

Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School

Newsletter



3rd March 2023

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www.derwentvale.cumbria.sch.uk

Parent Meetings

Letters were sent out this week about the upcoming parent meetings which will take place via phone call. The dates for the meetings are:

Nursery/Reception	Monday 13 th March – 1.00 – 5.00pm
Year 1/2	Tuesday 14 th March – 1.00 – 5.00pm
Year 3/4	Wednesday 22 nd March – 1.00 – 5.00pm
Year 5/6	Thursday 23 rd March – 1.00 – 5.00pm

We will try our best to accommodate the time that you request but this may not always be possible. If the date is not suitable for you, we can arrange an appointment on an alternative date. Please could forms be returned by Monday 6th March to allow us to plan the appointments. Thank you.

Star of the Week

★ Nursery & Reception ★

Dakota – for hard work in Maths

★ Year 1/2 ★

Tyga – for a great contribution to the class poem

★ Year 3/4 ★

Cameron – for doing a great job of telling the time

★ Year 5/6 ★

Kaceson – for brilliant drama skills in performance poetry

Year 1/2 Poem

Year 1/2 wrote their own poem as part of World Book Day yesterday and we wanted to share it with you as it is wonderful!

Spring Treasures

Dark, spotty dots on an autumn acorn,
Spiky, crunchy beech nut,
Nettly body and a bird singing,
Bony peapod is empty and sandy,
Sharp, skeleton leaves disappear as spring arrives.

New buds on the tree branches like candy floss,

Shimmery, foresty leaves,
Silvery grey, wet shiny slate,
Brown, sparkling snail shells,
Soft, snowy petals,
The first signs of Spring.

Highest Attendance this week:

Year 1/2 100%

Nursery Applications

We are now accepting applications to our nursery for children who are due to start in April or September 2023. If you have a child who will turn 3 before April or September or know someone who does, please contact the school office for an application form or more details.

Year 3/4 Swimming

Year 3/4 will be having daily swimming lessons between **Monday 6th – Friday 17th March**. Children should bring their swimming kit to school each day. Thank you.

Achieving Together

Whole School Attendance

95.8%

Just below target

Our Local Authority target is 96%.

Industrial Action

There are further planned strikes by members of the National Education Union (NEU) on the following dates:

- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March

We will let you know by Friday 10th March how this will affect our school. Thank you for your understanding.

Library Area

We have recently revamped our library area and the children have already been enjoying reading their books in it. We are looking forward to spending lots more time in the area.



Upcoming dates

Monday 6th March

Year 3/4 – Tennis

Year 3/4 – Swimming

Year 1/2 – Cricket

Years 3-6 – Cricket After School Club

Tuesday 7th March

Year 3/4 – Yoga

Nursery/Reception – Yoga

Year 3/4 – Swimming

Wednesday 8th March

Year 3/4 – Swimming

Year 6 after school SATs club

Thursday 9th – Friday 10th March

Year 3/4 – Swimming

Monday 13th March

Year 3/4 – Tennis

Year 3/4 – Swimming

Nursery/Reception Parent meeting
telephone calls

Year 1/2 – Cricket

Years 3-6 – Cricket After School Club

Packed Lunches

We like to promote a healthy eating ethos throughout school and this should include packed lunches sent in from home. We have sent out the packed lunch guidance to parents/carers of children who bring in packed lunches as a reminder of what should be brought in. We would appreciate your support in ensuring that children are eating a healthy packed lunch each day. Thank you.

Nursery/Reception



Cave Painting

