

Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School

Newsletter



15th March 2024

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www.derwentvale.cumbria.sch.uk

Star of the Week

★ Nursery & Reception ★

Emilia – for fantastic knowledge on the life cycle of a frog

★ Year 1/2 ★

Kai – for being polite and using lovely manners

★ Year 3/4 ★

Imogen – for using nouns and pronouns correctly in her writing

★ Year 5 ★

Hope – for a great effort in everything this week

★ Year 6 ★

Tianna-Mai – for settling in brilliantly to life in Year 6

Highest Attendance this week:

Year 3/4 98.2%

Nursery Applications

We are now accepting applications to our nursery for children who are due to start in April or September 2024. If you have a child who will turn 3 before April or September or know someone who does, please contact the school office.

Parent Meetings

Parent meetings will be held for each class next week. This term's meetings will be held via telephone and if you completed the online form, you should have received a message with an approximate time that your child's class teacher will contact you to discuss their progress. Thank you.



Easter Fair

27th March 2024
9:30am - 11:30am

Milkshakes ~ Snacks ~ Cakes ~ Games
Easter Egg Hunt ~ and much more!

We recommend you bring in £5,
if you would like to enter the egg competition you are
welcome to decorate an egg at home and bring it into
school with 50p to enter the competition!





Achieving Together

Whole School Attendance

97.2%

Above target!

Our Local Authority target is 96%.



Our school will be taking part in the county wide Feet First 5-day Active Travel Challenge starting on **Monday 18 March** and finishing on **Friday 22 March 2024**. The challenge is for pupils and their families to choose an active way of getting to school as many times as possible over the 5-day period, supporting sustainable active journeys on the school run.

There are prizes for everybody who completes the challenge, as well as the chance to win a whole school prize and so we would love everyone to take part and travel to school in an active way whenever possible. Walking, using a mobility aid such as a wheelchair, cycling, skating, scooting, and park & stride are all active ways of travelling, and we hope by taking part in the challenge it will:

- Improve health and wellbeing of our pupils and families
- Encourage pupils and families to be more active
- Reduce congestion and parking problems around our school
- Encourage sustainable active travel for the journey to school, supporting our local environment and reducing our school community's collective carbon footprint
- Promote active travel for the school run and encourage families to continue to do this after the challenge ends.

We appreciate that it is not always possible for parents to walk with their children to school for the entire journey, but please be aware if you live a long way from school and need to drive you can still take part by parking further away from school and walking the last part of your journey, (Park & Stride), or by car sharing with another family. Children who use school transport during the active challenge week will also be able to collect stickers as this also helps to reduce individual car use on the school run. Thank you.

Upcoming dates

Monday 18th March

Nursery/Reception parent meeting phone calls

Tuesday 19th March

Year 1/2, 3/4 Yoga

Year 1/2 parent meeting phone calls

Year 6 SATs after school club

Wednesday 20th March

Year 3/4 parent meeting phone calls

4pm Governors' meeting

Thursday 21st March

Year 5/6 parent meeting phone calls

Friday 22nd March

Year 3/4 Church visit

Tuesday 26th March

Year 3/4 team – Football festival

Wednesday 27th March

Easter fair

Year 6 SATs after school club

Thursday 28th March

Nursery/Reception Farm visit

