



Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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New Beginnings

Welcome to a new term and a new school year at Wolsingham Primary. We are delighted to welcome all of our new pupils, new parents and welcome back Mrs Robson.

The staff and children have all made a fantastic start to the year. We hope that this year will be much more settled and that our children will be able to have a range of curriculum enrichment opportunities this year. Fingers crossed that by the end of the school year, everything will be back to normal. As always we will keep you updated with any changes that happen in school due to Covid-19.

Just a reminder that it is essential that all children have their PE kits and water bottles in school at all times. We have also noticed that many children have had their ears pierced over the summer break and would like to remind parents that they must be covered for PE sessions until a period of 6 weeks following the piercing and then they **MUST** be removed for PE sessions. If your child is not able to remove their earrings themselves, then we recommend that they do not come to school wearing them on days when they take part in PE sessions (including swimming). For health and safety reasons, all earrings worn in school must be studs only.

If you have not already done so, please ensure that your child has brought back to school any school reading books that they had at home. Thank you.



Congratulations Miss Coote!

We would like to say congratulations to Miss Coote who got married during the summer holidays. We would like to wish her and her new husband lots of happiness together. She will continue to be known as Miss Coote in school.

School Lunch Payments

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that school lunches this year cost £2.15 per day and should be paid for on the **Monday** of each week or at the beginning of the term if you wish to pay for the whole term at once.

Payments to School

We would like to remind parents that payments for school lunches and wrap around care must be paid via ParentPay on a weekly basis. Invoices not paid on time may result in access to services being removed.

Applying for a school place for next year

Applications for primary and secondary places open on Monday 6th September. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for how to apply in the coming week or so. Applications close at midnight on 31st October 2021 (secondary) and 15th January 2021 (primary).

AAP School Enrichment Programme

The Wolsingham Recreation Association submitted a funding bid to Weardale AAP on behalf of schools throughout Weardale to provide an enrichment programme for all children in all schools. We are delighted to tell you that the bid was successful and therefore all of our children will have the opportunity to take part in a visit to Weardale outdoor Adventure Centre who will provide a bespoke programme of activities to include team building and resilience activities. Each year group will participate in a range of activities such as River Walk, High Ropes, Canoeing, Crate Stack, Bushcraft, Shelter Building, Scavenger Hunt, Picture Orienteering, Bug Shelter Building, Nature Art and Night Line. These will be tailored to their age range and therefore not all children will take part in all of the listed activities. Please look out for your child bringing home a letter regarding the visit in the next week if they haven't done so already. As many of the visits take place next week, it is essential that the consent form attached to the letter is returned to school as soon as possible please. Nursery and Reception session date is to be confirmed.

Swimming Sessions

Year 5 will be swimming on Tuesday afternoons this term. Due to missed lessons in the last couple of years, Year 6 will also be attending lessons on Friday mornings to provide them with the additional practise they need to achieve the expected standard by the end of Key Stage 2. Please ensure Year 6 children arrive at school by 8.45am on Fridays so that they can walk to the pool to start their lesson by 9.05am. Children will require a swimming kit consisting of a one piece swim suit or trunks (not shorts), a towel and swimming hat which is essential. Goggles are permitted, but are not essential.

Reminder

When an individual develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test Pupils, staff and other adults should follow public health advice on [when to self-isolate and what to do](#). They should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine). Where a child might start showing signs of symptoms in school, they will be transferred to an isolation room and parents will be contacted immediately. The child will remain in the isolation room, carefully supervised, until they can be collected. Isolation procedures will also be in place for members of staff who show signs of symptoms whilst in school. The household (including any siblings) should follow the PHE [stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#). From 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We ask Parents/Carers to inform the school immediately of the results of a COVID-19 test.

Can You Help?

You may remember that, before the Summer, one of our parents (Dan Blackman) was looking for a family to take part in an infant observation for an hour a week. This was linked to a specialized training course in early childhood development he is undertaking in his work as a clinical psychologist. Dan is still trying to find a family with a new born baby who might be willing to participate. The observation is to help Dan to learn about the way a baby develops the beginnings of a sense of identity during its first year of life. Dan would be present as a neutral, friendly observer and would not be there to offer any opinions or give parenting advice. Dan has an enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) in place and a copy of this can be provided on request. If you or anyone you know in the Wolsingham area has recently given birth or is expecting a baby and if this opportunity is of interest to you, please contact Mrs Kitching at wolsinghamprimary@durhamlearning.net for more information.

Dates for your diary...

Year 6 visit to Weardale Outdoor Adventure Centre	Monday 6 th September
Year 3 visit to Weardale Outdoor Adventure Centre	Tuesday 7 th September
Year 4 visit to Weardale Outdoor Adventure Centre	Wednesday 8 th September
Year 5 visit to Weardale Outdoor Adventure Centre	Thursday 9 th September
Year 2 visit to Weardale Outdoor Adventure Centre	Friday 10 th September
Year 1 visit to Weardale Outdoor Adventure Centre	Tuesday 21 st September
Flu Immunisations	Monday 11 th October
School Closes for Half Term	Thursday 21 st October
School Re-opens	Monday 1 st November

School Holiday and Term Dates 2021/22

Holiday	Closing Date	School Opens
Summer Break		Thursday 2 nd September 2021
Autumn Half-Term	Thursday 21 st October 2021	Monday 1 st November 2021
Staff Training Day	Thursday 25 th November 2021	Monday 29 th November 2021
Christmas Break	Friday 17 th December 2021	Wednesday 5 th January 2022
Spring Half-Term	Friday 18 th February 2022	Monday 28 th February 2022
Easter Break	Friday 8 th April 2022	Monday 25 th April 2022
May Day	Friday 29 th April 2022	Tuesday 3 rd May 2022
Summer Half-Term	Friday 27 th May 2022	Monday 6 th June 2022
Summer Break	Wednesday 20 th July 2022	To be confirmed

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