

New Delaval Primary School Newsletter - January 2025

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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.

As this is the first Newsletter of the Year I have taken the opportunity to advise our new parents and remind our existing ones of a few school regulations.

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.

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.

Physical Education

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. If a pupil does not have their PE kit in school when required they will receive a red card and will have to attend homework break.

Hometime Collection

We are receiving increased requests to pass messages on to class teachers which is disrupting teaching time. Please add details of any adult who may be required to collect your child to the forms held in individual classrooms, once this has been done there is no need to contact school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mr Struthers'.

Mr P Struthers
Headteacher

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Reminder

As a school we are becoming increasingly alarmed and concerned at the number of parents that are driving and parking at the front of school.

We have had quite a few close calls recently that could have resulted in an injury to a child.

Just to remind you that between 8.15am – 9.15am and 2.45pm – 3.30pm the only vehicles that are authorised to drive and park at the front of school are Blue Badge Holders or agreed School Transport Taxi's.

Under no circumstances should parents drive at speed past the front of the school, park across access gates, park on yellow zigzags or use the parking bays during the timed restrictions.

The reason we have these restrictions in place is to ensure the safety of children when they arrive at and leave from school and to also encourage more alternative methods of transport such as walking, cycling or using a scooter.

It is imperative for the health, safety and well being of our children that parents understand, respect and adhere to these traffic restrictions.

Thank You

School Lunches and Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free lunch under the Universal Offer provided by the government.

EVEN if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or 2 and you are in receipt of benefits and entitled to Free School Meals it is very important that you apply (please call into the school office to complete a form or apply online via the Northumberland County Council website.)

ThankYou

Holiday	Date on which school will close	Date on which school will reassemble
Spring Mid-term 2025	Friday 21st February 2025	Monday 3rd March 2025
Easter 2025	Friday 11th April 2025	Tuesday 29th April 2025
Summer Mid-Term 2025	Friday 23rd May 2025	Monday 2nd June 2025
Summer 2025	Friday 18th July 2025	Monday 3rd September 2025

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