



Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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Remembering Mrs Redfern and Mrs Meek

Following the recent loss of two much loved members of staff, the children and staff have been thinking about what they would like to do to celebrate the lives of Mrs Redfern and Mrs Meek. On Thursday 16th February, we would like to invite all children to come to school wearing bright colours and make a donation (suggested £1) via ParentPay. The donations will be made in their names and go to the two charities that their families have chosen – The Dog's Trust (Mrs Redfern) and Macmillan (Mrs Meek). On this day the children and staff will also take part in adding a ribbon to a temporary installation created in their memory.

Mrs Meek

As she had been a teacher at Wolsingham Primary School for many years, Mrs Meek's family are aware that many people within the Wolsingham Community will have known her. They have requested that we share with you that her funeral will take place on Friday 3rd March at 1pm at Darlington Crematorium. The family have requested that anyone wishing to attend wear bright colours.

Dodgeball CVL

Our dodgeball team played the last three of their games last night and played magnificently well winning two games and drawing the third. All those who have played throughout the weeks have played superbly well as a team – it was great to see them supporting each other throughout. Unfortunately, despite their wins, they didn't manage to reach the final, but we are delighted that they came in third place. Well done to all who took part and a huge thank you to all of the parents for transporting them to Bishop Barrington so that they could represent the school.

Emoji Quiz

Tuesday 7th February was Internet Safety Day. As part of our celebrations of E-Safety in school, our Year 6 members of Safety Squad have been busy preparing an "Emoji Quiz". The Emoji Quiz consists of some important e-safety rules disguised as emojis. How many can you decode? For every child who completes the quiz correctly and returns it to school, ten points will be awarded to their House Team. A huge thanks to Hubert and Finley who created the quiz as part of their Pupil Voice group!

Dogs on School Grounds

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and family members that dogs are not allowed on any part of the school site. We have been made aware of a number of dogs being tied up to the fence in the car park or being allowed to run around on the school field. We would be grateful if parents could make family members who do not receive the newsletter but help to drop off and pick up children aware of this. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Communication from DCC regarding School Meal Prices

With the continual challenges we are facing in terms of inflation and energy and to ensure a sustainable and nutritious meal is provided to the Children, it has been necessary to agree a price increase in relation to the Primary School meal. From Monday 27th February (following the half-term break) a school meal will cost £2.41 per day. From September 2023 meals will increase to £2.50 per day with this rate fixed until April 2024. The meals are freshly produced on site by a catering supplier Chartwell's and offer a 3-choice menu per day. Each meal is developed to ensure the right amount of protein, carbohydrates, fruit, and vegetables is available while avoiding confectionary and artificially sweetened drinks, with limits on the fat, salt, and sugar content in each meal. The good news is if your child or children attend an infant school or infant class from Reception to Year 2 (KS1) then school meals will be free to

them under the government Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme. Don't forget that if your child has a medical dietary requirement (supported by a Medical Practitioner) then this can be provided for. This is an unprecedented period of financial challenge across a range of Industry sectors and services, the education team has worked hard with the current provider to agree a pricing mechanism to ensure a high quality and sustainable meal service is provided for Children within Durham Schools. Thank you for your support.

Digital World Book Day is 2nd March and digital tokens are now available

Download the digital £1 World Book Day book token you need by clicking the link below. The token redemption date for the £1 book tokens is from **16 February – 26 March 2023**.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/primary-digital-token/>
<https://www.worldbookday.com/secondary-digital-token/>

The book token barcode can either be scanned from a phone/tablet screen or printed out and shown in-store. Please check with your local bookseller before visiting to find out if they can accept the barcode on mobile devices. [World Book Day website](#). World book Day tokens will also be sent home with children when we celebrate World Book Day on 2nd March.

Co-opted Governors

The Governing Body currently has vacancies for Co-opted Governors. These Governors are appointed from members of the local community who do not have children at the school but who have an interest in supporting the school and the community. They should have knowledge, experience and skills in areas such as strategic leadership, accountability, finance and compliance, which would be useful to the strategic running of a school. We would be grateful if you would pass on the information to anyone who might be interested in the role and ask them to contact us.

Dates for your diary...

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

S. Kitching

Headteacher

This Week's Winners

Star of the Week

- Class 1 – Evelyn
- Class 2 – Charley
- Class 3 – Woody
- Class 4 – Isabella
- Class 5 – Libby
- Class 6 – Ryan

Class Dojo VIP

- Class 1 – Joshua
- Class 2 – Finlay
- Class 3 – Isabell
- Class 4 – Freya
- Class 5 – Rory
- Class 6 – Lola

Top Spellers

- Class 2 – Beau
- Class 3 – Roman
- Class 4 – Ben
- Class 5 – Jack
- Class 6 – Zack B.

Shed Score League

- 1st – Class 3 – 184,888,847
- 2nd – Class 5 – 176,844,344
- 3rd – Class 6 – 167,197,229
- 4th – Class 4 – 96,028,486
- 5th – Class 2 – 14,322,062

Highest Earners

- 1st – Zach A. Year 5
- 2nd – Jakson Year 3
- 3rd – Oliver Year 4

Most Improved

- 1st – Bentley Year 4
- 2nd – Ryan Year 6
- 3rd – William B. Year 3

Highest Earners

- 1st – Joshua Rec
- 2nd – Freya S. Rec
- 3rd – Caroline Year 1

Highest Accuracy

- 1st – Willow (Y2) & Mollie (Y1)
- 2nd – Freya S. Rec
- 3rd – James Rec