



# Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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## Bees Are Amazing!

Year 2 have been focusing on writing non-chronological reports and chose to write about bees. They did a lot of research into bees and this week had a visit from Dot from Weardale Bees. They shared their knowledge with her and she explained how honeybees are kept. The children got the chance to look at all of the different types of equipment that beekeepers use and collected even more information for their report writing.

## Class Information Pages

Don't forget that each of our classes has a dedicated page on the school website where you can find information relating specifically to that class. You will also find a link to their Learning Pages where you can read about and see photographs showing what your child has been learning and doing at school.



## New Spelling Program

As online programs such as Numbots and Times Tables Rockstars have been so successful for many of our children – new class teachers seeing a huge improvement in key skills in maths, this year we are introducing Spelling Shed. This is an online program that children can use to practise their spellings each week. Due to the need for technology to be shared across the school, each class will have a specific day when their new spelling lists are assigned and a specific day when they will be carrying out their spelling test. At the beginning of their spelling week, class teachers will carry out activities with the children looking at specific spelling rules being learnt. Children can then log on to Spelling Shed to practise their assigned spellings during the week earning points for their 'Shed Score' and honey pots which they can use in the Honey Store to buy things for their avatar. Please encourage your child to log on and practise their spellings.

## School Council

Our School Council have had their first meeting this week and are very keen to organise events in school to help pay for on-going repairs to our climbing frame.

## Meet the Teacher

Parents and carers of children in Years 1- 6 are warmly invited to our 'Meet the Teacher' evenings week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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! Please note that Year 2 and Year 3 dates have changed.

## Dates for your diary...

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

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