

# Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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### **Multiskills Festival**

Class 3 visited Wolsingham School on Monday to take part in a multi-skills event. They joined children from other schools in carrying out a range of fun activities. They got the chance to practise their throwing, aiming and striking skills and did a brilliant job earning lots of points for their team!



### We Are Hedgehog Heroes!

A massive well done to the children in Class 3 who have worked so hard over the last year on their hedgehog project. They had to complete various tasks in order to become Hedgehog Heroes and create a hedgehog friendly campus in and around our school grounds. They did so well that they have achieved Gold status! This is a marvellous achievement awarded by The British Hedgehog Preservation Society and lasts for three years! Well done Class 3!

### **Class 5 Assembly**

A huge well done to Class 5 for their assembly this week. They focused on the important messages about keeping safe online ready for Safer Internet Day on Tuesday. Thank you to all of the friends and family who came along to support them.

#### **School Car Park**

As we are sure that you are aware, our school car park is quite small and an unusual shape which makes parking for staff challenging. Over the last few months, some staff have experienced damage to their vehicles resulting from people trying to turn around in the car park. In the past, we have regularly informed parents that the car park is for staff and authorised visitors and deliveries to the school only. Once again, we would like to remind parents that under <u>no circumstances</u> should they be entering the school car park in a vehicle whether that is dropping children off at breakfast club, dropping children off or picking the up throughout the school day or picking up from after school club – the school car park is <u>not</u> for parental use. We would be grateful if you could also make other family members, who may be dropping off or picking children up, of this. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

#### **After School Care**

As part of their strategic role in the school, Governors monitor the financial aspect of our Wrap Around Care service. You may be aware that last year, significant increases in charges for the services had to be made to try to ensure that the child care services offered by the school did not impact negatively on the school budget. This budget is for the education of all children at Wolsingham Primary School and cannot be used to subsidise childcare services. The changes implemented to some of the services have rectified their financial stability, however the Breakfast Club and particularly the After School Club are still incurring losses due to lack of uptake. In order for the After School Club to break even at current charges, we would require at least 13 children to attend until 4.30pm for each session that we run. With the current numbers of childcare until 4.30pm and more for sessions until 5.30pm. Governors wished to make parents aware of the situation as soon as possible, as this service will be reviewed again in the Summer term when they may be forced to make the strategic decision to no longer offer after school childcare.

## Dates for your diary...

Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February
School Opens	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February
World Book Day	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Parent Teacher Consultations	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March
Class 4 Tennis Festival	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March
School Closes for Easter Break	Friday 31st March

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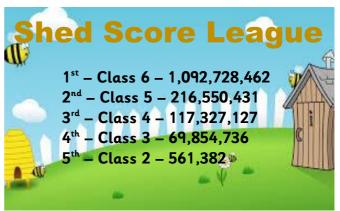
Headteacher

# This Week's Winners









## **Highest Earners**

1<sup>st</sup> - Riley Year 6 2<sup>nd</sup> - Euan Year 5 3<sup>rd</sup> - Xander Year 4

# **Most Improved**

1<sup>st</sup> – Ryan Year 6 2<sup>nd</sup> – Joshua Year 6 3<sup>rd</sup> – Poppy Year 5

### **Highest Earners**

1<sup>st</sup> – Freya S. Rec 2<sup>nd</sup> - George S. Rec 3<sup>rd</sup> - Joshua Rec

### **Highest Accuracy**

1<sup>st</sup> - Willow (Year 2) & Oban (Rec)
2<sup>nd</sup> - Harris Rec

3<sup>rd</sup> – Jaxsyn Year 1