



Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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Happy New Year!

Welcome back to school and a very Happy New Year to you all!

Attendance

Our average attendance so far this year is **96.4%**. Well done to Class 5 who are our Awesome Attenders this week!

Attendance this week	
Class 1	97.78%
Class 2	96.47%
Class 3	99.0%
Class 4	94.62%
Class 5	99.67%
Class 6	90.0%

Medications in School

Just a reminder that if your child requires any sort of medication whilst in school, parents must complete a form which is available from the school office. This includes prescribed medications, over the counter medications and even items that older children might be able to administer themselves such as nasal sticks and Bonjela (which should be kept by the teacher). This enables us to know that it is being administered appropriately and following the instructions on the medication and so that we have parental written permission that it can be administered by a member of staff or in some circumstances by the child themselves. It is also very important that medications are not put in the child's bag to bring into school and that all medications are handed from adult to adult. Once the relevant form has been completed, the medication can be dropped off at the school office in the morning and collected from the office at the end of the school day.

Feedback from Parental Questionnaire

Thank you to all those who completed our parental questionnaire, we will build the responses into our School Development Plan where appropriate. However, there are some of the responses to the questionnaire that we can address immediately. Some responses indicated that the school didn't make parents aware of what their child will learn during the year, therefore we would like to take this opportunity to signpost parents to our school website where they will find information about the school curriculum and on each of our class pages, a Parent Curriculum Overview which details what the children will be learning across the half term. We have also emailed this out to parents. There were also some responses which indicated that some parents felt that the school didn't let them know how their child was doing in school. As is the requirement of every school, we provide opportunities in the autumn and spring terms for parents to attend a Parent Teacher Consultation to discuss their child's progress and an annual report in the summer term which can be followed up with a discussion with the class teacher if requested. We would also like to remind parents that an appointment with your child's class teacher can be made at any time during the school year to discuss your child and how they are doing in school.

Nursery Provision Questionnaire

We need your help! We are currently looking at and considering how we can improve the Nursery Provision that we offer at Wolsingham and would like the help of any parents who have Nursery aged children or younger to provide us with some information and feedback. We would be very grateful if those parents would take the time to complete our questionnaire using the link below and also pass it on to any friends whose child(ren) might not already attend our nursery.

[Nursery Provision Questionnaire – Fill in form](#)



WhatsApp

The following link provides useful information for parents and carers about helping to ensure that children are using WhatsApp safely. We would like to remind parents that WhatsApp has an age restriction of 13 and therefore should not be used by primary aged children, however we are aware that some of our children are accessing the app regularly.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/helping-your-child-with-whatsapp>

Dates for your diary...

Reception Grab a Grown Up	Monday 12 th January – 9.30am – 10.30am
Class 4 Assembly	Wednesday 28 th January – 10.30am
Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics Competition	Friday 30 th January
Family Friday – E-Safety	Friday 6 th February
KS2 Swimming Gala	Friday 13 th February
STEM Week	Monday 16 th Feb – Friday 20 th Feb
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 20 th February
School Re-opens	Monday 2 nd March
Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea	Friday 13 th March
Class 4 Tennis Festival	Tuesday 17 th March
Image Musical Theatre – Dr Dolittle	Thursday 19 th March
Family Friday	Friday 20 th March
Class 3 Assembly	Wednesday 25 th March – 10.30am
Y4.5 & 6 Girls' Football Competition	Friday 27 th March
School Closes for Easter Break	Thursday 2 nd April
School Re-opens	Monday 20 th April

S. Kitching

Headteacher

This Week's Winners

Star of the Week

- Class 1 – Joey
- Class 2 – Florence
- Class 3 – Jessica
- Class 4 – Bobby
- Class 5 – Violet
- Class 6 – Isaac



Top Spellers

- Class 3 – Jessica
- Class 4 – Ted
- Class 5 – Summer
- Class 6 – Euan

Shed Score League

- 1st – Class 6 – 83,954,540
- 2nd – Class 4 – 57,008,199
- 3rd – Class 5 – 33,761,412
- 4th – Class 3 – 11,518,266

Highest Earners

- 1st – Woody – Year 5
- 2nd – Cora – Year 4
- 3rd – Sophia – Year 4

Most Improved

- 1st – Ted – Year 3
- 2nd – Cora – Year 4
- 3rd – Caroline – Year 4

Highest Earners

- 1st – George – Year 2
- 2nd – Jessica – Year 2
- 3rd – Lucy – Year 1

Highest Accuracy

- 1st – Alannah Year 2 & Hallie Year 1
- 2nd – Ellie – Year 1
- 3rd – Lucy – Year 1