



# Newsletter

December 2023

Dates



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#### Dear Parents and Carers,

As twinkling lights and glittering decorations remind everyone that Christmas is almost here, the children have continued to make us very proud by working hard, finishing off current topics and projects, and by being patient and kind with one another as adjustments are made to our timetable. I'm sure you will agree that all our performances were a huge success, and provided treasured memories. Huge thanks to parents and carers for supporting children to learn new songs and lines, and to staff and volunteers who worked extra hard making props and costumes. Despite his busy schedule, we were very excited to welcome Santa

and one of his reindeer into school this week. Santa reassured children (and staff) that they were all on the 'good list' to receive a home visit on Christmas Eve. Well done everyone!!

On behalf of all staff and governors, I would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas with family and friends. We look forward to a happy and healthy 2024. Thank you for your continuous support. Kindest regards, Mrs. S. Hawes



#### **TERM DATES**

End of Autumn Term: Friday 22nd December '23 Spring Term 1: SCHOOL REOPENS: Mon 8th Jan '24

#### **LEARNING TOGETHER SESSION IN Y3/4**

As part of Class 3's Design and Technology STRUCTURES unit, the children have been looking very carefully at the features of greenhouses. After looking at some amazing and significant designs they went on to consider the use of effective materials and structure implications. After designing their own greenhouse structure, children worked with parents, carers and volunteers to assemble their own design. Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the session, we really appreciate your support and involvement.







#### **PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

Monday 4th March - Telephone Classes 1 and 2 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March - Face to Face (Classes 1, 2, 3, 4) Wednesday 6th March - Telephone Classes 3 and 4

Further details will follow next half term.

## SCHOOL PERFORMANCES



#### **Early Years - Nativity**

Early Years children performed a very heartwarming Nativity production again this year. St Peter's Church, in Wolviston, was filled with

very proud parents, carers and staff, all enjoying precious moments. All the children showed such courage and bravery, especially as for many, this was their first live performance.



#### Y1-Y4 - It's A Miracle

We all thoroughly enjoyed the performance of 'It's a Miracle' by Y1-Y4 this year. The children worked really hard to learn their lines, perform on stage and the singing was beautiful. We were very proud of all the children. A very special thankyou to Mrs Hope who worked tirelessly on the staging and dancing and to Mrs Newton for helping with the props.



#### **CAREERS WEEK - 5th FEBRUARY 2024**

A plea for parents and carers to come in to school to chat about their job. The children would love to hear all about the world of work. Please see Mrs Whitehill for details.



#### **POPPY APPEAL**

Wolviston Primary School's Poppy Appeal raised £130.23 for the Royal British Legion. Thank you to all who donated. Money raised will make a real difference to those in the armed forces community.

#### ASSEMBLY MUSIC













Each week, on entry and during assembly, children and staff listen to a wide and varied timetable of music. This has included classical, contemporary, jazz, reggae, blues, rock, rap, pop and indie. By listening to different kinds and genres of music we have helped our children to discover new sounds and compositions. In school everyone has their favourite genres of music but by taking time to listen we have all found joy in discovering different musical genres, songs, and tempos as well as an appreciation for talent.



















## SAFEGUARDING REVIEW

As part of PRST, all five trust schools take part in an annual Safeguarding Review. This month Mrs Taylor, HT at Barley Fields Primary, visited Wolviston Primary to look very carefully at our safeguarding procedures and practice. During her visit she walked round the school site, checked systems, paperwork and spoke to pupils and members of staff. During her feedback to the HT and Chair of Govs, Mrs Taylor was very positive and told us that our culture of safeguarding vigilance was tangible. We look forward to receiving her report in Jan'.

#### STAFFING UPDATE

After working at Wolviston for 16 years, Mrs Allred, has made the tough decision to leave at the end of this term.



Mrs Allred is moving to a new role in a neighbouring local authority to follow her passion for SEND. On behalf of all staff governors and volunteers, I would like to thank Mrs Allred for her hard work and wish her the best of luck for the future.

#### **SANTA VISIT**

Children, staff, governors and volunteers thoroughly enjoyed a special and magical visit from Santa and one of his reindeer.

All children spent time, with Santa and Aria, his lovely reindeer.



Thank you to Friends of Wolviston for making this very memorable moment possible.



#### **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - NOVEMBER 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%

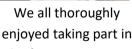
Class 1 - YR	93.16%
Class 2 - Y1/2	97.11%
Class 3 - Y3/4	96.82%
Class 4 - Y5/6	98.68%
Whole School	96.87%

Punctuality and minutes lost to learning are monitored.

Children tell us they do not like arriving late to school.









the festive activities.



### **LEARNING TOGETHER SESSION IN Y1/2**





Class 2 took their grownups Around the World to demonstrate their learning of the seven continents. The children became the teachers and taught the adults about so many different countries. Together they located the different countries and continents on a map, talked about their customs, landscape





#### **LEARNING TOGETHER SESSION IN Y5/6**



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Design and Technology workshop. The children all made working prototypes of their pneumatic machines designed to be used around the home which wouldn't have been possible without the help of everyone who helped us. It was great to see such creativity and resilience on display.

#### 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 DSLs
Mrs. V. Morrow is the Safeguarding Governor.

#### **CAROL SINGING**

Thank you to all parents and carers who joined us at our local **Tesco** store, to hear a collection of festive songs and carols. Through the kind generosity of parents, carers and Tesco shoppers we managed to raise £231 for school



funds. Thank you!

#### **TUCK SHOP**

**Thank you** to all parents and carers who kindly donate biscuits, cakes, treats and snacks for our fortnightly tuck shop. By doing so we can send 100% of the money raised from the Tuck Shop to the orphanage in Myanmar.



This term we have sent £289.00

#### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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



Nursery	Georgina
Class 1	Zoe
Class 2	Raeha, Joey, Alfie, Holly, Iris, Oscar
Class 3	Olivia, Gracie
Class 4	Henry



#### **SPRING TERM 2:1 - AFTER SCHOOL 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 and see your child in school every day.

## Booking for next half term will open on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 6pm

To book please follow one of the links...



https://forms.office.com/e/gYQrXgzcGP

Please complete a **separate form** for each child, to help with our attendance registers. **Thank you in advance.** 

**PLEASE NOTE:** Late fines will apply

Monday - Cooking Club

Children will follow recipes, prepare a range of ingredients to make a range of delicious treats to take home.

Tuesday - Science Experiment Club

Each week children will investigate the wonderful world of Science taking part in a range of experiments across the Science world.

Wednesday - KS2 Sports Club - EY/KS1 Book Club

Whilst KS2 children will play a team sport with Miss Robson, EY/KS1 children will listen and respond to a range of stories and complete related activities.

Thursday - Geography 'All Around the World' Club

Each week children will learn fun facts about a different country, even trying tasty cuisine from different countries

#### Friday - Puzzle Club

Children will work together to solve a range of puzzle activities including jigsaws, word and number games. listen and respond to a range of stories and complete related activities