



# Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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## EYFS Visit to Hall Hill Farm

Nursery and Reception visited Hall Hill Farm this week. They had a great day despite the cold and wet weather. The children enjoyed a tractor ride, especially when the alpacas were following the tractor. They handled some small animals such as chicks, rabbits and guinea pigs. A highlight of the day was bottle-feeding some baby lambs. They also fed larger animals on the farm including donkeys, sheep, goats and Highland cows. The Hall Hill Farm staff were very impressed with the children's knowledge of farm animals.

## Class 1 Spring Crafts

Reception children had a lovely afternoon doing Spring themed crafts with their parents. They made Easter nests, Spring wreaths and used collage techniques to make chicks and sheep pictures. It was lovely to see so many parents in school having fun with their children.

## Class 5 & 6 Firefighter Visit

Two firefighters visited the school this week to teach Class 5 and 6 about arson. They learned that arson is deliberate fire starting which is dangerous because it causes property damage; the fire can spread and it produces dangerous smoke.

Zack – "I learned that even 3 breaths of smoke from a wheelie bin fire is toxic and can leave you unconscious."

Charlotte – "It was inspirational to find out about all the different types of emergencies the fire service is involved in."

## Easter Egg Decorating Competition



Well done to everyone – the decorated eggs were wonderful! Thank you to parents for providing eggs and other resources. The winners received their prizes in assembly and points for their team.

	Winner	Runner Up
Reception	Evelyn Alliston-Godding	Logan Saunter
Year 1	Frankie Fearn	Ruby Hodgson
Year 2	Ruby Clarke	Edward Turton
Year 3	Joe Walker	Lilly-Rose Kenny
Year 4	Beau Gill	Josie Duckling
Year 5	Charlotte Garry	Gabriel Murray-English
Year 6	Amie Hall	Lexi Wilson

This **Yellow Team** were the team event winners and are also this half term's winning team.  
Well Done Yellow Team!



## Class Dojo 100% Awards

Congratulations to the vast majority of the children this term. **159** pupils will receive their 100% Green Dojo Award for consistently behaving in line with the school code of conduct and working hard this half term.

## Free Thermometers

The NHS has published information for parents called 'The Little Orange Book' which is free to order and is full of expert advice to help your children when they are poorly. Information about how to get a copy of this is attached to this newsletter. They have also provided a small supply of thermometers to school which are available free of charge to any parents who don't have one at home. Please call into the school office if you would like one.

## Respecting the School Grounds

It has been brought to our attention that there have been a number of children walking through the planting bed surrounding the large tree stump on the Key Stage 1 playground before and after school and sitting on the tree stump. We have also noticed a number of children climbing on the fence between the playground and the field and walking/standing in the planting beds around the playgrounds. We would be grateful if parents could help us to encourage the children to demonstrate respectful behaviours whilst on the school grounds. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## After School Club

Following on from our previous newsletter item regarding After School Club provision, we would like to inform parents using our After School Club that the provision will continue to run in the next academic year and from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April, our provision will be supervised by one member of staff per session. Governors will continue to monitor the financial viability of the provision across 2023/24.

## Emergency Alert

As you may be aware from recent press coverage, the Government are planning to send out an 'Emergency Alert' test on the evening of 23/04/2023. The alert will vibrate and play a loud siren-like sound, even if the device is on silent. Mobile phone masts in the surrounding area will broadcast the alert and every compatible mobile phone or tablet in range of a mast will receive the alert. Mobile phones / tablets do NOT have to be connected to mobile data or Wi-Fi to receive the alerts. There is an option to 'Opt Out' of emergency alerts, but the government are advising they remain on for safety reasons. For more information visit - <https://www.gov.uk/alerts> For information on 'Opt Out' visit - <https://www.gov.uk/alerts/how-alerts-work>

## Dates for your diary...

School Opens	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April
School Photographs	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April
Robinwood Information Meeting	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 5pm
Bank Holiday- School Closed	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May
Class 2 Assembly	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 10.30am
Coronation Celebration Day	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
Bank Holiday- School Closed	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May
Key Stage 2 SATs	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May
Class 4 & 5 Visit to Oriental Museum	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May
School Opens	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June

*S. Kitching*

Headteacher

# This Week's Winners

## Star of the Week

Class 1 – Bonnie  
Class 2 – Isaac  
Class 3 – Maverick  
Class 4 – Leon  
Class 5 – Teddy  
Class 6 – Ethan

## Class Dojo VIP

Class 1 – Ted  
Class 2 – Frankie  
Class 3 – Joe  
Class 4 – Karmen  
Class 5 – Poppy  
Class 6 – Zack B.

## Top Spellers

Class 2 – Finlay  
Class 3 – Calum  
Class 4 – Mason  
Class 5 – Zhixuan  
Class 6 – Ricky

## Shed Score League

1<sup>st</sup> – Class 3 – 122,486,354  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Class 4 – 115,293,767  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Class 6 – 85,084,531  
4<sup>th</sup> – Class 5 – 28,537,508  
5<sup>th</sup> – Class 2 – 18,338,417

## Highest Earners

1<sup>st</sup> – Jack LC. Year 5  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Xander Year 4  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Euan Year 5

## Most Improved

1<sup>st</sup> – Ginny Year 6  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Gabriella Year 4  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Corinne Year 4

## Highest Earners

1<sup>st</sup> – Dillan Year 2  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Matilda Year 2  
3<sup>rd</sup> – George Year 3

## Highest Accuracy

1<sup>st</sup> – Matilda Year 2  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Logan Reception  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Ruby Year 1