



# Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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Wolsingham Primary School joins with the rest of the country in mourning the very sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Today we held a special assembly and a minutes silence in memory of Her Majesty who devoted her life to the service of our country.

## New Beginnings

Welcome to a new term and a new school year at Wolsingham Primary. We are delighted to welcome all of our new pupils, new parents and Mrs Parsons our Class 2 teacher. The staff and children have all made a fantastic start to the year and are settling in to their new classes well. Just a reminder that it is essential that all children have their PE kits and water bottles in school at all times. We would like to remind parents that if children have had their ears pierced over the summer break, they must be covered for PE sessions until a period of 6 weeks following the piercing and then they **MUST** be removed for PE sessions. If your child is not able to remove their earrings themselves, then we recommend that they do not come to school wearing them on days when they take part in PE sessions (including swimming). For health and safety reasons, all earrings worn in school must be studs only.

## School Councillors and Team Captains

Voting has taken place to elect our new School Councillors and Team Captains. Those children wishing to take on the roles, put themselves forward and the children voted for who they would like to see in the roles. Congratulations to all of our new School Councillors and Team Captains!

Class 2	Frankie Fearn and Charley Sanderson
Class 3	Lily-Rose Kenney and Calum Goodfellow
Class 4	Ben Elliott and Beau Gill
Class 5	Ben Mays and Poppy DeBrett-Watson
Class 6	Matthew Ross and Elliot Charlton

Green Team	Amie Hall and Elliot Charlton
Blue Team	Ethan Stephenson and Ava Stone
Yellow Team	Ryan Michaels-Lonsdale and Elizabeth Ritson-Neilson
Red Team	Lexi Wilson and Maisy Slack

## School Lunch Payments

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that school lunches this year cost £2.25 per day (£2.70 for 30 hour Nursery children) and should be paid for on the **Monday** of each week or at the beginning of the term if you wish to pay for the whole term at once. Please note that the children who have just moved into Year 3 no longer receive universal infant free school meals.



## Nuts in School

Please remember that **ALL** nuts or products containing nuts are not allowed in our school or school visits in the form of snacks or in packed lunches. We do have some children who will have an allergic reaction to nuts in any form and this may cause serious harm to them. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

## Payments to School

We would like to remind parents that payments for school lunches and wrap around care must be paid via ParentPay on a weekly basis. Invoices not paid on time may result in access to services being removed.

## Applying for a school place for next year

Applications for primary and secondary places opened on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Applications close at midnight on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (primary) and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 (secondary). Find out more: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/.../Applications-open-for-2023>. We will be holding an Open Morning for any parents of children due to start school in September 2023 on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 10am. Please feel free to come along to have a look around and find out more about our school.



## A Big Thank You

We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Howe, who volunteered to carry out some much needed repairs to our greenhouse and fort. With the help of his family, he has been working hard over the summer carrying out the repair work as well as building and donating via fundraising activities, some welcome additions to our Early Years outdoor areas, including water walls, a tepee and even a boat! The children have thoroughly enjoyed playing with their new equipment. We would also like to say thank you to City & Guilds, Mr Howe's

employer, who provided him with the time to volunteer; and Create Your World (Wolsingham), Redgate Timber (Redgate Bank), Franks the Flooring Store (Bishop Auckland) and Wards Timber (Frosterley) who have kindly donated materials needed to carry out the work or provided them at reduced prices. We would also like to thank Councillor Savory for providing the money via her small grants fund to pay for the major repairs to the fort.



## Dates for your diary...

Class 6 Handball Festival	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September
Reception Intake 2023 Open Morning	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 10am
Year 5/6 Netball Competition	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September
Elmer's Day – Cake and a Cuppa Class 1 Parents	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2pm
Class 2 Kurling and Boccia Festival	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September
Class 6 Assembly	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 10.30am
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October
School Opens	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October
Halloween Dress Up Day	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October

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Headteacher

### School Holiday and Term Dates 2022/23

<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>School Opens</b>
Summer Break	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
Autumn Half-Term	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022
Christmas Break	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Spring Half-Term	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
Easter Break	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
May Day	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2023
Summer Half-Term	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Summer Break	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023	To be confirmed