

# Newsletter

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#### Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great pleasure to welcome you and your children back into school after what I hope has been a lovely summer for you all. For those returning we welcome you back and for those of you just joining our school, we welcome you to our wonderful school community. Across school, I've been impressed by the positive attitudes shown, children are clearly happy to be back at school and are enjoying being able to play with one another on shared outdoor areas. It is a pleasure watching them playing happily together and I know that you would be proud of your children's behaviour.

Following the restriction of the last 18 months, we are very much looking forward to sharing more of our journey with you in person throughout this next academic year. Whilst most Covid restrictions have been lifted, some will continue. More information is on this newsletter so you are aware of how we continue to do all we can to keep our school community as safe as possible.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask.

**Mrs Hawes** 



We are pleased to invite parents and carers to St Peter's Church in Wolviston on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm to give thanks for our yearly harvest. The short service will include a collection of harvest songs and readings. If you would like to donate, please send items of tinned or dried food into school. This year a small group of Y6 children will take the donations to Billingham Food Bank. This will enable further understanding of what happens to the donations and how they get distributed. Children will not be in contact with members of the public and will be fully supervised throughout the trip.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to all children celebrating their special day! We hope you had a lovely day with family and friends

Nursery	George, William
Class 1	William
Class 3	Ava



#### **HEAD BOY & HEAD GIRL**

We are delighted to announce that **William** and **Millie** have been appointed Head Boy and Head Girl and **Archie** and **Jemima** take up their positions as Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl for 2021-22.

William, Millie, Archie and Jemima will play an important ambassadorial role within the school which includes hosting visitors, supporting at open evenings and being a link between children and staff. They act as role models for the school community and will lead assemblies throughout the year.

The position of Head Boy and Head Girl at Wolviston Primary is highly valued and several Y6 children put themselves forward. The democratic election process included a presentation to children across school. Staff were extremely proud of each candidate. A huge well done to everyone who took part in the process.

After listening to all the candidates, children from Reception to Y6 voted using a pictorial ballot paper. With votes counted, the announcement was made in assembly. Heads and Deputies will wear a plain grey tie and title badge, so they are instantly recognised for their important role and great achievement.

# PRE LOVED UNIFORM SALE

A huge thank you to all parents who kindly donated new and gently used items of uniform. Our first sale took place this month and raised an amazing **£100** for school funds.

A special thanks go to the Head Boy and Head Girl, their deputies, Mrs Whitehill and Mrs White who organised and made the first Pre-Loved sale a great success.

#### **COVID MEASURES**

As you are aware many of the Covid protective measures are no longer a requirement. It is very important to us however, that you as our school community feel safe on our school site.

# These measures continue to be in place within school:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone
- Additional cleaning, particularly in high use areas and touch points
- Classrooms will be ventilated through doors and windows being open, whilst maintaining a comfortable temperature.
- Public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19 will be followed. No pupil, member of staff nor visitor should come on to the school site if they are displaying symptoms of COVID-19. They must notify the school, book a PCR test and self-isolate immediately.
- Individual risk assessments will be in place for any clinically extremely vulnerable pupil or staff.

#### **COVID SYMPTOMS & TESTING**

If you or your child has Covid symptoms it is important that you arrange for a PCR test. You must also book a PCR test if you have a positive LFD test. You must isolate until you have the PCR results.

#### PLEASE INFORM US IF YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE COVID ISOLATION

It is no longer a requirement to isolate if you live with or have been a close contact to someone who tests positive for Covid-19. Unless children test positive themselves, or you have had other advice from NHS Track and Trace, all children should be in school.

#### **HOME LEARNING**

For any children who are required to isolate, we will continue to provide home learning. Learning tasks will be available through SeeSaw.

#### **STAFFING**

I am delighted to officially welcome Miss Robson, our new Reception teacher and Mrs Robson, EY support staff, to our team. Despite sharing the same surname, they are not related (2) I very much hope they enjoy being part of our amazing school community.

Congratulations to Mr Wilcox who got married over the summer, we wish Mr & Mrs Wilcox a lifetime of love, wealth, health, and happiness.

#### **SWIMMING SUCCESS**

Congratulations go to all our Y3/Y4 children who completed a two-week course of swimming lessons this month. From confidence in water to swimming in shorts and T-shirts, our children exceeded the expectation of the instructors. Certificates were awarded and success celebrated during our celebration assemblies each week. **Well Done to all!** 



### **Optimism for a Better World**

This month the children worked with Hilaire Agnama from Global Teach, exploring 17 key issues that affect our local community and wider world.

Guided by 17 Goals, it is now up to all of us: governments, businesses, civil society and the general public to work together to build a better future for all.

The 13<sup>th</sup> Global Goal is **'Climate Action'** and we are going to look carefully at how traffic around our own village can impact our local climate and community.

Please visit <a href="https://www.globalgoals.org/">https://www.globalgoals.org/</a> to learn more



# **Collect Free Gardening Equipment for our School from Morrisons**

We are now registered, as part of Morrison's schools programme, to further inspire our children to get outdoors, grow, learn, and enjoy fresh produce.

From September, for every £10 spent in store or online, you'll get one Grow Token that we can then redeem for a wide range of gardening and growing equipment. A new wheelbarrow is top of the list. Please share and download the MyMorrisons app to take part.