



Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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Year 5/6 Tag Rugby

On Monday evening, our Year 5/6 Tag Rugby team scored yet another victory playing the winners of the Bishop Auckland League at Parkside. Zach A, Carter and Finlay had the following report on the match:

"The game was tough and Toft Hill were a difficult team to play. We were ahead for most of the match, but actually came very close to losing it at the end. Fortunately, a pass to Ben allowed him to score a try and make it 11-11 with only seconds remaining. Extra time was tense, but the final score was 13-12 to Wolsingham. After winning against Toft Hill, we have made it to the County League Final!"

We look forward to our pupils competing at the County Finals at Consett Rugby Club on the morning of 18th March 2024.

Reception Maths Workshop for Parents

Thank you to all of the Reception parents who came along to find out more about how they can support their child's maths learning at home. We hope that you received an insight into how maths is taught in Reception and came away with some useful tips about how you might support them at home.



Harvest Assembly

This year our Harvest Assembly will take place in school On Wednesday 25th October at 10.30am, led by Mrs Kitching and involving some of our Year 6 pupils reading poems, a performance by our new school choir and the whole school singing some of the harvest songs we love. We have a limited number of places for parents or family members to join us. If you would like to come along, please contact the school office and Mrs Rowell will issue you a ticket

to attend. This year we would like to support the local foodbank by making a monetary donation so that they can top up their stocks with items that are needed but are not often donated. If you would like to make a donation, we suggest £1, please login to ParentPay by Thursday 26th October where there will be an option to make a donation if you would like to.

Absolute Trash Team Event

This half term our team event is going to be a recycling fashion challenge – 'Absolute Trash', each team will be working to create fashion items out of 'junk' materials. We would be grateful if parents would keep recyclable materials e.g. plastic carrier bags, food boxes, milk container tops, kitchen roll tubes etc. and send them into school before **Monday 23rd October** so that the children can utilise them for their challenge.

Parent Teacher Consultation Appointments

Parent Teacher Consultations will take place from **Monday 13th November**. As we are in the process of transferring to Arbor as our communication system, this time the system for making appointments will be slightly different. Parents should have received an email with a link to an online form. We would be grateful if parents would indicate on the form all of the days and time slots (in half hour time frames) that they would be able to attend. We will then make the appointments and let you know via text when your appointment is. We are offering a **10 minute** appointment with the class teacher to update parents on how their child has settled in, 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.

Halloween Dress Up Day

On Friday 27th October is Halloween Dress Up Day. We are inviting all of our children to come to school on that day in their Halloween costumes – remember costumes don't have to be bought. We love to see the creativity in homemade costumes and with the bad weather due this weekend, it might be a nice activity for the family to do together.

Autumn 2 Swimming

After the half term, **Year 5** (not Class 5) will go swimming on Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure that children in **Year 5** have their kit (swimming costume, towel and swimming hat) in school on that day. We also need some help walking the children to and from their swimming lesson. If you are able to help, please contact the school office - we would be very grateful for the help.



Facebook Checklist

The Facebook checklist provides you with information as to how you can keep your Facebook profile under your control. Please [click here](#) to see the checklist.

‘Think before you post’

“We ask that social media, whether public or private, should not be used to fuel campaigns and voice complaints against the school, school staff, parents or children. Online activity which we consider inappropriate:

- Identifying or posting images/videos of children without permission
- Abusive or personal comments about staff, governors, children or other parents
- Bringing the school in disrepute
- Posting defamatory or libellous comments
- Emails circulated or sent directly with abusive or personal comments about staff or children
- Using social media to publicly challenge school policies or discuss issues about individual children or members of staff
- Threatening behaviour, such as verbally intimidating staff, or using bad language
- Breaching school security procedures

In serious cases the school and the Local Authority will also consider its legal options to deal with any such misuse of social networking and other sites. This extends to any other defamatory or libellous behaviours.”

You may remember that last March we introduced our Respect Policy. Part of this policy includes online behaviour – see above. We have been made aware that once again some parents are discussing or making comments about other people’s children online – this includes via social media such as WhatsApp groups. Comments made about other children cause unnecessary distress to both the children involved and their parents, therefore we would urge parents not to post or take part in such online discussions. If you feel there is an issue between children at school, please contact your child’s class teacher to discuss the matter.

Dates for your diary...

KS2 Intra-house Dodgeball Competition	Monday 23rd October
Harvest Assembly	Wednesday 25 th October 10.30am
EYFS Halloween Craft Sessions	Thursday 26 th October Nurs am / Rec pm
Halloween Dress Up Day	Friday 27 th October
School Closes	Friday 27 th October
School Opens	Monday 6 th November
Class 4 Stone Age Day	Monday 6 th November
KS1 Intra-house Multiskills Competition	Tuesday 7th November
KS2 Cross Country Competition	Friday 10th November
Odd Socks Day	Monday 13th November
Nursery Rhyme Week	Monday 13th – Friday 17th November
Parent Teacher Consultations Class 1, 2, 3 and 6	Monday 13th and Wednesday 15th November
Parent Teacher Consultations - Class 4	Mon 13th and Tues 14th November
Parent Teacher Consultations - Class 5	Mon 13th, Tues 14th and Wed 15th November
Children In Need	Friday 17th November
Class 5 Assembly	Wednesday 29th November
EYFS Pantomime Visit	Tuesday 5th December
Christmas Lunch / Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 8 th December
EYFS Nativity	Tuesday 12th December 10.30am

KS1 Christmas Production	Wednesday 13th December 10am and 5pm
KS2 Carol Service	Thursday 14th December 2pm
Christmas Fair	Friday 15th December 3.30pm - 5.30pm
EYFS Christmas Party	Monday 18th December am
KS1 Christmas Party	Monday 18th December pm
Y3/4 Christmas Party	Tuesday 19th December am
Y5/6 Christmas Party	Tuesday 19th December pm
School Closes for Christmas Break	Tuesday 19th December
School Reopens	Thursday 4 th January

S. Kitching

Headteacher

This Week's Winners

Star of the Week

Class 1 – Reuben
Class 2 – Lennox
Class 3 – Thomas L
Class 4 – Calum
Class 5 – Isabell
Class 6 – Matthew

Class Dojo VIP

Class 1 – Aoife
Class 2 – Freya S
Class 3 – Frankie
Class 4 – Maverick
Class 5 – Lara
Class 6 – Charlotte

Top Spellers

Class 3 – Jaxsyn
Class 4 – Calum
Class 5 – Josie
Class 6 – Sebastian

Shed Score League

1st – Class 6 – 89,306,220
2nd – Class 4 – 62,153,062
3rd – Class 5 – 56,002,238
4th – Class 3 – 20,550,332

Highest Earners

1st – Jack Year 6
2nd – Ben Year 6
3rd – Zack B Year 6

Most Improved

1st – Beau G Year 5
2nd – Chester M Year 5
3rd – Harry P Year 5

Highest Earners

1st – Joshua Year 1
2nd – James Year 1
3rd – Tom Year 1

Highest Accuracy

1st – Tom CW Year 2 & Arthur Year 1
2nd – George R Year 1
3rd – Mollie Year 2