

# Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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# Harvest Assembly

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for our harvest assembly this week. We hope that you enjoyed it. Our Team Captains did a marvellous job with their readings and our new choir did a great job with their first public performance! We would like to thank you for your kind donations to support the local foodbank so that they can top up their stocks with items that are needed but

are not often donated. We raised £77 in total.

#### Team Event

Our sporting House Team event this half term was dodgeball. On Monday afternoon, all of the children from Year 3 to Year 6 played in an intra-house event. All of the children did a super job and worked hard in their house teams to win as many games as possible. The results of the event were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> – 1300 points	Blue Team and Yellow Team
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 1100 points	Red Team
3 <sup>rd</sup> - 500 points	Green Team

Today, all of the children from Year 1 to Year 6 took part in our 'Absolute Trash' team event. Year 1/2 children made clothes to wear in the cold weather, Year 3/4 made an outfit to wear to exercise or work out in and Year 5/6 made an outfit to wear to a wedding. All of the children did a super job. Thank you to Councillor Savory, Mrs Clark, Mrs Ashcroft and Mr Stockwell for judging the event. The results of the event were as follows:

	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
1 <sup>st</sup> – 1000 points	Blue Team	Green Team	Yellow Team
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 750 points	Yellow Team and Green Team	Red Team	Blue Team
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 500 points	Red Team	Yellow Team	Red Team and Green team
4 <sup>th</sup> – 250 points		Blue Team	

All of the children have worked hard over the half term to earn points for their house team and this half term's winners were the Blue Team!



#### Class Dojo 100% Awards

Congratulations to the **158** pupils who received their 100% Green Dojo Award for consistently behaving in line with the school code of conduct and working hard this half term! Each child has earned 5 points for their team

#### **Parent Teacher Consultation Appointments**

Thank you to all those who have completed the online form letting us know your availability for Parent Teacher Consultation meetings. If you have responded, you should have received a text message confirming the date and time of your appointment. If this is not the case, please contact the school office. If you have not already completed the online form, please do so by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

#### **EYFS Halloween Craft Sessions**

A big thank you to all of the family members who attended our EYFS Halloween craft sessions this week. We hope that you enjoyed spending time with the children in school and that you enjoyed getting crafty!

### **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.

#### **Forest School Sessions**

After the half term, Year 6 will be taking part in Forest School sessions on a Thursday afternoon. As all sessions will take place outside, we would be grateful if children would bring old, warm clothes, waterproofs or a waterproof coat and wellies or boots on that day.

# **Staffing Update**

After 30 years of service to the school, we are sad to tell you that Mrs Crinnion has decided that it is time for her to retire. She will be leaving us on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November and will be a huge miss to our whole school community. We wish her a long and happy retirement and hope that she will pop back in to see us from time to time. Unfortunately, recent recruitment to her post proved unsuccessful and we will be re-advertising her post to try to ensure that we appoint the best possible person to join us. On to some happy news - Miss Coote and her husband are having a baby in the coming months and she will be leaving us in the spring term to start her maternity leave. We are currently advertising for a teacher to cover her maternity leave and will update you when we have appointed the new teacher.



#### Remembrance

As we do each year, Wolsingham Primary School will be laying a poppy wreath at the remembrance service that takes place in the market place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November meeting at 10.30am. If your child will be attending the service and would like to lay the wreath on behalf of the school, please contact the school

office. Poppy themed items will be available for the children to buy from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November priced at 50p, £1.50 or £2.00, as well as paper poppies that we suggest a donation of 50p for. If your child would like to bring some money to buy something, we would be grateful if you could send them with money in small denomination coins (10p, 20p, 50p and £1).

#### **Book Fair**

The book fair is back! Our annual book fairs were always a huge success and holding it in November is the perfect opportunity to buy books as Christmas gifts. 60% of all sales is given back to the school in books. The book fair will be arriving at Wolsingham Primary on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Parents and carers are welcome to come along with their children at the following times:

Book Fayre Opening Times		
Wednesday – Friday	8.30am – 9.00am	
	3.15pm – 3.45pm	



#### **Parental Controls**

Parental controls allow you to block and filter upsetting or inappropriate content. They work across your WiFi, phone network, individual apps and devices. Parental controls can help you to:

- Plan what time of day your child can go online and how long for
- Create content filters to block apps that may have inappropriate content
- Manage the content different family members can see.

Click on the following link to find out more: <u>https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/</u>

# Dates for your diary...

School Opens	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November
Class 4 Stone Age Day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November
KS1 Intra-house Multiskills Competition	Tuesday 7th November
Scholastic Book Fair	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> 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, Tues14th and Wed15th 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> January

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