



Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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Early Maths / Seesaw Meeting for Reception Parents

On Thursday 18th September Miss Stoker will be holding an information meeting for Reception parents. This meeting has two purposes: 1. Early Years Maths - to explain how maths is taught in Reception class so parents know how to support their child with developing key skills in maths that will help them throughout their time in primary school. 2. To introduce the SEESAW app and explain how it will be used to share learning and experiences at home. It would be helpful if parents could install the SEESAW app on their smartphones or tablets and bring them to the meeting. Please do not create an account for your child on SEESAW as Miss Stoker has already created one for them that is linked to the school account. She will give parents their log in information at the meeting on Thursday.

CAULIFLOWER CARDS



Cauliflower Cards

Friends of the School are taking part in the Cauliflower Christmas Project fundraising event again this year. The children have been busy creating their Christmas card designs which can be professionally printed to produce personalised Christmas cards, gift labels, wrapping paper

and mugs. Not only would it be very exciting for your child to see their work as a finished printed product, the cards themselves are great for sending a more personal greeting to friends and family at Christmas and the mugs are great for gifts! Their designs will be sent home in the next couple of weeks and all of the instructions to order Christmas cards, wrapping paper, gift tags, mugs etc. are on the piece of paper that comes along with your child's design. If you would like to place an order, please make sure that you have ordered your cards online before returning the design back to the class teacher by **Friday 10th October**. Thank you.

Wrap Around Care

Don't forget that we run both Breakfast and After School Clubs at Wolsingham Primary for children from Reception to Year 6. Our breakfast club runs from 8am until the start of the school day for a cost of £3 per session without breakfast and £4 per session with breakfast included. After School Club runs until 5.30pm and can be booked either until 4.30pm for a cost of £6 per session and until 5.30pm for a cost of £9 per session. All can be booked up to 24 hours in advance via the Arbor app. We are also part of the Government Tax-free Childcare Scheme (<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>) – if you are eligible for tax-free childcare and would like to know how to arrange to use it to help with childcare costs in school, please contact Mrs Rowell in the school office.

Applying for a school place for next year

Applications for primary and secondary places are now open. Applications close at midnight on 15th January 2026 (primary) and 31st October 2025 (secondary). Find out more: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>. We will be holding an Open Event for any parents of children due to start primary school in September 2026 later in the half term. Please keep an eye out for more details and encourage anyone you know with children of Nursery age to come along to have a look around and find out more about our school.

Meet the Teacher Night – including information about Statutory Assessments

Parents and carers of children in Years 1-6 are warmly invited to our 'Meet the Teacher Night' on **Monday 15th September at 5.00pm**. Teachers will be explaining class procedures and providing important information where appropriate about statutory assessments such as the Year 1 phonics check, Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check and KS2 SATs. The meeting should last no longer than half an hour and is for **parents and carers only**; please try and attend if you can. We look forward to seeing you!

Regular attendance at school is essential if children are to make good progress in their learning – we would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents who worked hard to ensure their child has a good level of attendance last year. Any absence from school can have such a huge impact on the progress they make. We would like to remind parents that holidays in term time **will not** be authorised. Unfortunately, on occasions, parents report their child's absence as illness rather than completing the Pupil Leave of Absence form. If we have reason to believe that an absence has been due to holiday rather than illness, these absences will be recorded as unauthorised. Any case of irregular attendance due to unauthorised leave of absence in term time of **5 school days for more** in a minimum 10 rolling school week period **will** be referred to the Attendance Improvement Team to issue a Fixed Penalty Notice. We would also like to remind parents that non-urgent medical and dental appointments wherever possible should also be made out of school hours.

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.

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they're unwell. There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school each day. Let us know that your child won't be in and give us the reason. If your child is well enough to come school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let us know. For more information and support, please use the following link <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> for advice.

Class 6 Handball Festival	Monday 15 th September
Year 1-Year 6 Meet the Teacher Evening	Monday 15 th September 5pm
Early Maths / Seesaw Meeting for Reception Parents	Thursday 18 th September 5pm
RWInc. Meeting for Reception Parents	Thursday 25 th September 5pm
Flu Immunisations	Thursday 18 th September
Year 2 Kurling and Boccia Festival	Monday 6 th October
Class 6 Assembly	Wednesday 8 th October 10.30am
Cauliflower Card Deadline	Friday 10 th October
Family Friday – details to follow on future newsletters	Friday 17 th October
Harvest Festival	Wednesday 22 nd October 2pm
Halloween Dress Up Day	Friday 25 th October
School Closes	Friday 24 th October
School Opens	Monday 3 rd November

S. Kitching
Headteacher

This Week's Winners

Star of the Week

Class 2 – Ellie
Class 3 – Holly
Class 4 – Izak
Class 5 – Emmi
Class 6 – Olivia

Class Dojo VIP

Class 2 – Albie
Class 3 – Albie
Class 4 – Joshua
Class 5 – Sophia
Class 6 – Euan

Top Spellers

Class 3 – Holly
Class 4 – Ted
Class 5 – Finlay
Class 6 – Zac

Shed Score League

1st – Class 6 – 122,650,550
2nd – Class 4 – 35,995,461
3rd – Class 5 – 14,903,211
4th – Class 3 – 6,491,636

Highest Earners

1st – Zac B – Year 5
2nd – Woody M – Year 5
3rd – Lily-Rose K – Year 6

Most Improved

1st – Calum G – Year 6
2nd – William R – Year 6
3rd – Chloe-Ann T – Year 6

Highest Earners

1st – Hallie S – Year 1
2nd – Jacob B – Year 1
3rd – Cole B – Year 2

Highest Accuracy

1st – Eli S – Year 1
2nd – Arthur R – Year 1
3rd – Scarlett P – Year 1