



# Newsletter

## 20th October 2017

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### Important Dates

- Fri 20th Oct—Indian Day for Year 4 (£1 donation towards activities)
- Fri 20th Oct—Last Day of Half Term - **optional NON UNIFORM DAY £1 per child**
- Mon 30th Oct—School Closed to children—Teacher day
- Tue 31st Oct—Children return to school. Spooky Dressing Up Day



### Online Safety

This week in school we have had to tackle the issue of children sending inappropriate images to each other via google hangouts. We have run additional online safety lessons with children to make sure that they are aware of the risks of this type of behaviour and to understand that any image shared online could easily be accessed by other people and shared publicly. Please ensure that if you child has access to a tablet or smart phone that you are aware of how they are using it and keep a check on the type of images they are sharing. If you have any concerns about this matter please talk to Mrs Arnold or Mr Howell-Smith (Online Safety Leader) for further advice.



Unfortunately we have had to suspend our school facebook page as a result of an inaccurate post suggesting that the school had not followed appropriate procedures after an incident which occurred on the school site. Whilst we are not at liberty to discuss the incident and the actions taken to address the situation, I would like to take this opportunity to reassure parents that as a school, safeguarding is a key priority and that procedures are always followed. This includes taking advice from all appropriate agencies following any incident including the local authority, local police and Walsall Safeguarding Hub. Should parents have any concerns or complaints we would ask that you address these in an appropriate form following the complaints procedure available from the school website.

This week we have held our parent's evenings and I spoke to many parents as they left the building and was really pleased to hear the positive comments about Delves Junior School and specifically about the quality of teaching at the school. I know the teachers enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with some former pupils and find out about their successes at Secondary School.

I am really pleased to report that we have seen a noticeable difference in behaviour since the introduction of the good to be green system. The clear system of warnings and consequences is easily understood by children and gives them an option to self-regulate their own behaviour before progressing to 'red card' stage. Where children have received 2 or more red cards in a week parents are informed and once children have been issued 5 red cards they have a behaviour meeting with myself to discuss more serious sanctions that can be used in school. This clear and well documented approach seems to be having a positive approach whilst still rewarding the majority of children whose behaviour is consistently good.

I hope that you have time to relax and enjoy some family time during the half term break and we look forward to seeing everyone safe and well back in school on Tuesday 31st October.



Thank you for your ongoing support—Mrs A Arnold—Interim Headteacher