



## Wylam First School

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### Newsletter 3 7.11.24

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you all had a lovely half term break. Welcome back to the 2nd half of the Autumn term, we are now heading into the countdown to **C.....** (we won't say the word yet!). This is always a very busy half term with lots of activities going on. All of the information you need about upcoming events is in this newsletter.

Harvest Festival on 15th October was as always it was a great school community event where our Y4 children did a fantastic job at running the proceedings. I think you will agree that their soup and the crumbles were delicious! Thank you for your kind donations for the Miner's Lamp food bank, a very worthy cause, and for your donations towards our allotment. Your donations on the day came to the grand total of £432 which is amazing. We are going to use this money to reinvest back into the allotment so we can have another bumper crop in 2025.

Thank you to all parents who attended our Parents Evenings. We hope that the meeting gave you a good insight into how your child has settled back into school and what they will be working on this half term. In the Spring term you will receive a mid year report which will give you key information about your child's attainment and targets for the remainder of the year. This will then be discussed at our Spring term meeting.

All the children loved their Tiny Taster sessions with Emma before half term. They all came away with a tasty treat and lots of knowledge and fun experiences with food. We can't wait to welcome Emma back into school very soon.

## Information

### **Poppy Appeal**

Y4 children will be selling poppies and poppy paraphernalia this week during break times on behalf of the British Legion. If your child would like to purchase a poppy they can bring some money into school from tomorrow. The suggested donation for poppies is 50p and for the snap bands £1.50.

### **Children In Need**

Children in Need is on Friday 15th November. We will be supporting the charity by asking our children to come to school wearing their pyjamas (please wear shorts and a t-shirt underneath in case they get too warm) for a donation of £1.

### **Miner's Lamp Food Bank Appeal**

We are supporting the Miner's Lamp Christmas food bank appeal again this year. If you are able to then donations can be handed in to your child's class where there is a donation box. Thank you. More information

will follow.

### **Little Castle Baby Group**

At Prudhoe Castle First School, Annamarie will be holding the first baby group of the year (from 0-2) on Friday which will run from 9:30am - 11am fortnightly on a Friday in the community space. This is a social group for both babies and parents. All are welcome.

### **Children's Cancer Run**

In the summer a number of our children took part in the Children's Cancer Run at Newcastle Racecourse. We have just had confirmation that our children raised £409.25 for the charity. Well done! We will be running again this year... keep your running shoes handy and eyes peeled for more information in the Spring Term.

### **Y4 Residential Parent's Meeting**

Paul Mordue will be holding an after school session for parents to talk about the Y4 residential and take any questions parents may have. This will be on Tuesday 19th November at 5:30pm. This session is for parents only. Paul will hold a meeting for both children and parents closer to the time of the trip.

### **PE reminder**

Children are to come to school on PE days in their PE kit.

|             | <b>Indoor PE</b>        | <b>Outdoor PE</b> |
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| <b>EYFS</b> | Wednesday               | Thursday          |
| <b>Y1</b>   | Monday                  | Thursday          |
| <b>Y2</b>   | Wednesday               | Thursday          |
| <b>Y3</b>   | Tuesday                 | Thursday          |
| <b>Y4</b>   | Wednesday<br>(swimming) | Thursday          |

### **Safeguarding**

As you know, safeguarding is the most important thing in a school: how we safeguard our children, staff and the community, and how we teach our children how to keep themselves safe. This term we are holding a number of NSPCC assemblies to support our children to understand how to keep themselves safe. Before half term we talked about the **PANTS** rule with all of our children, which teaches them about consent and appropriate and inappropriate behaviours. This half term we will follow this up with the NSPCC **SPEAK OUT** assembly which focuses on giving children a voice and the rights of the child. We will send out information about this in advance of running the assembly. Alongside this our Student Council will be working on our child friendly safeguarding policy which they will present to the school during an assembly.

If you require any information about this or about safeguarding in our school, or if you need some advice, then you can contact any of our school Designated Safeguarding Leads: Ms Dodds, Mr Chapman or Miss Todd.

## PTA

### **PTA Update**

A huge thanks to everyone who came and supported Bonkers Bingo which was another fun night!

It was wonderful to be able to come into school for Halloween Crafternoon before half term. The kids across all years threw themselves into it and produced some lovely crafts.

Our concentration is now focused on the Christmas Fair, watch out for more info on this.

Our AGM is on 13 November 8pm at the Ship, all welcome!

Finally, don't forget to order your Christmas cards by 13 November.



## Reminders

### **Maths Workshop with Mrs Weatherspoon**

Don't forget to join Mrs Weatherspoon on Wednesday 13th November at 9am for a maths workshop. She will be explaining how we do maths in our school. The benefits of using homework programs like TTRS and Numbots. Plus you will be able to join your child in class afterwards and see maths in action. She is very excited to meet you all and share her love of Maths.

### **School Reading Books**

Please can we ask that school reading books are looked after when at home. We have had a number of lost and damaged books which cost a lot of money to replace. This being the case we will have to charge for any lost or damaged books. Please can you also ensure that your child has their school reading book and reading record in school each day. Thank you.

## School Calendar

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| Wednesday 13.11.24 | 9am Maths Workshop with Mrs Weatherspoon            |
| Monday 25.11.24    | Reception Heights and Weights with the school nurse |
| Friday 29.11.24    | 7pm PTA Christmas Wreath Making                     |
| Friday 6.12.24     | 10am Rocksteady concert                             |

## Christmas 2024 at Wylam First School

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| Tuesday 3.12.24 | Choir singing to Friends of Wylam Coffee morning |
| Friday 6.12.24  | 3:15pm Christmas Fayre                           |
| Monday 9.12.24  | KS1 Christmas Performance 9:30am                 |

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|                    | EYFS Christmas Performance 1:45pm   |
| Tuesday 10.12.24   | EYFS Christmas Performance 9:30am<br>KS2 Christmas performance 1:45pm       |
| Wednesday 11.12.24 | KS2 Christmas performance 9:30am<br>KS1 Christmas Performance 1:45pm        |
| Friday 13.12.24    | Christmas Jumper Day<br>School Christmas Lunch                              |
| Monday 16.12.24    | KS1 Party   |
| Tuesday 17.12.24   | EYFS Party  |
| Wednesday 18.12.24 | KS2 Party   |
| Friday 20.12.24    | End of term Christmas Service 1:30pm @ St Oswins Church<br>Last day of term |
| 23.12.24 to 6.1.25 | Christmas Holidays  |
| Monday 6.1.24      | Back to school  |

Best wishes.

**Miss Jill Dodds**  
**Executive Headteacher**