



Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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Bonfire Night Visitors

Members of our PCSO and Tri-responders team in Weardale visited school this week to talk to the children about Bonfire Night and fireworks. They learnt about the firework code and gave some very sensible answers about what people should and shouldn't do to keep safe at this time of year. Their advice is to always visit an organised Bonfire and fireworks display. We hope that everyone stays safe and has a very enjoyable Bonfire Night.

Additional Measures in School

There has been a large increase in the number of children and young people in County Durham testing positive for COVID-19 and the highest case rates are in school age children. This is leading to spread of COVID-19 within families and into older age groups. Therefore it has been recommended to schools across County Durham that they follow recommendations from Durham County Council's Public Health team and have decided to re-introduce measures in addition to those already in place to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission in school. Please see the letter from the Director of Public Health and Head of Education as well as the letter to parents with information of the additional measures attached to the email containing this week's newsletter.

Parent Teacher Consultation Appointments

Parent Teacher Consultations will take place from **Monday 15th November**. Parents will be sent a text message or email with a link to make their own appointment online via Teachers2Parents, the same system we use for text messages. We had begun to arrange for face to face meetings, however following the recommendations to all Durham schools from the Director of Public Health and Head of Education, we will have to go back to offering a 10 minute phone call with the class teacher to update parents on how their child has settled in, their progress and current targets. We would be grateful if parents help us to stick to our 10 minute time slots and make an additional appointment with the class teacher, via the school office, if there is an issue which requires further discussion. Look out for a message today. If you have any difficulty using the system, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Redfern in the school office.

After School Clubs

An email with information about after school clubs running this term was sent out to parents earlier in the week. There are still places available on the following clubs. If you would like your child to attend, please click on the link below the club name to book a place.

Reception - Games Club - Tuesdays 3.15pm - 4.15pm (£1 per session)

<https://forms.office.com/r/qynwsR8YRQ>

Year 1 and 2 - Story Crafts Club - Tuesdays 3.15pm - 4.15pm (£1 per session)

<https://forms.office.com/r/6k8CzC45Ku>

Year 5 and 6 - Dodgeball Club - Thursdays 3.15pm - 4.15pm (£1 per session)

<https://forms.office.com/r/eZZAz7K78T>

Clubs will start week beginning **Monday 8th November** and run for **4 weeks**. There will be a small charge for each club (payable via ParentPay following confirmation of your child's place). Places are limited and available on a first come first served basis. Please note that each club is only open to the Year groups indicated. We will let parents know via text today, if their child has a place.



Remembrance

As we do each year, Wolsingham Primary School will be laying a poppy wreath at the remembrance service that takes place in the market place on Sunday 14th November meeting at 10.30am. If your child will be attending the service and would like to lay the wreath on behalf of the school, please contact the school office.

Wolsingham Parish Church will be open from 12 noon – 3pm on Saturday & Sunday - November 6th and 7th, 13th and 14th, where there will be a display of poppies inside and outside of the church. Tea, coffee and cake will also be available with all proceeds in aid of the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Christmas Events

We had begun to prepare for the possibility of being able to welcome parents back into school at the end of this half term for our Christmas events, however following the additional measures recommended, we are adjusting these events in the following ways. This year we will resume our EYFS, KS1 and KS2 Christmas performances, enabling children to remain in bubbles, but filming them instead of holding a live performance. Our Christmas Fair will continue to run for our children to enjoy, class by class, including playing Christmas table top games, buying sweets and cakes and having a go on the tombola. Tickets for our raffle will be sent home to parents to purchase if they wish and drawn with the children in school. As always, we will endeavour to make sure that our children do not miss out on the exciting events that would usually take place at this time of year.

Year 6 Kingswood Meeting for Parents

Our meeting for Year 6 parents regarding the residential visit to Kingswood in May will now take place online via Zoom. We will send out an invitation for the meeting via email to those parents who have already expressed an interest in attending. If you have not yet completed the online form and wish to be sent the link to the Zoom meeting, please contact the school office.

Breakfast Club and After School Club Reminder

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents using Breakfast Club and/or After School Club that children must still be booked in to these child care facility by the Friday of the previous week. This helps us to ensure that we can monitor the number of children attending and make any necessary arrangements due to numbers.

Dates for your diary...

Anti-Bullying Week	Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th November
Year 4 Visit to Vindolanda	Thursday 18 th November
Children in Need	Friday 19 th November
School Closes	Thursday 25 th November
School Reopens	Monday 29 th November
Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 3 rd December
Children's Christmas Fair	Friday 10 th December
Year 1 and 2 Christmas Party	Tuesday 14 th December
Year 3 and 4 Christmas party	Wednesday 15 th December
EYFS Christmas Party	Thursday 16 th December am
Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party	Thursday 16 th December pm
School Closes for Christmas Break	Friday 17 th December
School Reopens	Wednesday 5 th January

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