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#### Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all parents/carers for arranging a consultation with their child's class teacher. By offering face-to-face and telephone consultations again this year, we were able to achieve our 100% target. Verbal feedback received has been hugely positive; parents/carers told us that by receiving information regarding their child's next steps, they felt up-to-date and well placed, to further support their child's learning at home.

All parents/carers should have received an invitation <u>link</u> to complete our annual Parent Questionnaire. After the questionnaire is closed, school leaders and governors will meet to reflect on feedback received and will identify next steps for further school improvement. We appreciate the time taken to answer all the questions. Thank you

Kindest regards, Mrs. S. Hawes

# DECEMBER

7th - Y3/4 Learning Together Workshop 12th - EY Nativity 9.00am 13th/14th - Class 2/3 Performance 2pm/9.15am 15th - Y1/2 Learning Together Workshop 19th - Christmas Dinner 20th - Christmas Party

Oth - Christmas Party 20th - Film Night

2lst - Festive Fun Day 22nd - Carols on The Green 2pm

Our Yearly Planner is available
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# Y5/6 TRIP TO THE BARRAGE

As part of their Water World topic, Class 4 visited the Tees Barrage to take part in a flooding workshop. They learned about the reasons for flooding and the work being done around the country to reduce the risk as well as what they can do to help. They also visited the control room of the barrage to find out how it works and the role it plays in preventing the River Tees from flooding. They were even lucky enough to spot two seals swimming in the river!



# Thi m and

This month's **Friends of Wolviston** meeting was very well attended and for those who couldn't make it,

are very happy to share that our

application to the Charity Commission has been submitted.

Being listed as a charity, Friends of Wolviston will be able to apply for ring fenced grants, and other 'pots of money', which are closed to schools. With additional funding Friends of Wolviston will be able to fund additional memorable moments for all our children. Their first project is well under way and I'm certain it will be a huge success.

Everyone is very welcome to the next 'Friends' meeting.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023 - 2.30pm

#### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - OCTOBER 2023

Attendance and punctuality are really important, children who attend school on time and every day are far more likely to achieve their maximum potential.

We monitor statutory attendance and categorise as follows:



Blue - 100% Green - 96.1% - 99% Amber - 93.1% - 96% Red - below 93%



	Class 1 - YR	97.72%
	Class 2 - Y1/2	96.18%
	Class 3 - Y3/4	97.37%
	Class 4 - Y5/6	96.76%
	Whole School	96.9%



# **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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



Nursery	Henry, Harper, Neave and William	
Class 1	Class 1	
Class 2	Louie, Elliot, Freddie, Sienna and Reuben	
Class 3	Aria, James and George	
Class 4	Robyn and Mila	



#### REMEMBRANCE DAY

On the Friday before Remembrance
Day everyone in school took a moment
to remember, respect and
thank those who had served, and are
serving, in our Armed Forces. Thanks must go to
Elise, our Deputy Head Girl, who organised our

Rainbow/Brownies and Beavers/Cub 'Uniform Day' on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. We had representation from all organisations. Seeing the children wearing their uniforms so proudly, was lovely. Chatting to the children about the different badges they had gained, gave a great insight into all the wonderful and varied activities they have taken part in, away from school. Well done everyone.



Children in Y5/6 visited St Peter's Church, to remember the fallen service men, laying poppy crosses on the graves of Wolviston soldiers. Class 2 joined Class 4 out and about in the village, visiting the churchyard and the war memorial. Y1/2 children have been studying Remembrance through a mini project. All children have impressed staff with their mature understanding of who we are saying thank you to, the importance of showing our respect during the national 2-minute silence and the significance of wearing of a poppy.

## **PRINCE REGENT STREET TRUST - MUSIC EVENT**

Children, from all five Trust primary schools, came together to attend a Trust Music event at Middlesbrough Town Hall.

They worked with professional musicians to record a Christmas song. This included children working together to write lyrics and perform the song. Further details of the finished track will be shared once we know details.





# Important Dates

# **TERM DATES**

End of Autumn Term: 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec - 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024

Spring Term 1: SCHOOL REOPENS Mon 8th Jan '24

#### **SAFEGUARDING REMINDERS**

If you have worries or concerns about a pupil, please don't hesitate to speak to one of the people named below, in confidence.

Mrs. S. Hawes is the Designated Safeguarding Lead. (DSL)Mrs. J. Whitehill and Mrs S. Gunston are the Deputy DSLsMrs. V. Morrow is the Safeguarding Governor.

#### **SCHOOL COUNCIL - CHILDREN IN NEED**

Children, staff and Friends of Wolviston raised an amazing total of £156.00 for Children in Need this year.

Mrs Watts, who leads School Council, accompanied Mabel and Harry to the village Post Office to deposit the money raised into the **Children in Need** account.







## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

Please can all parents and carers, who use our very successful Wrap Around Care service, respectfully remember the importance of our expected drop off and collection procedures.

Recently a number of children have arrived late to Breakfast Club and/or have been allowed to walk up the ramp, to enter school, by themselves. This is not permitted. We are not responsible for your child until staff have carried out an appropriate and safe hand over. In school, we have a robust culture of safeguarding vigilance, but it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure their child has entered school correctly. A reminder that Wrap Around Care staff will refuse entry to anyone arriving after 8.10am.

After School Club finishes at 4.10pm. Children can not be dismissed any earlier as ratios of Wrap Around Care staff to children are directly affected. Children will be dismissed through the double side gate, not at the school office door.

Only children attending Night Owls will be dismissed from the school office door. Parents/Carers are welcome to collect any time after 4.11pm and up to, but not beyond, 5.40pm

#### **KS1 SPORTS FESITVAL**

Class 2 had a great time at the KS1 Sports Festival which was held at Durham University Queen's Campus in Stockton. The children took part and enjoyed a range of activities including hula hooping, martial arts, gymnastics and parachute games.

