



Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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Attendance

Our average attendance so far this year is **96.3%**. Well done to Class 2 who are our Awesome Attenders this week!

Attendance this week	
Class 1	92.78%
Class 2	100%
Class 3	97.0%
Class 4	98.06%
Class 5	97.67%
Class 6	95.19%

Class 5 Visit to Jarrow Hall

Class 5 had a fantastic opportunity to explore the life of the Anglo-Saxons at Jarrow Hall this week. In the morning, they explored the live farm which would have been situated next to a Saxon settlement and thought about how our ancestors would have used the animals in their daily life. They then moved to a reconstructed village and had the chance to sit around a fire pit in a Saxon hut and listen to the tale of Beowulf. In the afternoon, the class 'attended' a burial of a Pagan Queen and a Monk to understand how religion changed across the era. Finally, the class were allowed to hold replica weapons that the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings would have battled with and then had their own Saxons v Viking fight! The children were brilliant and were fantastic at applying the learning that they have already undertaken in the subject to discussions! Thank you, Sarah and the team at Jarrow Hall!



Sportshall Athletics

A few weeks ago, our Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics team attended the competition at Bishop Barrington Academy. As there were multiple events, we were awaiting the overall results. They did a brilliant job representing our school and came 4th overall out of 16 schools. An extra special mention to the girls who came 3rd in the 2+2 lap relay and 2nd in the standing triple jump and to the boys who came 1st in the over/under relay.



Swimming Gala

A huge well done to our swimming team who took part in the swimming gala at Woodhouse Close Leisure Centre this morning. They were competing against 17 other schools and all did an amazing job in their heats. A particular well done to Rafe who came second in his heat of the Y5/6 Boys Breaststroke.



Goodbye and Good Luck

Next Friday, we say farewell for now to Mrs Cuthill who leaves to have her baby and goodbye and thank you to Mrs Routledge who is retiring as Breakfast Club Supervisor and Lunchtime Supervisor after spending an amazing 16 years looking after our children. She is much loved by all and will be a great miss. We wish her lots of luck in her next adventure and hope that she has a long and happy retirement.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Parent Teacher Consultations for Reception to Year 6 will take place from **Monday 9th** and **Tuesday 10th 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. **Please note** that if you have attended a SEND review meeting due to take place in the week beginning 2nd March, there is no need to also attend a parent teacher consultation meeting. Nursery will also 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.

Children's Mental Health Week

This week the children have been learning all about mental health and well-being and how important the feeling of belonging is. All of the children have been completing pieces of artwork that reflects them to put together into a bigger whole school display showing that they all belong at Wolsingham Primary School.

Thank You for Your Patience

We would just like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience whilst we are trying to iron out the issues with our new telephone system. Fingers crossed we are not far away from having it all working perfectly.



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>

Dates for your diary...

School Closes for Half Term	Friday 20 th February
School Re-opens	Monday 2 nd March
Parent Teacher Consultations	Monday 9 th March and Tuesday 10 th March
Nursery Stay and Play Sessions	Tuesday 10 th March and Thursday 12 th 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
Cross Country Finals	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 – William
- Class 2 – Frankie
- Class 3 – Aoife
- Class 4 – Sophie
- Class 5 – Darcie
- Class 6 – Dillan



Top Spellers

- Class 3 – Jessica
- Class 4 – Ted
- Class 5 – Ruby C
- Class 6 – Chloe

Shed Score League

- 1st – Class 6 – 211,596,860
- 2nd – Class 5 – 69,277,381
- 3rd – Class 4 – 54,808,201
- 4th – Class 3 – 18,221,771

Highest Earners

- 1st – Willow – Year 5
- 2nd – Ronnie – Year 6
- 3rd – Olivia – Year 6

Most Improved

- 1st – Georgia – Year 5
- 2nd – Faly n – Year 5
- 3rd – Josh – Year 5

Highest Earners

- 1st – Holly – Year 2
- 2nd – Noah – Year 2
- 3rd – Jessica – Year 2

Highest Accuracy

- 1st – Cole & Kiara - Year 2 and Ellie Year 1
- 2nd – Alannah – Year 2
- 3rd – Greyson – Year 1