



Wearhead Primary School

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*"THE SMALL SCHOOL WITH THE BIG HEART"
"El Colegio mas pequeño con el corazón mas grande"*

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Dear Parents,

As you may remember, in last week's newsletter I suggested we were on the home straight to the end of the summer term, how wrong I was! On Tuesday we received the call to tell us that we were going to be inspected by Ofsted starting at 8.00am on Wednesday morning. This was one of the very last two inspection days of this academic year as there are no inspections on Fridays or in the final week of the summer term.

As this was a short notice Section 8 inspection, parents were not informed of the inspection by Ofsted but our inspector, Mark Evans HMI, took the opportunity to speak to as many parents as possible over the two days. He wanted to make sure he had a really secure evidence base for his judgements and as a result, he extended the inspection to a full Section 5 two day inspection.

Due to the timing of the inspection and timescale for publication we will not have the final report until the first week back in September, which is unfortunate as it keeps everyone on tenterhooks waiting for it to arrive. The senior leadership team and Governors have had feedback and are aware of all provisional judgments but until the report is written, fact checked and quality assured, the results have to remain **confidential** as they could be subject to change.

All I am able to say at this point is that the inspection process was very fair and thorough and that we were very pleased with the many strengths of the school that the inspector was able to see. We were all very happy at the feedback session and feel that the report will accurately reflect where we are as a school and celebrate our many strengths.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the entire team at Wearhead for taking the inspection in their stride right at the end of an extremely busy year. It is a real testament to the dedication of everyone at school that even in the penultimate week of the summer term, the inspection ran very smoothly with no surprises. I would also like to thank the parents who did manage to speak to the inspector and finally thank the children who were impeccably behaved, articulate and fully engaged as usual. They really did their school and their families proud. Both staff and children demonstrated that the Wearhead spirit is alive and well!

Key Stage Two Athletics Tournament – The final inter-school, Key Stage Two tournament of the year will be taking place next week on **Tuesday 16th July** in the morning at St John's Chapel Primary School. Can you please make sure that the children have their PE kit in school on Tuesday morning along with a coat just in case there is any rain. However, we will hope for sun and as we want the children to be sun safe please make sure they are wearing, or have access to, sun cream. Please note the children will be back at school for their usual school lunch time.

Key Stage One pupils will be visiting Bowlees Visitors Centre in Teesdale on **Tuesday 16th July**. The children will be celebrating their work with the Cold-blooded and Spineless project... (Some of you might remember being at the Dales Centre last year). The session will explore habitats and some extended learning about snails. We will be leaving school at 9am and will return by 3.15pm. Your child will need: **A packed lunch** extra drinks in screw top bottles (no fizzy drinks please) Wellies, Waterproof clothing if the weather is wet, Suncream/midge repellent and sunhats, Layers of clothing are best so that we can put on and take off! A set of spare clothes are always a good idea when we are out for the full day.

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Air Ambulance Collection – Monday 15th July – Please bring all bags in for 0930am. Thank you.

Dinner Money - Individual notes for the dinner money for 15th-19th July are in the green folders for those who pay on a half term basis. Please can this be brought in on Monday due to the outside company that is used to collect. Thank you. Those who pay weekly will need to bring in £10.25.

FISCH Club - Our last session with Lennie and FISCH club will be on Tuesday 16th July The children will have their final in-school session with FISCH After School club taking place straight afterwards finishing at 4.15pm

Leaver's Assembly - All parents and carers are invited to our Leaver's Assembly on Friday 19th July at 2.00pm. It is our final chance to give a fantastic, heart-felt send off to our Head Girl and Mrs Mavin. Bring the tissues!

Mrs Mavin's Retirement Party – Mrs Mavin had asked me to pass on her sincere thanks for everyone's kind words, cards and presents at her party last Saturday. I am sure those of you who attended will agree that it was a wonderful evening and a fitting celebration for someone who has devoted over forty years to educating children. She would also like to thank the children who sang so beautifully during the evening.

Atentamente
Tim Hiley and Staff

