



Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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Remote Learning

Thank you to all of the parents who responded to our remote learning survey. The Seesaw app remained the most popular with you and we have sent home new access codes with all of the children today in preparation for possible self-isolations or lockdowns. As we would like to try and cater for all of our children as much as possible, we will also post daily work on the remote learning pages for each class which can be downloaded and arrange with individuals who do not have internet access to collect hard copies. It is essential that if children are absent from school that they complete the work daily to ensure that they do not miss any of the learning they would have if they were in school and we will be in touch with families to ensure that remote learning is taking place. I would like to thank the teaching staff in advance for the additional work that they will have to put into providing online work alongside their daily teaching commitment.

In the event of a lockdown, we are also in the process of organising Class Teams accounts for each child which would allow a daily lesson with the class teacher to take place. This would take the form of one lesson per day and would be an enhancement to our remote learning rather than a replacement as it is not practical for the class to be taught face to face virtually for long periods of time.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that the children should complete this work independently with limited guidance from an adult, helping them understand what they have to do and to help them with the use of technology. Please also note that Seesaw app should not be used by parents to communicate with the teacher, please email the school on wolsinghamprimary@durhamlearning.net if you have a query regarding remote learning.

Username and passwords for other online programs such as MyON (online reading books), Times Tables Rockstars and NumBots will be provided in due course.

School Councillors and Team Captains

Voting has taken place to elect our new school councillors and Team Captains. Those children wishing to take on the roles, put themselves forward and following voting, the successful children were:

Year 1	Ella Davies and William Walker
Year 2	Pippa Marshall and Chester Mathwin
Year 3	Zach Armstrong and Carlton Bushby
Year 4	Ava Stone and Elizabeth Ritson-Neilson
Year 5	Violet Lowes and Callum Byers
Year 6	Evie Smith and Thomas Stephenson

This year's Team Captains are as follows:

Red Team	Eilidh Goodfellow and Oliver Roberts
Green Team	Evie Smith and Archie Carter-Ward
Yellow Team	James Maasz O'Connell and Alfie Lee
Blue Team	Karolina Skwara and Isabella Armstrong

Congratulations to them all, we are sure that they will all do a fabulous job!

Parent Governor Vacancies

In the summer term we put out an advert for a parent governor and as Mrs Blackman was the only nomination, therefore she has been appointed to the Governing Body. There are still currently vacancies for two Parent Governors.

All parents other than those employed at the school for more than 500 hours per year or who are elected members of the Local Authority (LA) are eligible to stand for election. This includes:

- parents of children attending nursery either full-time or part-time
- any person who is not the natural parent but has parental responsibility for or who has care of a pupil registered at the school (Education Act 1996, Section 576)

If you are interested in becoming a Governor please complete the nomination form attached to this email.

The completed and duly signed nomination form should be returned to school by **Friday 25th September 2020**.

Where the number of nominations is equal to, or fewer than, the places available, no ballot will be necessary. Any remaining vacancies will be appointed by our Governing Body. Should a ballot be required each parent will be sent a voting form. When the process has been finalised school will inform the parent body via email. School and Governor Support Service will write formally to all nominees confirming the outcome of the ballot.

Wolsingham School Open Evenings – 23rd and 24th September

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

The application process for the Secondary Admissions 2021 Intake is due to begin on **Monday 14th September 2020**. Parents can make their application for Secondary School online by visiting www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and the School Admissions online application facility will be available to parents from **Monday the 14th of September 2020**. **The Closing Date for Secondary School Applications is the 31st October 2020**. If parents do not wish to apply online they can complete a paper application form, and these are available to print from the website (same website address as above) from Monday the 14th September 2020. Alternatively these application forms can be requested by e-mail to schooladmissions@durham.gov.uk or by telephone from the School Admissions and Transport Team on 03000 265896. Copies of the Parent's guide "**Primary and Secondary School Admissions in County Durham 2021/2022**" will also be available from the website or on request from Monday the 14th September 2020.



Is there money for you?

As the children return to school and additional costs come up, have you checked if there is funding you may be able to access for you and your family? Things have changed for many people during recent months and we want to make accessing support as easy as possible. A quick benefit check with **Linda Pearson**, Rural Advice Worker can help you find out if there is support for you and your family. The support available will vary depending on personal circumstances but can include accessing school related benefits such as free school meals, free milk, school uniforms and school transport costs. The service is free and confidential and Linda can

provide the service remotely through telephone contact. For further information or an informal chat please contact **Linda Pearson on 0191 372 6758**.

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Headteacher

Dates for your diary...

Flu Immunisations	Monday 12 th October
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 23 rd October
School re-opens	Monday 2 nd November



HOMWORK LINKS – 18.9.2020



Year 1

Please practise 1 more and 1 less for numbers to 30. If you feel confident, you can have a go at numbers to 50.
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/chopper-squad>

Year 2

English

This week's English homework is focusing on punctuation. Visit the website <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z8x6cj6> and watch the videos about Question Marks and Commas. There is an interactive activity to complete below each video clip.

Maths

This week we have been working on our addition skills. Please play the following game <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/mental-maths-train> I have listed the games suitable for each working group, however if you'd like to try others please do so.

All groups - play One More and Ten More.

Bronze group - play Up to 25, 3 One-digit Numbers, and Bonds to 10

Silver group - play Up to 25, 3 One-digit Numbers, and Bonds to 10 then Bonds to 20

Gold group - play Up to 100 and Bonds to 20

Year 3

English

To give you extra help with your spellings this week I would like you to practise using this game. Practice the -le words (Year 2 Spelling Rule 7). If you complete this, why not try another one and improve your spelling even further!

<https://spellingframe.co.uk/>

Maths

This week, I would like you to carry on practising placing numbers on number lines. On the activity you can choose the range of numbers. The larger the range, the more difficult the task.

https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/37/placing_numbers_on_a_number_line

Year 4

English

Creating descriptive writing - Add descriptive words to two simple sentences about a rocket and an astronaut to make the sentences more interesting. Try out different descriptive words in each sentence. Notice how your choice of words affects the animated images in each sentence. Use your two lively sentences as the start and end of an imaginative story. Check your word choices to see if the story could flow better.

<https://education.abc.net.au/home#!/media/2816701/wonderful-words-creative-stories-space>

Maths

Consolidate your learning about Roman Numerals.

Play the space invaders game and choose the different levels to practice reading and writing Roman Numerals

https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/289/KS2_Maths_Invaders

Year 5

English

This week we have been learning about apostrophes for plural possession. Watch the video on the following link to develop your understanding of apostrophes for possession in general (both singular and plural). Play the game to change the sentences so that they include an apostrophe for possession.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvwwxnb/articles/zx9ydxs>

Maths

Develop your understanding of placing numbers on a number line with the following game. Choose the level '**Between multiples of 1,000**'. You can play for points if you wish. Drag the flag to where you estimate that number would be. To be more accurate, or to make it easier, you can click on 'Show Divisions'.

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/37/placing-numbers-on-a-number-line>

Year 6

English

Noun types

<https://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk/learning-activities/languages/words/naming-nouns/>

Maths

Nrich games. Negative Numbers <https://nrich.maths.org/5898>