

Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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Arbor Support

A huge thank you to all parents who have logged into the Arbor Parent Portal or via the app. We now have 94% of our parents linked into the system. Thank you also to parents who have contacted us about any issues that they have come across whilst trying to log in. If you ever have a problem or have a query, please don't hesitate to get in touch and we will do our best to help.

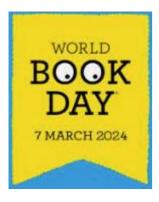
Parent Teacher Consultations

Parent Teacher Consultations for Reception to Year 6 will take place from **Monday 11**th and **Tuesday 12**th **March**. A huge thank you to all of the parents who have completed the booking via the Arbor Parent Portal. The booking form has now closed. If you have not yet made an appointment and would like to make one, please contact the school office.

Spring Term House Team Event

Congratulations to the winning team for our end of Spring 1 Spelling Bee - the Yellow team! The overall results for the house team competition for the Spring 1 term were as follows:

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



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, starting from Monday 4th March, we will be holding a sponsored read competition. Since all children are motivated in different ways and are at different places in their reading development, we have decided that it is most appropriate for each parent, in negotiation with their child, to determine whether sponsorship is based on minutes spent reading, pages read or number of books completed. The sponsorship form will be able to be adapted accordingly. The money raised will be used to continue to replenish the school library and the books available for children to read, share and enjoy in school. Sponsorship forms will be sent home with children on Monday 4th March.



Mother's Day Gifts

Year 6 children on behalf of Friends of the School will be in the Key Stage 2 corridor from Monday 5th March until Friday 8th March selling Mother's Day gifts. There will be a range of items to choose from and children are invited to bring £2 in cash into school next week to buy a gift for Mother's Day. Get in early to avoid disappointment!

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.

Breakfast Club and After School Club Update

As many of you will know, at the end of the last academic year, the governing body was considering the future of the wrap around care services due to them not making enough revenue to support themselves. Back in the Autumn term, we made the decision to reduce the staffing of the after school club service. We are pleased to inform you that this decision has resulted in the after school club now at least breaking even. The Breakfast Club service, however, continues to run at a loss. As the wrap around care service as a whole now breaks even and therefore does not impact on the school budget, governors have decided to continue all wrap around care services for the remainder of the academic year and will continue to monitor their financial viability on a termly basis.



NSPCC Listen Up Speak Up

The following link provides a link to the NSPCC 10 minute digital training for every adult to help them to know what the signs are that a child might be at risk and what they might be able to do to help.

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/listen-up-speak-up/

Star of the Week

This week we have made some changes to our Star of the Week assembly that we hold on Friday afternoons to celebrate the hard work of our children. We have reinstated our Silver Spoon and Golden Broom awards. The Silver Spoon being awarded to the year group who have behaved the best in the hall during lunchtime and the Golden Broom being awarded to the class whose classroom has been the tidiest that week. Our lunchtime and cleaning staff are delighted to be involved in deciding the winners of these awards each week. We have also decided that our Stars of the Week will be awarded based on our school values — Excellence, Respect, Friendship, Determination, Courage, Equality, Inspiration, Resilience and Perseverance. Staff will be looking out for children demonstrating any one of these qualities when deciding upon their star of the week.

Dates for your diary...

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

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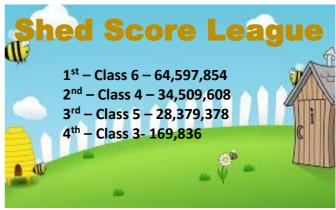
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This Week's Winners









Highest Earners

1st – Scarlett Year 6 2nd – Libby Year 6 3rd – Beau Year 5

Most Improved

1st - Alexandra Year 4 2nd - Rory Year 6 3rd - Bentley Year 5

Highest Earners

1st – Ted Year 1 2nd – Arthur Year 1 3rd – Freya S. Year 1

Highest Accuracy

1st - Logan Year 1 2nd - Lennox Year 1 3rd - George R. Year 1