



Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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Attendance

Our average attendance so far this year is **96.2%**. Well done to Class 4 who are our Awesome Attenders this week!

Attendance this week	
Class 1	92.22%
Class 2	92.94%
Class 3	98.5%
Class 4	99.03%
Class 5	92.67%
Class 6	92.59%

Attendance Target

This year, the DfE has issued every school with a minimum attendance improvement target to ensure children are in school and ready to achieve. The attendance baseline improvement expectation (ABIE) is based on the schools' circumstances – including location, pupil needs and deprivation. This year, we have been given a minimum improvement target of **96.3%**. We would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents who are supporting us in ensuring their child's good attendance.

Family Friday

A huge thank you to all those parents who joined us this morning for our E-Safety Family Friday event. The hot topic was fake news, misinformation and disinformation. We hope that those who came along found it a useful and enjoyable session. We know that the children really enjoyed trying to spot the errors which told them that the images that they were looking at were AI generated rather than real images.



Staffing Changes

Over the next few weeks, we have some changes to our support staff. We would like to say thank you and good luck to one of our Lunchtime Supervisors, Mrs Clark, who is planning a move to Scotland in the next couple of weeks and to one of our Breakfast Club Supervisors, Miss Uren, who is also our school cook and has been recruited to a more senior role in Chartwells. She left her role as Breakfast Club Supervisor at the end of last week, but will remain with us as our cook for a few more weeks.

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week, we will mark Children's Mental Health Week focusing on Belonging. The children will take part in activities throughout the week. We look forward to sharing some of the work that the children do with you.

Climbing Frame Repairs

Just to keep you updated, this week we have carried out repairs to our large climbing frame in the Key Stage 2 playground, replacing the three platforms. It is a very well used element of our playground and in the finer weather, a nice social space for parents and children at the end of the school day. Our climbing frame is now over 20 years old and these on-going repairs that have to be carried out to ensure it remains safe to use. The cost to the school each time an element needs replacing is approximately £1,000.

Phones in School

A reminder to parents of children in Year 5 and 6. We understand that when children are in Year 5 and 6 and may be walking to and from school alone, that they may need the ability to contact their parents and therefore may bring their phone into school with them – if this is not the case then mobile phones should not be brought to school. Any phones that are brought into school should be handed in at the school office for safe keeping and collected at the end of the day. We would be grateful if the parents of any children bringing their mobile phone to school would reiterate with their child that they should not be used whilst in the school grounds.

Uniform and PE Kit Reminder

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of our expectation of school uniform and PE kit.

The Wolsingham Primary School Uniform is as follows:

- Grey or black school trousers (**NOT** jogging trousers or leggings)/ tailored shorts (**NOT** PE shorts or jogging shorts) / skirt/ pinafore dress
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan, preferably with the school logo
- Black shoes (**NOT** trainers or boots)

Boots may be worn to come to school in the winter months, however children **must** change into their black school shoes whilst in school.

For indoor and summer outdoor PE, our PE kit is as follows:

- White or plain team colour Tee Shirt
- Black / Navy / Burgundy shorts
- Trainers

Please note: Colourful sportswear and football kits are **NOT** allowed.

For winter outdoor PE only, our PE kit is as follows:

- Black or Navy Tracksuits and trainers

Please note that all children must have their PE kit in school and we suggest that children bring it into school at the beginning of a half term and take it home at the end of the half term. Please can we also remind parents that all children **MUST** have a water bottle in school every day. We will contact parents where children are not wearing the correct uniform or PE kit to request that this be rectified.

Jewellery

A reminder that for health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exception to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears and wrist watches. Parents should note that if they intend to have a child's ears pierced this needs to be carried out at the beginning of the summer holidays to allow time for ears to heal.



Misinformation and Disinformation

The following links provide useful information for parents and carers about fake news, hoaxes and misinformation and how they might talk to their children about it.

- <https://saferinternet.org.uk/online-issue/misinformation>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/inappropriate-explicit-content/fake-news/>
- <https://swgfl.org.uk/topics/social-media/misinformation-on-social-media-guidance-impact-and-support/>

Dates for your diary...

Children's Mental Health Week	Monday 9 th February – Friday 13 th February
Class 5 Visit to Jarrow Hall	Thursday 12 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 – Leo
Class 2 – Olivia
Class 3 – George
Class 4 – Lucas
Class 5 – Frankie
Class 6 – Alex

Class Dojo VIP

Class 1 – Reggie
Class 2 – Leo
Class 3 – Albie
Class 4 – Sophie
Class 5 – Willow
Class 6 – Anna

Top Spellers

Class 3 – Jessica
Class 4 – Sophie
Class 5 – Summer
Class 6 – Lily-Rose

Shed Score League

1st – Class 6 – 142,117,857
2nd – Class 5 – 53,113,981
3rd – Class 4 – 30,576,277
4th – Class 3 – 15,113,831

Highest Earners

1st – Jakson – Year 6
2nd – Dillan – Year 5
3rd – Anna – Year 5

Most Improved

1st – Euan – Year 6
2nd – Georgia – Year 5
3rd – Darcie – Year 5

Highest Earners

1st – Noah – Year 2
2nd – George – Year 2
3rd – Jessica – Year 2

Highest Accuracy

1st – Orla - Year 2
2nd – Alannah – Year 2
3rd – Albie – Year 2