



Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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Christmas Activities

After all of their hard work this term, the staff and children have enjoyed a week of Christmas activities. We had a lovely socially distanced gathering earlier this week – Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without our annual sing-a-long to the 12 Days of Christmas. We hope they have enjoyed the end to what has been a challenging and tiring term and return in January refreshed and ready to work hard.

Seesaw Home Learning Codes

We are not expecting a lockdown of schools in the Spring term, however with the Omicron variant raising its head and schools receiving very little notice about changes during the pandemic, we have sent home copies of your child's Seesaw login code just in case we find ourselves in a position where we have to return to remote learning. We hope that this will not be the case, they will not be required and everyone can return to school in January as expected.

Autumn Term House Team Event

Our children have been working hard over the last term to earn points for their house team. A huge thank you to all of the children who took part in the Wolsingham Churches Together Christmas Trail 2021 and earned their house 10 or 50 points. The winning team were the **Yellow** team earning 290 points. Our team event this afternoon took place over Microsoft Teams and once again the **Yellow** team were the winning team earning a massive 2,680 points. The house team event for the Autumn term are as follows:

1 st	Yellow Team
2 nd	Blue Team
3 rd	Green Team
4 th	Red Team



Class Dojo 100% Awards

Congratulations to the vast majority of the children this term. **154** pupils will receive their 100% Green Dojo Award for consistently behaving in line with the school code of conduct and working hard this half term.

Updated Covid-19 Advice from DCC and Public Health England

What to do if there is a case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in your household?

It is strongly advised to increase testing when there is a positive COVID-19 case in your household:

- PCR testing for all adults and pupils if they are a close contact of a positive case in their household*.
- Daily LFT testing at home for 7 days for any adult and also for all children aged 5 years and over who are exempt from isolation and continue to attend school. The testing of primary age pupils is at parental discretion. Testing should start from the day the household member has symptoms or if they don't have symptoms from when they tested positive*.

**Note: People who have tested positive with a PCR test within the last 90 days should not be encouraged to test unless they develop new symptoms*

Children under 5 years are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily LFD testing of close contacts.

Ordering or collecting LFD home testing kits

We would recommend you have a supply of LFD testing kits at home in the event you need to use them. You can order home testing kits to be delivered to your home here www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests

Or you can collect LFD testing kits at Community Collect sites across the County. To find your nearest collection point please enter your post code here maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk

If you pick up tests from a pharmacy, you may be asked for a 'collect code' this helps the NHS match your details to the tests. To get a 'collect code' please visit test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/collect-lateral-flow-kits

Please register the result of your home test at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result

COVID-19 and Pregnancy

The government has urged pregnant women to come forward for vaccination. Below is the link to a recent government briefing and a summary of key points.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/unvaccinated-mothers-urge-pregnant-women-to-get-jabbed>

- Vaccines continue to provide tens of thousands of pregnant women and their babies with vital protection from the virus.
- In the UK since April 2021, around 84,000 pregnant women have received one dose and over 80,000 have received two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- The vaccines are safe for pregnant women and have no impact on fertility.
- Nearly 1 in 5 COVID-19 patients who are most critically ill are pregnant women who have not been vaccinated.
- Of those pregnant women in hospital with symptomatic COVID-19, 98% are unvaccinated, and no fully vaccinated pregnant women were admitted to intensive care with COVID-19 in England between February and the end of September 2021.
- Around 1 in 5 women who are hospitalised with the virus need to be delivered preterm to help them recover and 1 in 5 of their babies need care in the neonatal unit.

Dates for your diary...

School Reopens	Wednesday 5 th January
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I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the children and staff for all of their hard work this term and on behalf of the staff and governors at Wolsingham Primary School, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. I hope you all enjoy the festive season and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

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