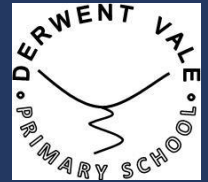
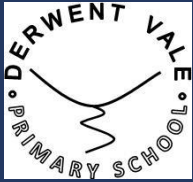


# Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School

## Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> September 2020



Check out our website for updates:

[www.derwentvale.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.derwentvale.cumbria.sch.uk)

### Star of the Week



#### Class 1

**Blaine** – for brilliant tidying up, helping the new nursery children to settle & knowing all his colours!

**Travis** – for his positive attitude to learning phonics & his beautiful handwriting when writing new letter shapes



#### Class 2

**Ashton** – for settling into his new school & for his fantastic contributions in maths lessons



#### Class 3

**Isla B** – for settling into her new class

**Claire** – for excellent work in ICT



#### Class 4

**Jessica** – for settling well back into school & working really hard on all subjects



#### Class 5

**Blake** – for having a positive attitude in everything he does

### Start times

Due to how well our staggered start & finish times have worked, we have realised that we do not need as much time between classes entering & leaving school. From Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September, the start & finish times for each class will change slightly:

Year group	Start time	Finish time	Gate
Nursery/ Reception	8.55am	2.50pm (11.55am for nursery)	EYFS gate
Year 1/2	8.50am	3.00pm	Big blue playground gate
Year 3/4	8.50am	3.00pm	Front playground main gate
Year 5	8.45am	2.55pm	Front playground main gate
Year 6	8.45am	2.55pm	Big blue playground gate

### Reading/Spellings

We will be setting up our new system for reading at home & practising spellings on Showbie in the coming weeks. More information will be sent out on the newsletter soon.

### Nursery applications

We are still accepting applications for nursery places to start in January & April 2021. If you have a child (or know someone who does) who was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September & 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017, they are eligible to start nursery in January. Please contact the school office for more information.

### Bags

Currently, most of our children don't need to bring bags to school due to the very limited amount of items travelling between school & home. If your child has a packed lunch, please send them with their packed lunch in a hard Tupperware style box. This doesn't need to be brought in a school bag & can be carried into school.

### Packed lunches

If your child would like to bring a packed lunch to school, please could you let us know a week in advance that they are changing from school meals. We are also unable to allow children to switch between school meals & packed lunches on a daily basis as this makes it difficult for us when placing food orders with our suppliers.

# Achieving Together

## Whole School Attendance

**93.73%**

**Below target**

Our Local Authority target is 96%.

**Highest Attendance this week:  
Year 5 (98%)**

## Safeguarding



Cumbria Safeguarding Children Partnership (CSCCP) are available if you have concerns about the wellbeing of any child. More information can be found at [www.cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk/](http://www.cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk/)

Tel: 0333 2401727

## School Uniform

School uniform can be ordered at: [www.asdesignwebshop.com/collections/derwent-vale-school](http://www.asdesignwebshop.com/collections/derwent-vale-school). 50p from every item sold is donated to school funds.

## Free School Meals

If you think your child is entitled to benefits related Free School Meals, you can apply online at <https://cumbria.gov.uk/childrenservices/schoolsandlearning/freeschoolmeals.asp>

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or 2, it is important to still apply even though all of the children receive free school meals as school receives additional funding for benefits related free school meals.

## TikTok

We would like to inform you that as a cluster of Workington schools we have been made aware of some disturbing footage on TikTok, which may cause great distress to viewers.

Parents are advised that children and young people should come off TikTok for 72 hours in the hope that they will not view or access this material.

As the minimum legal age to be eligible to sign up for TikTok is 13 years of age NONE of our pupils should have access.

If you would like further information about how to keep your child/children safe on TikTok please see this helpful guide from the National Online Society.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/what-parents-need-to-know-abouttiktok>

If you would like to discuss this with a member of staff, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Edmondson or your child's class teacher.

## Bikeability

Some of our Year 5 pupils participated in Bikeability cycle training this week. They all had a great time cycling on the school playground & around the village. They learned how to cycle safely & the instructors were impressed with their behaviour. Well done Year 5!