



Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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New Beginnings

Welcome to a new term and a new school year at Wolsingham Primary – even if it is a very strange one! We are delighted to welcome all of our new pupils, new parents, Mrs Dakers as our Nursery teacher covering Mrs Robson's maternity leave and Mrs Thompson as our Teaching Assistant replacing Mrs Ross-Hawkins.

The staff and children have all made a fantastic start to the year and are taking the current situation in their stride. We were unbelievably proud of all of our children and how well they coped with the first day of school after so long away. In the next week or so, we will be gathering information from the children as to where they are with their learning, so that we can put a plan in place to best support and accelerate their learning. We will also be ensuring that we support their well-being on a day to day basis as they continue to adjust.

It is essential that all children have their PE kits in school as PE sessions will take place outside as much as possible and therefore staff may need to adjust PE days according to the weather.

If you have not already done so, please ensure that your child has brought back to school any school reading books that they had at home. Thank you.



It's A Girl!

Congratulations to Mrs Robson and her family who welcomed Zara Grace Robson to the world on 2nd August. Both mum and baby are doing well.

School Lunch Payments

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that school lunches this year cost £2.10 per day and should be paid for on the **Monday** of each week or at the beginning of the term if you wish to pay for the whole term at once.

Wolsingham School Open Evenings

Wednesday 23rd September, 4:15pm - 5:45pm or 6:00pm – 7:30pm.

Thursday 24th September, 4:15pm - 5:45pm or 6:00pm – 7:30pm.

Wolsingham School would love to welcome you to the school for one of the Open Evenings. These will be set up in accordance with government safety guidelines, allowing you and your child to meet with staff and students as you enjoy visiting the classrooms. All Year 6 students and their parents are welcome. Free transport is offered on all bus routes for new Year 7 students. Please follow this link to book a place: <https://bit.ly/3loLrVD>

Applying for a school place for next year

Applications for primary and secondary places open on Monday 14th September. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for how to apply in the coming week or so. Applications close at midnight on 31st October 2020 (secondary) and 15th January 2021 (primary).

Reminder

Parents/Carers and pupils should ensure that they adhere to [staying alert](#) and social distancing guidance when around the school site and away from the school, please try not to congregate/hold conversations at school entrances.

Anyone in the school displaying symptoms will be sent home.

Where a pupil or a member of their household displays symptoms of the coronavirus, please follow [the Guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#).

Pupils or a family member displaying symptoms are advised to self-isolate and will **not be** permitted into school until [7/14-day isolation](#) is completed and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).

Tests can be booked online through the [NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website](#), or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. Testing for COVID-19 is available through the NHS to everyone whatever their age.

We ask Parents/Carers to inform the school immediately of the results of a COVID-19 test.

School Holiday and Term Dates 2020/21

Holiday	Closing Date	School Opens
Autumn Half-Term	Friday 23 rd October 2020	Monday 2 nd November 2020
Staff Training Day	Thursday 26 th November 2020	Monday 30 th December 2020
Christmas Break	Friday 18 th December 2020	Tuesday 5 th January 2021
Spring Half-Term	Friday 12 th February 2021	Monday 22 nd February 2021
Easter Break	Friday 26 th March 2021	Monday 12 th April 2021
May Day	Friday 30 th April 2021	Tuesday 4 th May 2021
Summer Half-Term	Friday 28 th May 2021	Monday 7 th June 2021
Summer Break	Friday 16 th July 2021	To be confirmed

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