



Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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Ofsted Visit

As we are sure that everyone is aware, the school received a visit from Ofsted this week. This was a scheduled visit following our last inspection back in September 2016. We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the children and staff for their hard work during the inspection and to parents and Governors for their support. We will share the outcome of the inspection, which will take the form of a letter, with you when it is released to us officially.



Harvest Donations

Thank you to everyone who has already donated to our Harvest Appeal, we currently have a fabulous £169.50 which will go to the local foodbank at Stanhope, so that they can top up their stocks with items that are needed but are not often donated. We will leave the option on ParentPay until Thursday 21st October, in case there is anyone else who would like to make a donation.



Parental Controls

We would like to remind parents about the importance of setting up parental controls on all devices and entertainment services such as YouTube and Netflix that children might access. Not only will this help to protect your child from grooming, but also protect them from material which may not be appropriate. The following website provides step by step guides to help you set up parental controls on various entertainment services and search engines.



Annual Autumn Walk

Our annual Autumn Walks take place next week (please see below for dates for each Key Stage) – whatever the weather! Children and staff will take to the Wolsingham countryside to enjoy the area of outstanding natural beauty in which they live. Please could you ensure that your child has **wellingtons or boots and a warm waterproof coat** on that day.

Key Stage 2 Morning Entry

We would like to thank our Key Stage 2 children and parents for their patience when lining up to come into school in the mornings. Due to the number of cases of Covid-19 that we had across Key Stage 2, our risk assessment was reviewed and we felt that this was a necessary temporary measure. We endeavour to get the children into school as quickly as possible and as many in one class as possible at the same time in order to speed up the process. As the number of positive cases in school are reducing, the arrangement of children filing into the cloakrooms as they arrive, rather than lining up outside will resume following the half term break. We will continue to monitor Covid cases in school and may need to put similar measures back in place in the future if necessary.

Holiday Club

Unfortunately, due to a shortage of holiday club supervisory staff this half term, this service will not be available. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and we will work to ensure we resolve this issue before February Half Term when the next holiday club is due to take place.

Weardale AAP October Holiday Activities

Weardale AAP are organising holiday activities from Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th October at Weardale Adventure Centre for children aged 8 years and above. Please see the flyer attached to the email with this week's newsletter for more information and book quickly to avoid disappointment.

Reminder

We would like to take this opportunity once again to remind parents and carers that the school car park is for staff and visitor use only and we ask that parents dropping off or picking children up for Breakfast Club, After School Club or the beginning and end of the school day, park elsewhere such as Demesne Mill and walk children on to the site. We would also be grateful if you could pass this information on to other family members such as grandparents who may be doing the school run.

Dates for your diary...

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| EYFS Autumn Walk | Tuesday 19 th October am |
| Y3 and Y4 Autumn Walk | Tuesday 19 th October pm |
| KS1 Autumn Walk | Wednesday 20 th October am |
| Y5 and Y6 Autumn Walk | Wednesday 20 th October pm |
| Halloween Dress Up Day | Thursday 21 st October |
| School Closes for Half Term | Thursday 21 st October |
| School Re-opens | Monday 1 st November |

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