



Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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Year 1 Visit to Locomotion

Year 1 had a fantastic time when they visited Locomotion railway museum this week. In history they are learning about the development of the railways. They enjoyed looking at the different engines and carriages. They were fascinated by the royal train and how luxurious it was. They learnt lots of interesting facts about steam trains and how they work, which will help them with their history work in school over the next few weeks.



Disruption Caused by Storms Malik and Corrie

It has been a strange week this week following the storms at the weekend and the resulting damage to the nursery building and various trees - in particular our 'big tree' on the Key Stage 1 playground. Unfortunately, the 'big tree' has had to be cut down as assessment of the part of the tree that was left standing, resulted in the identification of stress cracks in the remaining upright sections. The tree will be missed by children, parents, staff and governors, in fact everyone who has been involved with the school over a considerable number of years. We would like to say a huge well done to our children who, as always, took the change in arrangements this week in their stride and thank you to all of our parents who helped to make sure that pick up and drop off arrangements went smoothly. We anticipate that the rest of the work in the Key Stage 1 playground will be completed over the weekend and that the Lydgate Lane entrance will be in operation again next week, but we will send out a communication over the weekend to let parents know.



Jewellery In School

Just a reminder that the only jewellery which can be worn in school by pupils is a watch and/or stud earrings. All items of jewellery must be removed prior to children taking part in PE lessons for health and safety reasons. Earrings may be covered for the first 6 weeks after piercing, however after that time, earrings **must** be removed. If a child is unable to remove their earrings themselves, we suggest that they do not wear them to school on PE days. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Parental Communication

Thank you to those parents who took the time to complete the questionnaire sent out last week regarding communication – we will analyse the results and let parents know what action we have taken to improve areas identified in the coming weeks. We wanted to ensure that all of our parents were aware, however, that if they have any concerns regarding their child, require information about how their child is getting on or need to pass on information to the class teacher, that they are very welcome to telephone the school to arrange to speak to the teacher. We are sure that parents appreciate however that due to their class commitments, meetings, training, after school clubs etc. the class teacher may not be able to speak to parents on the phone immediately. The class teacher will call you back to speak to you as soon as they are free or an appointment can be arranged for a phone call to take place at a mutually agreeable time.

Fossil Fun

Funded through the Weardale Area Action Partnership's Fun and Food programme, Harehope Quarry will be running activities for children attending schools in the WAP area during the February half term holiday. The family sessions will include fossil hunting, fossil activities and crafts, snacks around a fire and a packed lunch. The sessions will be 2 hours long with the opportunity to collect a packed lunch or picnic in the quarry before or after the session.

Tuesday 22 February, 10.00am - 12.00 noon (packed lunch available from 12 noon)

Tuesday 22 February, 1.00pm – 3.00pm (Packed lunch available from 12.30pm)

Wednesday 23 February, 10.00am - 12.00 noon (packed lunch available from 12 noon)

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Booking essential at info@harehopequarry.org.uk or ring 07807 002032. We will require the following information on booking:

- Attendee's name
- Date of birth
- Postcode
- School attended
- Any additional needs

Flu Vaccinations

National communications have recently been sent to all parents of school aged children who have not yet received their flu vaccination to advise them that it's not too late.

Parents are advised to contact the school immunisation team by emailing hdfc.childhood.immunisations@nhs.net who will advise them on the availability of any community catch up clinics (information generally available at <https://www.facebook.com/childhoodimmunisationsDurhamDarlingtonandtees>)

Parents of children who are at-risk of the complications of flu (see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>) can receive their flu vaccination at their GP practice.

Dates for your diary...

Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 8 th February
School Closes	Friday 18 th February
School Reopens	Monday 28 th February
World Book Day	Thursday 3 rd March
Y1/ Y3/ Y5 Parent Teacher Consultations	Monday 7 th and Wednesday 9 th March
Y2/ Y4 / Y6 Parent Teacher Consultations	Tuesday 8 th and Thursday 10 th March
Reception Parent Teacher Consultations	Monday 14 th and Wednesday 16 th March
Red Nose Day	Friday 18 th March

S. Kitching

Headteacher

This Week's Winners

Star of the Week

- Year 1 – Cooper
- Year 2 – Joe
- Year 3 – Freya
- Year 4 – Millie
- Year 5 – Jaina
- Year 6 – Annabel

Class Dojo VIP

- Year 1 – Maverick
- Year 2 – William W.
- Year 3 – Isabella
- Year 4 – Jack, Mr A and Mrs C
- Year 5 – Ricky
- Year 6 – Jonathan

Top Spellers

- Year 1 – Alex
- Year 2 – Barnaby
- Year 3 – James
- Year 4 – Annabell
- Year 5 – Hubert
- Year 6 – William

Shed Score League

- 1st – Year 6 - 244,712,176
- 2nd – Year 4 - 61,625,312
- 3rd – Year 1 - 39,959,020
- 4th – Year 5 - 18,472,096
- 5th – Year 3 - 5,450,570
- 6th - Year 2 - 4,476,933

Highest Earners

- 1st – Jack Year 4
- 2nd – Carter Year 4
- 3rd – Max Year 6

Most Improved

- 1st – Emily A. Year 6
- 2nd – Callum Year 6
- 3rd – Charlotte Year 5

Highest Earners

- 1st – Dillan Year 1
- 2nd – Cooper Year 1
- 3rd – Maverick Year 1

Highest Accuracy

- 1st – Beau Year 1
- 2nd – Ding Hao Year 1
- 3rd – Charlotte D. Year 1