



Wearhead Primary School

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"THE SMALL SCHOOL WITH A BIG HEART"

Dear Parents,

10th November 2017

The children have started rehearsing for THE PEACECHILD which will be performed in December. Some of them will have a script or a sheet of paper with words to LEARN. Please will you help them with this so that they are confident and as word perfect as possible for their performances! With many thanks in advance.

School is still receiving positive comments from members of the public who were at the WAP Forum meeting last week in Stanhope. Again, many thanks to all who went to help Mrs Judges and Debbie Connell.

We still have two Wolsingham Library books that are unaccounted for from our visits (November 2016 - June 2017). They are: **THINGS TO SPOT AT HOME** (infant) and **WIZARD** (probably infant). If you happen to find these behind the sofa, or in the airing cupboard (books can turn up in the most unexpected places) then send them into school and Mrs Judges will take them to the library one Saturday.

Friday 17th November is Children in Need Day. Please come in spots or any fancy dress, charged at a minimum donation of £1. If anyone would like to bake cakes to sell that day please send them into school that morning. Thank you.

Great News! We're running a **Scholastic Book Club** to earn free books for our school. We'll be sending the Book Club leaflets home so that you and your child/ren can choose from the latest exciting selection of books. Please place your order online at <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/wearhead> by **24th November 2017**.

School Photograph proofs are in the green folders. Please return order forms and payment by **18th November** at the latest so that they can be returned in time for the end of term.

Further to Wednesday's **Northern Echo front page report**, DCC cabinet members will meet next Wednesday 15th November to discuss and decide whether a review of school provision in County Durham will go ahead. Should this be approved the review will begin this month. The public have access to the appropriate document – Review of School Provision in Durham to be found at: **Item 5**

<https://democracy.durham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=154&MId=9125&Ver=4>

The governors are meeting for an extra ordinary meeting next Thursday 16th November to discuss the information available at the present time. The Chair of Governors has spoken to the Head of Education DCC and has arranged for him to visit the school later this month. Further discussions will then take place. Once more appropriate and relevant information is known we will share our findings with you.

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The following information was **put out to parents at Wolsingham Secondary School** earlier this week and **we have been asked to share it with you.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware from local media and papers, Durham County Council is proposing, subject to Cabinet approval, a review of education in Weardale across the 0-19 age range. This will involve Wolsingham School and six primary schools in the Weardale area.

Wolsingham School has a long and rich history and we are certain that the School will continue to provide a first class education for the children of Weardale. The County have been very supportive with our fantastic new build and renovation of the old school and we are confident that this will continue.

We are very proud of the School and the superb results achieved by our students. Our GCSE results in 2017 were among the strongest in the County, with 52% of students achieving a strong pass in English and Maths.

Due to our academic successes, unique opportunities such as the CCF Cadets and Police Cadets and state of the art facilities, our first choice numbers for September 2018 are up again on previous years, putting us in a very strong position for the future.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Morris and Bruno Porter (Acting Head and Chair of Governors)

