



Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

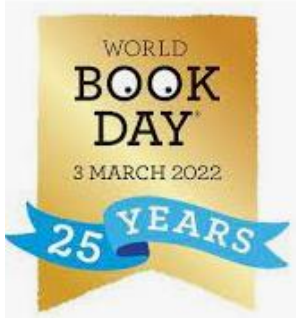
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Year 5 Parkside Takeover Day

This week, Year 5 children participated in a Parkside Takeover day with multiple other schools. As well as this, they took part in classes such as English, German, Geography, RE and History. See Year 5's class page for photos of the day and to see what some of the class thought about the day.
– written by Ava Stone.



World Book Day 2022

It is World Book day on Thursday 3rd March and on that day, we would like children to come to school dressed as their favourite storybook character – remember that costumes do not need to be bought, making costumes and props with things you can find at home could be a fun activity to do over half term. Prizes will be awarded for imaginative and original costumes. We are also running an **extreme reading competition** where we would like photographs of the children reading their favourite book in unusual places. Please send in entries for the competition via Seesaw by

Wednesday 2nd March. We would also like children to have a go at creating their own story book, writing the story and illustrating it (how they do this is entirely up to them) and bring it in to school by Wednesday 2nd March.

Parent Teacher Consultation Appointments

Parent Teacher Consultations will take place from **Monday 7th March**. 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 have decided to hold face to face meetings and therefore appointments for different year groups will be on different evenings. Due to some recommendations for Durham Schools still being in place, we do require parents to socially distance as much as possible whilst in the building and wear face coverings when moving around the building, however these can be removed whilst talking to the class teacher. Please remember that these are parent teacher consultations and it is not always appropriate for children to be in the room whilst discussions are taking place. Appointments are as always 10 minutes in length and it is important that we stick to our 10 minute time slots so that other parents are not kept waiting. 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 next week. If you have any difficulty using the system, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Redfern in the school office.

Spelling Bee Team Event

To continue the 'buzz' around school and competition between the classes to be top of the Shed Score League, we have decided that our end of term team event will be a Spelling Bee. The competition will allow all of the children to demonstrate their spelling skills and earn points for their team via a virtual event next Friday afternoon.

Lost Property

We have an enormous amount of lost property in school particularly school jumpers and cardigans. Unfortunately, we are unable to return them to their owners as they do not have children's names in them. It is essential that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. Any items of clothing that are found which have names can be quickly returned to the child. We will arrange for all items of lost property to be put outside next Friday afternoon if there are any items your child is missing.

Can You Help?

Occasionally, we have children in Reception and Key Stage 1 who have small accidents and require a change of pants and/or socks. If you have any pants or socks which are now too small for your child and that are suitable for Reception – Year 2 children, we would be grateful if you could send them into school. If your child has an accident in school and has been provided with clothing to wear, we would be grateful if it could be laundered and returned to school.

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)

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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

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor.

All parents other than those employed at the school for more than 500 hours per year or who are elected members of the Local Authority (LA) are eligible to stand for election. This includes:

- parents of children attending nursery either full-time or part-time
- any person who is not the natural parent but has parental responsibility for or who has care of a pupil registered at the school (Education Act 1996, Section 576)

If you are interested in becoming a Governor please complete the nomination form attached to this email.

The completed and duly signed nomination form should be returned to school by **Friday 11th March 2022**.

Where the number of nominations is equal to, or fewer than, the places available, no ballot will be necessary. Any remaining vacancies will be appointed by our Governing Body. Should a ballot be required each parent will be sent a voting form. When the process has been finalised school will inform the parent body via email. School and Governor Support Service will write formally to all nominees confirming the outcome of the ballot.

Dates for your diary...

School Closes	Friday 18 th February
School Reopens	Monday 28 th February
World Book Day	Thursday 3 rd March
Y2/ Y3/ Y5 Parent Teacher Consultations	Monday 7 th and Wednesday 9 th March
Y1/ 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
- Extra Special – Callum Byers

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 – Woody
- Year 2 – Barnaby
- Year 3 – Josie
- Year 4 – Zhixuan
- Year 5 – Ricky
- Year 6 – Rose

Shed Score League

- 1st – Year 6 - 195,653,682
- 2nd – Year 5 - 130,164,864
- 3rd – Year 4 - 69,563,072
- 4th – Year 1 - 54,358,843
- 5th – Year 2 - 25,266,376
- 6th – Year 3 - 19,004,691

Highest Earners

- 1st – William Year 6
- 2nd – Carter Year 4
- 3rd – Emily A. Year 6

Most Improved

- 1st – Emily A. Year 6
- 2nd – Ben Year 3
- 3rd – Emma R. Year 6

Highest Earners

- 1st – Beau Year 1
- 2nd – Dillan Year 1
- 3rd – Woody Year 1

Highest Accuracy

- 1st – Falyn Year 1
- 2nd – Ding Hao Year 1
- 3rd – Beau Year 1