

REMEMBERING QUEEN ELIZABETH II



Many members of our school community have been deeply saddened by the death of Queen Elizabeth II. We have paid tribute to Her Majesty in many ways; we have spoken openly about her death and what happens next, reflected on her role as Queen, thought about how her family and friends are feeling and considered how people mourn the death of loved ones. Children have recalled many positive and happy memories of the Queen, including the funny sketch with Paddington Bear. To mark this historic occasion many people from around the world will be heading to Edinburgh or London to pay their respects, this is not possible for everyone so we have decided to set up our own special memorial in her honour. Our memorial, to the left of the school building, will not only provide a space for personal reflection but also a place where people may choose to light a candle, lay flowers or pictures in her memory.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone had a lovely summer break with family and friends. For those returning, we welcome you back and for those just joining our school, we welcome you to our wonderful school community. It is a pleasure being back at school, seeing children working hard and playing with their peers. Children have settled into routine quickly, and are enjoying their new curriculum topics. Newsletters, detailing your child's learning for the term ahead will be with you shortly, please take time to discuss what exciting things we have planned with your child.

Kindest regards, **Mrs. S. Hawes**

PUPIL LEADERS

The positions of Head Boy and Head Girl are sought after leadership roles within our small school. The majority of our Y6 children took the brave decision to put themselves forward, and applied for one of the positions. Children, and staff, were super impressed with all presentations.

Only children are allowed to cast their vote, specially prepared ballot papers are used for the elections.

With votes counted, children excitedly assembled to hear the results. I am delighted to announce that Isaac and Phoebe were appointed as Head Boy and Head Girl, and Harrison and Ella were elected as their deputies. I'm sure that all members of our school community will wish them well in their new leadership roles.

Congratulations, and well done to **all** children who took part in the election process. Ideas from presentations were noted, and will be discussed in School Council.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year we are continuing to support the great, and necessary work of our local Foodbank. Last year your kind donations helped to provide food to 4630 adults and 2764 children in our local community. With demand growing year on year in the foodbank, our help and assistance will be invaluable in providing support to people that need it.

If you are able to help the Foodbank would very much appreciate the following donations:

Long Life UHT Milk

Bottles of squash

Tinned Fish

Tinned Fruit

Tinned Tomatoes

Tinned Rice pudding

Custard

**Billingham & Stockton
 Borough**



Washing up liquid

Washing capsules

Toilet Roll

Deodorants

Shampoo

Shower gel

Coffee

The foodbank have stressed that they have ample: beans, soup, pasta, tinned meat & cereal. Thank you.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



Nursery	Lena
Class 1	Cobey, William & George
Class 2	William
Class 4	Ava

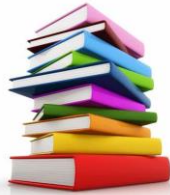


BAGS

Unfortunately, we have limited space in our classrooms and corridors to store back packs, ruck sacks, or hand bags. Children just need to bring their flat book bag into school every day. Other bags, including pencil cases, are not required.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Well done to our super readers who completed the Summer Reading Challenge successfully. Nichola, from Billingham library, will be coming into school to award certificates.



TERM DATES



SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO CHILDREN: Friday 30th Sept
Half Term Holiday: 24th Oct' - 28th Oct' '22
SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO CHILDREN: Monday 31st Oct
Autumn Term 2: **SCHOOL REOPENS TUESDAY 1ST NOV**

BREAKFAST CLUB

We are very happy to provide wrap around care for all Wolviston Primary pupils. This is a fantastic service which provides structured care and support for your child and is led by qualified staff who know & see your child every day.

We must ensure our staff: child ratios are correct; we can only do this if we know how many pupils are attending each morning.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and hope you appreciate the need to change the system.



Parents and carers who wish to send their child/ren to Breakfast Club now need to book places via school email.

OUR SCHOOL DAY

The Department for Education (DfE) has recently issued guidance reminding schools that they are to open for 32.5 hours per week. Playtimes and lunchtime are included within these opening hours.



Currently, Wolviston Primary School is open from 8.40am to 3.05pm, Monday to Friday. This equates to 32 hours and 5 minutes; 25 minutes less than the required hours. Therefore, we need to increase our school day by 5 minutes. We know that many parents & carers arrive at school well before 8.35am and patiently wait for the gate to open. With this in mind, the decision to add the extra 5 minutes to the start of the school day has been taken after consultation with school leaders.

The gate will open at the earlier time of 8.35am.

The gate usually stays open for around 10 minutes to allow a phased entry; easing congestion and allowing children to enter their classroom, calmly to get settled and ready for directed teaching. Over the next few weeks, as parents and carers get used to the new timings the gate will close at the usual time of 8.50am. **From 3rd Oct the gate will be closed at 8.45am**, any child who misses the gate will be classed as late and will need to be accompanied to the main entrance. Arrival time will be recorded, and a late code will be marked in the register. The number of minutes, lost to learning will be recorded and presented to parents and carers half termly.

WELCOME ASSEMBLIES FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

We are delighted to invite all parents and carers into school to hear information about the year ahead. Information shared, by your child's teacher will include learning topics, ways to support your child at home and end of year expectations.

We hope you can join us:

Early Years - Monday 12th September at 2.15pm
Class 2 - Tuesday 27th September at 9am
Classes 3 and 4 - Wednesday 21st September at 9am

SCHOOL LEADERS

Elections for **Digital Leaders**, **School Councillors**, **Rights Rangers**, and **House Captains** have taken place. All School Leaders are appointed democratically by our children. Well done and congratulations to all involved.

Digital Leaders	School Council	Rights Rangers	House Captains
Jace Everly Joey Cerys	Ryan Ivy George Ellie Beatrice Ava	Joey Raeha Harry Rose Joseph Max M Jackson	Eagles – Luca D Owls – Alivia Kestrels – Isaac P Hawks – Max R