



Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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Class 5 and 6 Visit to the Centre for Life

On Monday, Class 5 and 6 enjoyed a trip to the Centre for Life. They had a brilliant time exploring the different exhibitions with a focus on learning more about Space. They enjoyed a planetarium visit and a theatre show where they saw experiments involving different light. The classes were even brave enough to venture on the ice rink! It was a lovely day and both classes returned with plenty of facts to help them in their lessons. Thank you to the parents who supported us on the trip. Both classes have been busy writing recounts about the trip this week and these will be available to view on their class learning pages soon.



Nursery Stay and Play Sessions

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our Nursery Stay and Play sessions this week. We hope that you found them useful and enjoyed spending time with your child in the Nursery setting.



Christmas Toy Appeal

The Helping Hands and Caring Hearts action group are asking for your help this Christmas. A charity based in Bishop Auckland called 'The Angel Trust', each year hold a 'Christmas Toy Appeal' and the children in the action group would like to support this endeavour this year. We are asking for an **unwrapped** toy for either a boy or girl of any age [0-16] that you could buy and donate to this worthy charity. Donations can be brought into school, and we will collect them and deliver them to the Angel Trust in the lead up to Christmas. The deadline for donations is the **Friday 2nd December**.

SEND Drop-in Sessions

Our SENCO, Miss Stoker, will be offering drop-in sessions for parents across the year, with the first one taking place on Friday 2nd December from 2.30pm. If you would like to talk to her about any SEND issues or would like some help or advice regarding your child, please pop into school.

Parental Questionnaire

Thank you to those parents who responded to our parental questionnaire - the link for which was on last week's newsletter. There were some useful comments that we can use to further enhance our communication with parents, particularly those new to the school. Unfortunately, we are not able to invite parents to observe at Governing Body meetings as was suggested, however Governors are aware that parents would like updates from them throughout the year. Staff and Governors have discussed at length the suggestion of having an app via which parents can receive regular updates throughout the day as to what the children are doing in school. Both staff and Governors feel that such an app, although providing parents with regular information, would hinder the work of the school and cause class teachers to take their focus away from the most important part of their job – teaching the children.

Educate and Celebrate Silver Award

In school, we are working towards gaining the silver award in the Educate and Celebrate programme. The scheme promotes raising awareness of diversity and supports inclusion in schools, with a particular focus on pride. As part of our Pupil Voice groups, some of Class 5 and Class 6 have been working on creating a Pride Youth Network which our school has named 'Pride not Prejudice'. This week, Class 5 and 6 will be creating their own logo for the Pride Youth Network in school and these will be judged next week.



Christmas Post

Christmas post boxes will be available from next week (Thursday 1st December) for any children wishing to send Christmas cards. To enable children to post their cards in the correct post box, please ensure that they have the child's name and class/year group clearly written on the front of the envelope.

Christmas Jumper Day

Don't forget that Friday 2nd December is Christmas jumper day. Children are invited to come to school in a Christmas jumper and support the Friends of the School and Christmas Fair by donating raffle, tombola and bottle stall prizes.



Wolsingham Churches Together – Christmas Trail

Next week children will be bringing home their Christmas Trail leaflet. As last year, the Christmas Trail will be a team event. Every child who completes the trail and returns the outer sheet of the leaflet to school by the morning of Friday 16th December will earn 10 points for their team and every child who gets all of the answers correct will earn their team an additional 50 points. Which team will be this year's Christmas Trail Event champions?

Cinderella

The Wolsingham WI and Weardale Warblers are presenting 'Cinderella' at Wolsingham Town Hall on Friday 20th January at 7pm and Saturday 21st January at 2pm. Tickets are £5 per adult including tea or coffee and £3 per child including juice and popcorn. If you are interested and would like to purchase tickets, please contact Pat Clarke on 01388 527557.

Dates for your diary...

EYFS Visit to Empire Theatre Consett	Thursday 1 st December
Reception 2023 Open Day	Thursday 1 st December 4.30pm – 5.30pm
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 2 nd December
SEND Drop-in Session for Parents	Friday 2 nd December 2.30pm
EYFS Nativity	Wednesday 7 th December 10.30am
Key Stage 1 Christmas Production	Thursday 8 th December 10.30am and 5.30pm
Nursery Parents Christmas Crafts Session	Thursday 8 th December
Christmas Fair	Friday 9 th December 3.30pm
EYFS Christmas Party	Monday 12 th December
Christmas Lunch	Tuesday 13 th December am
Key Stage 1 Christmas Party	Wednesday 14 th December am
Key Stage 2 Christmas Party	Wednesday 14 th December pm
Key Stage 2 Carol Service	Thursday 15 th December 2pm
School Closes for Christmas Break	Friday 16 th December
School Opens	Wednesday 4 th January

S. Kitching

Headteacher

This Week's Winners

Star of the Week

- Class 1 – Taylor
- Class 2 – Ruby
- Class 3 – Bea
- Class 4 – Ella
- Class 5 – Morgan
- Class 6 – Drew

Class Dojo VIP

- Class 1 – Evelyn
- Class 2 – Charley
- Class 3 – Maverick
- Class 4 – Amelia
- Class 5 – Jack
- Class 6 – Ginny

Top Spellers

- Class 2 – Cooper
- Class 3 – Woody
- Class 4 – Dale
- Class 5 – James
- Class 6 – Max

Shed Score League

- 1st – Class 6 – 207,664,406
- 2nd – Class 5 – 60,352,588
- 3rd – Class 4 – 41,238,432
- 4th – Class 3 – 35,089,742
- 5th – Class 2 – 6,633,422

Highest Earners

- 1st – Ricky Year 6
- 2nd – Mason Year 4
- 3rd – Xander Year 4

Most Improved

- 1st – Poppy Year 5
- 2nd – Elizabeth Year 6
- 3rd – Max Year 5

Highest Earners

- 1st – Summer Year 3
- 2nd – Jaxsyn Year 1
- 3rd – Frankie Year 1

Highest Accuracy

- 1st – Ruby Year 2
- 2nd – Jaxsyn Year 1
- 3rd – Caroline Year 1