



Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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Goodbye and Good Luck Mrs Wilkinson

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Wilkinson and wished her good luck in her new job. We would like to thank her on behalf of the children, staff and Governors for the hard work and dedication that she has given to the school in the nine years she has worked at Wolsingham Primary School. We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr Smith who will be our Class 3 teacher until the end of the summer term.

Remembering Mrs Redfern and Mrs Meek

Our bright colour day on Thursday enabled us to remember fondly Mrs Redfern and Mrs Meek and be thankful that we were able to get to know them so well and spend so much time with them over the years. The children and staff tied their ribbons into our heart on the fence in the playground which now flutter in the breeze, reminding us all that they will be with us in our hearts always. We would like to say a huge thank you to all those who made a donation towards their charities – a wonderful £300 was raised, with £150 going to both The Dog's Trust and Macmillan.

House Team Event

Our children have been working hard over the last term to earn points for their house team. A huge thank you to all of the children who took part in the Emoji Quiz and earned their house 10 points each. Our team event this morning was an E-safety Competition where the children from each team worked together to create an E-Safety mascot, logo and poster. Different teams won different elements of the competition with the **Blue** team becoming the winning team earning a total of 2,250 points. The overall house team results for the Spring term are as follows:

1 st	Blue Team
2 nd	Green Team
3 rd	Red Team
4 th	Yellow Team



Class Dojo 100% Awards

Congratulations to all of the children this term. **169** pupils received their 100% Green Dojo Award for consistently behaving in line with the school code of conduct and working hard this half term.

World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 2nd March. Instead of dressing up this year, we have decided to challenge all of the children to decorate a potato to look like a character from a story. They can stand alone or be part of a scene from their favourite story. Children should bring their entry into school on Thursday 2nd March where a winner will be chosen from each class who will receive a prize. We will also be holding a book exchange where each child can bring in a book that they no longer want and exchange it for a different one – books should be brought in on the morning of World Book Day.

Swimming

After half term, Class 3 will be taking part in swimming lessons at Wolsingham Pool. Class 4 children have now completed their swimming sessions until next academic year. Class 3 children will be swimming on Tuesday afternoons setting off at 12.40pm and returning to school by 2.20pm. We would be grateful if they could bring their swimming kit consisting of a towel, trunks (not shorts) or costume and swimming hat (essential) each Tuesday beginning on Tuesday 28th February.

New Climbing Equipment for EYFS

On Monday 27th February, work will begin to replace the old trim trail equipment in the EYFS area. The new equipment will be funded by the Sports Premium and will provide our youngest children with equipment which will better support their physical development and enable them to develop their core strength. There will be a barrier in place and work will cease whilst Nursery children are dropped off and picked up. We would like to ask our Nursery parents to help us to ensure the safety of the children by supervising them closely during these times. Our Reception children will use other areas of the school grounds whilst it is being installed.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Parent Teacher Consultations will take place from **Monday 6th March**. Parents should have received a text message or email with a link to make their own appointment online via Teachers2Parents, the same system we use for text messages. We are offering a 10 minute appointment with the class teacher to update parents on their progress and current targets. 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. In the week beginning 13th March, Nursery will be holding Stay and Play sessions which are 1 hour sessions when a parent can come into Nursery to play alongside their child, as well as speak to their child's key worker about their child's interests and what they could do to help them develop at home. Parents should have received an email with further details about how to book.

Holiday Childcare

Thank you to all those who booked a place at holiday childcare over the February half term. Unfortunately, we did not have enough interest for the Thursday session and therefore cancelled it, letting all those who had already booked a session know. Holiday Club therefore will only run on Wednesday 22nd February. Please note that due to health and safety reasons, we are not able to accept children who have not already made a booking with the school office.

Year 5 and 6 Residential Visit to Robinwood

Year 5 and 6 parents should have received an email this week regarding the residential visit to Robinwood in June. If you are interested in your child taking part in the visit, please complete the online form and pay the deposit of £20 by Friday 24th February.

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 Opens	Monday 27 th February
Class 2 Visit to Beamish Museum	Wednesday 1 st March
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
Nursery Stay and Play Sessions	Week Beg 13 th March
School Closes for Easter Break	Friday 31 st March

S. Kitching

Headteacher

This Week's Winners



Star of the Week

Class 1 – George S.
Class 2 – Darcie
Class 3 – Ding Hao
Class 4 – Chester
Class 5 – Ben
Class 6 – Riley



Class Dojo VIP

Class 1 – Taylor
Class 2 – Charlotte
Class 3 – Matilda
Class 4 – Amelia
Class 5 – Xander
Class 6 – Drew



Top Spellers

Class 2 – Cooper
Class 3 – Roman
Class 4 – Ben
Class 5 – Xander
Class 6 – Oliver



Shed Score League

1st – Class 6 – 203,838,003
2nd – Class 5 – 91,483,372
3rd – Class 3 – 75,139,196
4th – Class 4 – 46,146,233
5th – Class 2 – 5,353,350



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 – Dillan Year 2
2nd – Matilda Year 2
3rd – George Year 3



Highest Accuracy

1st – Jaxsyn Year 1
2nd – Willow Year 1
3rd – Thomas E. Year 1