

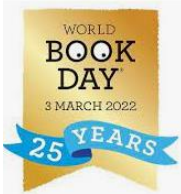


# Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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## World Book Day 2022

It was wonderful to see such inventive costumes for World Book Day this year. The children looked fantastic and had a great day celebrating. A huge well done to our Best Costume winners, Extreme Reading Competition winners and Create a Book Competition winners.

Best Costume	Extreme Reading	Create a Book
Joshua Little-Howe Macey Lloyd Laurence Eggleston Alexandra Scown Dale Hall Elliott Little-Howe Phoebe Dixon Emma Reilly	Mollie Bowes Woody Miller William Brown Beau Gill Drew Nuzzo Robyn Morris Emily Woodhams	Rec and Key Stage 1 – Dillan Galbraith  Year 3 and 4 – Elliott Little-Howe  Year 5 and 6 – Lilly Hogarth

## Parent Teacher Consultation Appointments

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. Parents should enter the school via the main entrance door.

## Covid-19 Update

As we are sure you will be aware, last week the Government lifted the final Covid-19 restrictions. Rather than removing all of our safety measures at once, we have decided that we will make gradual changes across the weeks leading up to the Easter break with the hope that after Easter, the school can operate as it did prior to the pandemic. Hygiene measures will remain in place, such as washing / sanitising hands when entering and exiting the building and ventilation will still be a priority. From Monday we will be returning to carrying out whole school assemblies in the hall and we are excited to have the whole school in one place again. We will monitor any cases in school very carefully and will introduce additional measures if we feel there is a necessity or we are advised to do so by Public Health. If your child has Covid symptoms, they should stay at home and have a PCR test. They can return to school on day 6 following two negative LFD tests as long as they do not have a fever. If a member of the household is Covid positive, children can continue to come to school.

## Red Nose Day – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day

On Friday March 25<sup>th</sup>, we would like to invite all children to wear green to school to mark Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day. One of our children has Cerebral Palsy and as we have done with Autism Spectrum Disorder in the past, we would like to raise awareness of the condition among our children to continue our journey to becoming a fully inclusive community and towards our Pride In Inclusion Award. Age appropriate stories and information will also be shared with the children.

## 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](mailto:wolsinghamprimary@durhamlearning.net)

## Is Your Child Interested in Learning to Play a Brass Instrument?

Stanhope Silver Band currently have an initiative in place to encourage children to learn to play brass instruments. They are offering to fund 12 weeks of introductory music lessons and provide free instrument loan to children who are interested in learning to play a brass instrument. They are also able to continue to loan out the instrument free of charge for any children wishing to continue with lessons past the 12 week period. Lessons are provided by an ABRSM-registered tutor who can take those pupils who wish to do so through RSM Grade exams. The principal motivation for the initiative is to hopefully encourage uptake of lessons amongst children who might eventually go on to become members of the band, as well as encouraging wider participation in music amongst the local community. If your child is interested, please contact Stanhope Silver Band via their Facebook page or by phoning Steve Donnelly (Secretary) on 07966445650 or via email: [sd999@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sd999@hotmail.co.uk)

## Can You Help?

We are sure that you will be aware of the current conflict between Russia and Ukraine. One of our parents is supporting a charity who are collecting items for the refugees of Ukraine. The items needed are: Rucksacks, Sleeping bags, Blankets, Camping Mats, Adults and children's clothing (especially hats, gloves and scarves), Men's socks, Nappies, Sanitary products, Unused Ibuprofen and paracetamol (for children and adults), Vacuum bags and First aid kits. If you can help and would like to donate items, please message Rachael on 07577252135 to arrange for the items to be collected.

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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...

Y2/ Y3/ Y5 Parent Teacher Consultations	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March
Y1/ Y4 / Y6 Parent Teacher Consultations	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March
Reception Parent Teacher Consultations	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March
Red Nose Day	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March
Adam Bushnell in School	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March

*S. Kitching*

Headteacher

# This Week's Winners

## Star of the Week

Reception – Thomas E.  
Year 1 – Dillan  
Year 2 – Calum  
Year 3 – Gabriella  
Year 4 – Bradley  
Year 5 – Ethan  
Year 6 – Emma S.



## Top Spellers

Year 1 – Woody  
Year 2 – Jakson  
Year 3 – James  
Year 4 – Libby  
Year 5 – Ricky  
Year 6 – Olivia

## Shed Score League

1<sup>st</sup> – Year 6 – 121,158,464  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Year 5 – 67,278,172  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Year 4 – 31,211,216  
4<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 – 9,783,173  
5<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 – 5,986,132  
6<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 – 3,855,363

## Highest Earners

1<sup>st</sup> – Jack Year 4  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Ben Year 3  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Elliott Year 4

## Most Improved

1<sup>st</sup> – Carlton Year 4  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Jack Year 4  
3<sup>rd</sup> – No one

## Highest Earners

1<sup>st</sup> – Cooper Year 1  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Ding Hao Year 1  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Carter Year 1

## Highest Accuracy

1<sup>st</sup> – Anna Year 1  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Ruby C. Year 1  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Matilda Year 1