

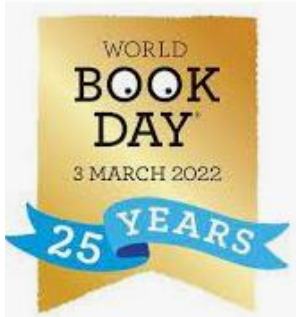


Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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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 have been sent an email this week with a link to make their own appointment online via Teachers2Parents. 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. If you have any difficulty using the system, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Redfern in the school office.

Red Nose Day – Friday 18th March

On Friday 18th March, the School Council have decided that they would like to invite children to come to school dressed as a hero (any hero they wish e.g. superhero, doctor, sports star – it's up to them, anyone they consider a hero) for a donation of £1 (they should bring this to school on the morning of Friday 18th March in cash). In the afternoon, the School Council will be arranging table top games in the school hall for the children to play and cakes and biscuits will be on sale. Children are invited to bring money in small denominations e.g. 5p, 10p, 20p or 50p coins to take part in this event. We would be grateful if all money could be sent in a small purse or envelope with the child's name on/in it.



Red Noses on Sale

In preparation for Red Nose Day on March 18th, we have a limited number of red noses available for sale at a cost of £1.50 each. These will be on sale from Monday 28th February. Children should bring their £1.50 in cash in an envelope or purse if they would like to purchase one. They will be limited to one per child to enable as many children as possible to purchase one if they wish.

Reminder – Office Hours

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that the school office opening hours are between 8.30am and 4.30pm (4pm on Fridays). Outside of these times there are no office staff to answer the phone. If you need to contact the school outside these hours, please email to wolsinghamprimary@durhamlearning.net

Reminder – Make-Up in School

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that children should not be wearing make-up or nail varnish of any kind to school.



Can You Help?

Nursery are looking for anyone who may have some books from the Usborne Touchy-Feely That's Not My... collection that they would be willing to donate. 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 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



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.

Team Event – Spelling Bee

Well done to everyone who put their spelling skills to the test this afternoon by taking part in our Spelling Bee Team Event. Congratulations to the **Yellow Team** who were our Spelling Bee Champions!

The children have been working hard all term to earn points for their teams and at the end of today's team event, we can announce that this half term's winning team were the **Blue Team** – well done! This half term's competition ended as follows:

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

Top Spellers

Year 1 – Ruby J.
 Year 2 – Olivia
 Year 3 – Ben
 Year 4 – Jack
 Year 5 – Ricky
 Year 6 – Olivia

Shed Score League

1st – Year 6 – 209,232,296
 2nd – Year 5 – 114,250,076
 3rd – Year 4 – 99,663,832
 4th – Year 1 – 28,714,865
 5th – Year 3 – 20,121,439
 6th – Year 2 – 17,029,672

Highest Earners

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

Most Improved

- 1st – Annabell Year 4
 2nd – Beau Year 3
 3rd – Reece Year 6

Highest Earners

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

Highest Accuracy

- 1st – Oscar Year 1
 2nd – Finlay Year 1
 3rd – Willow Year 1