spoken to since the start of term. It has been lovely to see the children back to school after the Christmas break and also to see our new starters settling in so well in Nursery and our 2 Year Old Provision.

Attendance

We have a busy Spring term ahead and with that in mind I must ask parents and carers to support us in encouraging your child to attend school **ON TIME** every day. We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Those children who are regularly absent from school and regularly late do not achieve their potential and do fall behind in class.

Punctuality is also a major concern, lessons start promptly at 8:45am and there are a lot of children who are arriving at school after 9:00am who are missing out on valuable learning time. Please make sure you get your child to school on time, because of this concern, we are now working closely with our Education Welfare Officer around punctuality and those families that are consistently late will be contacted.

The school office should be notified if your child is ill or unable to attend due to a medical appointment or other unavoidable reason. If your child is absent without notification you will be contacted by telephone and asked to provide a reason for the absence. Medical appointments should be arranged **outside** of the school day to ensure children do not miss valuable learning time. Where this is unavoidable, we expect children to be in school before the appointment and return to school after where this is appropriate. Evidence of the appointment will also be required.

If you have any concerns or require any support in getting your child to school please contact the school office.

School Extension Plans

I am sure you are aware of the expansion plans for New Delaval which we hope will begin in the very near future. As with all exciting new ventures there will be some disruption before our beautiful new facility is unveiled. I am currently finalising plans regarding parking, entry and exit to the site during the build which will impact on how we currently enter our school. It is my intention to notify you before half term with the new arrangements once these are fully approved.

Parking

Once again I have received concerns from residents in the nearby Plessey Green Estate regarding parking. Please support us in being respectful to our neighbours by parking considerately.

Physical Education

Finally, as PE is an important part of the curriculum in school can I request that parents/carers provide children with a full PE kit, for both indoor and outdoor PE. Kit should be brought to school on Monday and left in school all week and taken home on Friday.

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Mrs D T Worrall Headteacher

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Holiday or Occasion of Closure	Date on which school will close	Date on which school will reassemble
Spring Mid-Term 2019	Friday 15th February 2019	Monday 25th February 2019
Easter 2019	Friday 5th April 2019	Tuesday 23rd April 2019
May Day	Monday 6th May	Tuesday 7th May 2019
Summer Mid-Term 2019	Friday 24th May 2019	Tuesday 4th June
Summer 2019	Friday 19th July 2019	Wednesday 4th September 2019

Parent View

This term we have received so many lovely and helpful comments from our parents which influence the services we provide at New Delaval Primary



Thank you!

If you would like to share your views on our school please feel free to look at the following link

https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/

Once again thank you for your support!

Important Information Holidays in Term Time

Due to the increasing numbers of holidays taken in term time, New Delaval Primary, in discussions with our Education Welfare Officer have made the decision to follow the legal route for holidays taken in term time as laid out in our attendance policy.

This will take effect from Spring term 2019.

Minutes late per day	Number of days over a year	
5 minutes	3.4 days	
10 minutes	6.9 days	
15 minutes	10.3 days	
20 minutes	13.8 days	
30 minutes	20.7 days	

Packed Lunches

Food items must not include items that contain nuts

We MUST give consideration to children in school who have nut allergies.

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Reminder When dropping off or collecting children from school or breakfast club Please do not park on the zig zag lines that are outside school arounds



@newdelprimary

Parents and Carers may not be aware that New Delaval Primary have a locked twitter account. We try and post articles and information on a regular basis.

If you would like to follow us please send us a request, make sure your twitter account name is recognisable to school (or call into the school office to inform us of your request!) and we can then allow permission to follow our news feed.



New Delaval Primary school raised;

from panto tickets, raffles and refreshments. The money raised will be deposited in school fund which will go towards trips and

curricular activities for our children.



E - Safety

This has come to our attention and we would like to share with parents and carers.

Please be aware of a "You Tube" blogger called "The Real Game Master". The content of videos posted by this site we believe are inappropriate for children. We recommend parents and carers download the "YouTube Kids" app which is provided free of charge and helps filter inappropriate content alongside parent filters.



Bikes and Scooters

Please be reminded that bikes and scooters are left at school at your own risk. For security purposes, if possible please use a security lock. Many Thanks.



Winter Weather

Please make sure your child is suitably dressed for the colder weather. As wherever possible our children will have their playtimes outdoors!

Reporting Illness

Please contact school on the **first** day of your child's illness before 9:00am and every day thereafter that they are absent from school. For out of office hours please please ring **01670 353255 and** leave a message on our answer machine.



Your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised if a reason is not given. Please note any attendance figure under **90%** is classified by the government as a persistent absentee. As a school we are obliged to send out letters to families of those pupils who fall below this figure.

Please contact school if you wish to discuss this further.

Messages from the School Office

We have an increasing number of children who are NOT returning permission slips or required information back to school. Please note if this information is not received this may result in your child not attending a trip or sporting activity.

Please note lunch money needs to be paid in advance. Please use the envelopes provided to deposit payment in the letter box.

Date & Time	What	Who?
8.2.2019	Safer Internet Day	Year 1 - Year 6 ICT Workshops taking place throughout the day
14.2.2019	Medieval Day & Feast	Year 1 see letter
26.2.2019 2:00pm	Nursery Invitation	Parents & children who start Nursery on 23.4.2019
27.2.2019 9:00am-3:15pm	Centre for Life	Year 5
27.2.2019 2:00pm	2 Year Provision Invitation	Parents & children who start 2 Yr Provision on 23.4.2019
1.3.2019	Mid Year Reports out to parents/carers	Whole School
6.3.2019 & 7.3.2019 3:30pm-7:00pm	Parents Evenings	Parents & Carers of children in Rec-Y6
8.3.2019	World Book Day	Whole School Celebration More info to follow

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