

Miss Cartwright's weekly message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week, Year 3 completed a spelling competition with all of the other Delta academies using Emile. We were blown away with the enthusiasm both in school, and the effort they put in and we finished 4th! A huge achievement out of so many schools. Year 3 will be enjoying a treat this week in celebration. This week Year 4 will also be taking part in a similar competition. We wish them the best of luck and hope they do just as well as Year 3. Next week, Year 5 will have the same opportunity, followed by Year 6 the week after. Details for this will be sent home with your child.

This week Year 6 have been completing their next round of assessments in preparation for their final SATs in May. Their attitude to work and the motivation to succeed has been exceptional. It is clear how hard they have been working in the past years and this is now paying off. We are all so proud of them. Thank you for all of the support they have received, from both staff in school and parents/ carers at home.

It has been lovely to see all the support from parents and carers during our Tuesday stay and read sessions we hold weekly. The children have expressed how much they enjoy reading with their adults and this is clearly developing a love of reading with the children. While I understand it is not always possible to attend these sessions due to other commitments and responsibilities, if you are able to attend it would be amazing to see.

On Tuesday 30th January we are having a Spanish Menu. There will be option of: Patatas Bravas Meatballs, Spanish Omelette, Potato Croquettes with Tomato and Basil Sauce, Roasted Vegetables in Lemon and Garlic Dressing, Roasted Pepper & Cous Cous Salad, Mixed Bean & Courgette Salad and for Dessert Orange Olive Oil Cake or Spanish Cokies. As well as Spanish Menu, there will be an option of Jacket Potato or children are welcome to bring their own packed lunch on this day.

On Wednesday 31th January we have a phonics workshop for Year 1 parents. After dropping your child off as usual, please head towards the office where, at 9am, you will have a chance to see how phonics is delivered. This will be a great opportunity to understand how we teach phonics and how you can further support at home.

On Friday 2nd February, it is NSPCC Numbers day. We are having a fun day of maths activities and we will be taking part in Dress up for Digits. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme.

To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for donations, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event. Donations of up to a £1 are encouraged, all donations will be given to NSPCC.



Finally, we have had some cases of hand, foot and mouth in school. Please see the advice regarding school if your child has hand, foot and mouth.

[Hand, foot and mouth disease - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

I hope you have a restful weekend.

Miss S Cartwright

Staying off school or nursery

Keep your child off school or nursery while they're feeling unwell.

But as soon as they're feeling better, they can go back to school or nursery. There's no need to wait until all the blisters have healed.

Keeping your child away from other children for longer is unlikely to stop the illness spreading.

<u>PUPIL OF THE WEEK</u>	
CATERPILLARS	Shay M
BUTTERFLIES	Penelope R
PANDAS	Harriet C
TIGERS	Miley D
GAZELLES	Edwin A
ELEPHANTS	James L
PENGUINS	Lily B
SNOW LEOPARDS	Jenson G

<u>Attendance</u>	
CATERPILLARS	93.3%
BUTTERFLIES	99.1%
PANDAS	91.2%
TIGERS	98.9%
GAZELLES	95.2%
ELEPHANTS	95.9%
PENGUINS	91.7%
SNOW LEOPARDS	95.2%

<u>HOUSE POINTS</u>			
WHARF	SWALE	DERWENT	AIRE
146	178	143	156

<u>Key dates for your diary</u>	
<p>SCHOOL EVENTS SPRING TERM: WC 31.01.24 Art House Games exhibition WC 29.01.24 LGBT History month WC 05.02.24 Children's mental health week 07.02.24 Year 1 Dinostars workshop (TBC) 11.02.24 International Day of Women and Girls in Science (celebrated wc 05.02.24)</p> <p>PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT AUTUMN TERM: 29.01.24 Year 1 phonics workshop 31.01.24 Art exhibition to determine to House Games winner. Please come in and vote for your winner. 08.02.24 Dallowgill parent information session Year 5 and Year 6.</p>	<p>Twitter Please follow us on our twitter feed: @Vale_Primary</p>

