Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School



Newsletter

6th October 2023





Star of the Week



Nursery & Reception

Robyn – for making a brilliant bungalow in junk modelling

Year 1/2

Dollars – for making a great dead sea scroll in R.E

Year 3/4

Freddy – for wonderful attention to detail when designing and making his slingshot car

Year 5

Cameron – for a fantastic effort at swimming

Year 6

Jensen P – for great perseverance at swimming

Highest Attendance this week: Year 3/4 90.1%

Governor Vacancies

We currently have some vacancies for new governors to join our governing body. You do not need to have had any experience in schools or as a governor and you would be well supported by our current governors. If you are interested or know anyone who would be, please contact the school office for more information. Thank you.

Parent Meetings

Parent meetings will be held for each class during the week beginning 16th October. Forms were sent out this week for you to choose a suitable time to come into school and meet your child's class teacher to discuss their progress. Please can forms be returned by **Monday 9th October**. The dates and times for each class are:

Nursery/Reception	Monday 16 th October	1-5pm
Year 1/2	Tuesday 17 th October	1-5pm
Year 3/4	Wednesday 18 th October	1-5pm
Year 5	Thursday 19 th October	1-5pm
Year 6	Thursday 19 th October	1-5pm

If the allocated day/time is not convenient, please let us know and we can arrange an alternative. Thank you.

Harvest Assembly and Collection

We will be holding our Harvest assembly on Friday 13th October when we are also asking for your help to support our local Foodbank with a collection for food items for families in need. If you are able to send in any of the below items, we would really appreciate it:



Achieving Together

Whole School Attendance

87.2%

Below target

Our Local Authority target is 96%.

Upcoming dates

Monday 9th October

Year 5 Bikeability

Year 5/6 Cricket

Years 1, 2, 3 Cricket After School Club

Tuesday 10th October

Year 5 Bikeability

Year 3/4 Cricket

Nursery/Reception, Year 5/6 Yoga

Thursday 12th October

Year 1/2, 3/4 Gymnastics

Year 3/4 Street Dance After School Club

Friday 13th October

Harvest Assembly

Monday 16th October

Feet First Active Travel Challenge

Nursery/Reception Parent Meetings

Year 5/6 Cricket

Years 1, 2, 3 Cricket After School Club

Bikeability

Year 5 will be taking part in their Bikeability training on Monday and Tuesday of next week (10th and 11th October)
If you signed your child up for this before the summer holidays, please could they come to school wearing their P.E kits with a waterproof coat and trainers. They should bring their bikes and helmets to school each day. If you would like them to leave their bike at school overnight, we can store it safely in school. Thank you.





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Feet First Active Travel Challenge

We are taking part in the Feet First 5 day Active Travel challenge between Monday 16th and Friday 20th October. The challenge is for pupils & their families to choose an active way of getting to school as many times as possible over the 5-day period. Walking, using a mobility aid such as a wheelchair, cycling, skating, scooting and park & stride are all active ways of travelling and we hope it will:



Improve health & wellbeing of our pupils & families, encourage pupils and families to be more active, reduce congestion and parking problems around our school and promote active travel for the journey to school and for 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.

The last time we took part in this challenge, we were lucky enough to win a skateboarding session which we have recently taken part in and the children loved! Thank you for your support.



