



Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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Weardale Adventure Centre Visits

Years 2 – 6 have had a fantastic time this week on their visits to Weardale Adventure Centre. It was brilliant that they had such good weather to do some exciting activities and really show what they are made of. Our children demonstrated superb levels of resilience, perseverance and team work. A great way to start the new school year! A huge thank you to WAAP for funding the visits.



School Councillors and Team Captains

Voting has taken place to elect our new school councillors and Team Captains. Those children wishing to take on the roles, put themselves forward and following voting, the successful children were:

Year 1	Emmi-Leigh Sanderson and Anna Henderson
Year 2	Ella Davies and William Walker
Year 3	Darcy Fearn and Morgan Sriwiang
Year 4	Charlotte Garry and Elliott Little-Howe
Year 5	Ava Stone and Jon-Joseph Love
Year 6	Jonathan Johnston and Annabel Read

Voting for our new Team Captains will take place next week.

A Few Reminders

We would like to remind parents that where children have recently had their ears pierced 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. For health and safety reasons, all earrings worn in school must be studs only.

Please note that our climbing frame is out of use at the moment as it requires some repairs. In the interest of safety, please do not allow children to climb on it. We will let parents and children know when it is safe to use.

Once again, we would like to remind parents using Breakfast Club and After School Club that the school car park is for staff and visitor use ONLY and should not be used when dropping children off and picking them up. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



Nuts in School

Please remember that ALL nuts or products containing nuts are not allowed in our school or school visits in the form of snacks or in packed lunches. We do have some children who will have an allergic reaction to nuts in any form and this may cause serious harm to them. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

Reception Children Coming into School

Our Reception children have settled very well into school and should be ready to make their own way into school and many of them are. Therefore from **Monday** we would like parents to leave their child at the Key Stage 1 door and encourage them to come into school by themselves where a member of staff will be ready to greet them.

Peripatetic Music Lessons

Peripatetic music lessons will resume next week. If your child already learns a musical instrument whilst in school, please ensure that they bring their instrument with them on the following days:

Tuesday am – Violin
Tuesday pm – Guitar and Ukulele
Wednesday pm – Woodwind

The music teachers may be visiting different year groups to tell them about opportunities to begin to learn instruments and children may bring information home with them if they show an interest.

Meet the Teacher

Parents and carers of children in Years 1- 6 are warmly invited to our 'Meet the Teacher' evenings week beginning Monday 20th September (please see dates for the diary for dates and times). It is an opportunity for parents to come along to meet their child's new class teacher and teachers will be explaining class procedures and giving out important information about homework and the curriculum. The meeting should last no longer than half an hour and is for parents and carers only. Meetings will take place socially distanced in the school hall. We would be grateful if only one parent attends and that face masks are worn throughout the meeting. Y2 and Year 6 parents will find out more about end of Key Stage Assessments and Year 4 parents will also be able to find out more about the new statutory Year 4 Multiplication Tables Test. We look forward to seeing you!

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...

New Reception Parents Phonics Meeting	Monday 20 th September 3.30pm
Year 1 Meet the Teacher	Monday 20 th September 5pm
Year 1 visit to Weardale Outdoor Adventure Centre	Tuesday 21 st September
Year 2 Meet the Teacher	Tuesday 21 st September 5pm
Year 3 Meet the Teacher	Wednesday 22 nd September 5pm
Year 5 Meet the Teacher	Thursday 23 rd September 5pm
Year 4 Meet the Teacher	Monday 27 th September 5pm
Year 6 Meet the Teacher	Tuesday 28 th September 5pm
Flu Immunisations	Monday 11 th October
Y3 and Y4 Autumn Walk	Tuesday 19 th October pm
Y5 and Y6 Autumn Walk	Wednesday 20 th October pm
EYFS Autumn Walk	Thursday 21 st October am
KS1 Autumn Walk	Thursday 21 st October pm
School Closes for Half Term	Thursday 21 st October
School Re-opens	Monday 1 st November

S. Kitching

Headteacher