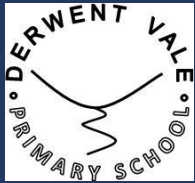


Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School

Newsletter

13th May 2022



Check out our website for updates:

www.derwentvale.cumbria.sch.uk

Star of the Week

★ Nursery & Reception ★

Mya – for taking very good care of our new seeds and plants in gardening

★ Year 1/2 ★

Tate – for a fantastic Ferris wheel design

★ Year 3/4 ★

Isla T – for brilliant independent work when designing her castle

★ Year 5/6 ★

All of Year 6 – for an amazing effort in their SATs

Highest Attendance this week:

Year 5/6 97.7%

Nursery Applications

We still have spaces available in our nursery for children who are due to start in September 2022. If you have a child who will turn 3 before September or know someone who does, please contact the school office for an application form or more details.



Jubilee Celebrations

We are looking forward to celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee later this month and would like to invite you to celebrate with us too!

On Wednesday 25th May, we will be inviting parents and carers to a coffee morning (10 – 11am for Nursery, Reception, Year 1/2) or afternoon (1.30 – 2.30pm for Years 3-6) where tea, coffee and cakes will be on sale. We would really appreciate any cake donations for the event and hope that you can join us. Thank you.



Years 3-6 Hawse End Residential Parent Meeting

Parents and carers are invited to a meeting about the upcoming Hawse End residential trip. The meeting will take place in school on Monday 23rd May at 3.15pm. We will also be sending out more information and a kit list next week. Thank you.

Achieving Together

Whole School Attendance

91.3%

Below target

Our Local Authority target is 96%.



Upcoming dates

Monday 16th – Friday 20th May
Year 2 SATs

Tuesday 17th May
Year 1/2 Tennis after school club

Wednesday 18th May
Governors' meeting

Thursday 19th May
Reception/Year 1 Forest School

Friday 20th May
Year 5/6 Kwik Cricket

Monday 23rd May
3.15pm Years 3-6 Hawse End residential parent meeting

Tuesday 24th May
Year 1/2 Tennis after school club

Wednesday 25th May
10am Nursery, Reception, Year 1/2 Jubilee coffee and cake morning
1.30pm Years 3-6 Jubilee coffee and cake afternoon



Governors

Have you ever thought about becoming a Derwent Vale Governor?

You would have the opportunity to:

- ❖ Have a say in the direction, ethos & vision of the school
- ❖ Constructively challenge decisions about what happens in school
- ❖ Play a positive role in the education of Derwent Vale children
- ❖ See teaching & learning in action
- ❖ Be part of a friendly and supportive governing body
- ❖ Offer support to the staff who work every day at Derwent Vale
- ❖ Make sure that money is well spent for our children
- ❖ Help Derwent Vale children reach their full potential



What we ask of you:

- ❖ Attend regular governing body meetings over the year – discussing the strategic direction and vision; considering finances, ensuring accountability to the children, the staff & the community
- ❖ Attend regular less formal meetings on Zoom with other governors to keep up to date & plan ahead
- ❖ Monitor teaching & learning in the classroom
- ❖ Support & help when needed
- ❖ Be a part of school events/activities (perhaps go on trips!)
- ❖ Undertake online training

If you would like to know more:

- ❖ Check out our school website www.derwentvale.cumbria.sch.uk. There is a Governors section under the heading 'About Us'
- ❖ Speak to Mrs Robson, she will be happy to give you a leaflet and answer any questions
- ❖ Most governors are at school at drop off & pick up times and are happy to chat to you. Our current governors are: Jen Gregg, Steff Fleming, Marie Taylor, Laura Graham, Mark Tinnion, Sally Thompson and Gayle Roach
- ❖ Talk to Governors at the Jubilee Coffee Morning/Afternoon on Wednesday 25th May

We currently have some vacancies on our governing body and no experience is necessary so please contact us if you are interested.

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Year 5/6 Cricket

Young Voices



We are looking forward to the Young Voices concert on Thursday 26th May and rehearsals

in school are sounding fantastic! If you ordered audience tickets for the concert, they will be sent home next week. Any t-shirt orders will also be sent home. If you haven't already paid the £10 contribution for the trip, please could you make the payment on Lunch Shop as soon as possible. Thank you.

Lunch Ordering

Just a reminder to order your child's school meals on Lunch Shop in advance please. We are currently having a large number of missing orders and this is taking up valuable time in the school day. Thank you.

Year 6 SATs

A huge well done to all of our Year 6 pupils (and staff!) who had their SATs this week! They have worked really hard and were rewarded with a special lunch of their choice today and some relaxation time. Well done everyone!

