

Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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Arbor Parent Portal / App

A huge thank you to everyone who has downloaded the Arbor App and logged in. We are now at 70% of parents and we will keep working hard to promote this to the remaining 30%.

As not all of our parents are yet using the app, we have decided to send out information about extra-curricular activities for next

term via email and booking will take place via forms. You can now book sessions for our Breakfast Club and After School Club for next half term via the app. Please remember that we will begin to send out messages via the in-app messaging service from **Monday 26**th **February**. Thank you to those parents in Reception to Year 6, who have used Arbor to book your Parent Teacher Consultation appointments.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Parent Teacher Consultations for Reception to Year 6 will take place from **Monday 11**th and **Tuesday 12**th **March**. Parents should log into the **Arbor App** to book their preferred appointment time. 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 11th 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.



Happy Chinese New Year!

A big thank you to Zhixuan and Ding Hao's mum for bringing fortune cookies into school last week for every child to celebrate Chinese New Year. We hope that all of our pupils and their families who celebrated Chinese New Year thoroughly enjoyed the festivities. 新年快乐 (Happy New Year!)

Spring Term House Team Event

Our children have been working hard over the last term to earn points for their house team. Our team event today was a Spelling Bee. Due to the event taking longer than anticipated, the results will be announced to the children and on our newsletter after the half term break. All of the children used all of their spelling knowledge and perseverance to spell as many words correctly as possible.



Class Dojo 100% Awards

Congratulations to the vast majority of the children this term. **158** 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.

Swimming Sessions

Year 4 children will be swimming on Tuesday afternoons next half term. Children will require a swimming kit consisting of a one-piece swim suit or trunks (not shorts), a towel and swimming hat which is essential. Goggles are permitted, but are not essential. Please note that the children should not be sent with shampoo, shower gel or talc to these sessions as they do not have time to use them. The children have quite a short period of time in which to get changed before the next school arrives for their lesson.

Forest School

Next half term, **Year 3** children will be taking part in Forest School sessions on Thursday afternoons. All sessions will take place outside and therefore we would be grateful if children would bring old, warm clothes, waterproofs or a waterproof coat and wellies or boots on that day.



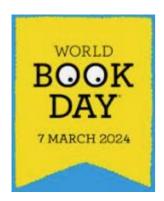
Social Media

The following link provides useful information and advice about key social media platforms and apps.

https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/social-media-guides

Parish Council New Phone Number

We have been asked to let all of our parents know about a change to the phone number on which you can contact Wolsingham Parish Council. The new number is 07852480637.



World Book Day

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day in the following ways: Extreme Reading Competition – children are invited to enter the extreme reading competition by having a photograph of them taken reading in an unusual place and sending it into school via the school email address by Wednesday 6th March.

Wearing a Costume – children are invited to come to school, if they wish, dressed up as a story book character. We encourage children to create a homemade costume and ask that bought superhero costumes are not worn. This is an optional activity and if children do not wish to take part, they should come to school wearing their school uniform and not non-

uniform

Bring and Book to Share – children are invited to bring one of their favourite books from home to share with a child from another class on World Book Day.

Sponsored Read – Throughout the month of March, we will be holding a sponsored read competition. Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 will be sponsored to read as many books as they can and Key Stage 2 children will be sponsored per word (Accelerated Reader can tell us how many words each child has read from the books they have quizzed on). The money raised will be used to continue to replenish the school library and the books available for children to read in school.

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 16 th February
School Opens	Monday 26 th February
Y1-Y6 Cricket Taster Day	Wednesday 6 th March
World Book Day	Thursday 7 th March
Class 4 Tennis Festival	Monday 11 th March
Parent Teacher Consultations	Wk Beg: 11 th March
Cross Country Finals	Friday 15 th March
Red Nose Day	Friday 15 th March

S. Kítchíng

Headteacher

This Week's Winners









Highest Earners

1st – Euan Year 6 2nd – Zach A. Year 6 3rd – Oliver Year 6

Most Improved

1st – Jakson Year 4 2nd – Beau Year 5 3rd – Morgan Year 6

Highest Earners

1st – Harris Year 1
2nd – Ted Year 1
3rd – Arthur Year 1

Highest Accuracy

1st – Logan Year 1 2nd – Oban Year 1 3rd – Evelyn Year 1