



# Wearhead Primary School

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*"THE SMALL SCHOOL WITH THE BIG HEART"*

Dear Parents,

12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** Mr Hopper's **final session this term will be on Monday 12th November**. For that session, Mr Hopper requires all children to have a hat, gloves, coat and waterproofs otherwise they will not be able to take part in the session.

Mr Hopper has asked for **as many helpers as possible** to assist in the morning session (juniors) and/or the afternoon session (infants). If you have a few hours to spare, and would like to help then contact Mrs J!

**KS2** had an excellent training session at the recreation ground earlier this week, in preparation for their **tag rugby festival** next week (morning of **Wednesday 17th October**). **ADVANCE NOTICE:** school will send home a sports kit for you to wash after the tag rugby festival - **PLEASE** pay particular attention to the washing labels as the kit is surprisingly quite delicate! Many thanks in advance for this.

**LOCKERBIE 2019:** please see enclosed letter for junior children only. Mrs Judges and Mrs Turnbull will be leading the visit...Mrs T is very excited about the outdoor challenges!

Hannah from **BEAMISH MUSEUM** will be visiting school on **Wednesday 17th October** as part of our RE-MAKING BEAMISH SPAINSFIELD FARM project. Hannah will be leading outreach based around women in the First World War who were trained to work in munitions factories and other industry.

Mrs J, Mrs T and I had a very successful meeting regarding our forthcoming visit to Salamanca. We have been given lots of homework to do, and the timetable of our time at the language college is quite immense! We are grateful to the ERASMUS+ grant that is enabling us to have the experience - and we can't wait to incorporate all that we have learned when back in school! The project will continue well into 2019, culminating in a special celebration day in July 2019 for pupils and staff.

**Advance Notice:** children in **Y1-6** will be attending **Interfaith Day** at **St. John's Chapel Primary School on Tuesday 30th October, 2018**. They will not need lunch as lunch will be provided at St Johns! Transport will be by minibus, at no cost to you. Reception children will remain at school with Mrs Turnbull - and they will be joined by other early years children and staff from our partner cluster schools! Reception children will have a school lunch as normal at Wearhead. Packed lunch children in Y3-6 will require £2.05 for their meal at St John's Chapel School.

As part of the Council's work around poverty, they will be making free healthy snacks available in their leisure centres throughout October half-term. 76,800 healthy snacks were distributed in leisure centres and libraries over the summer holidays to a positive reception.

**Advance Notice – Children in Need** afternoon **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November** – fun and frolics to raise money for a worthy cause! More information to follow nearer the time.

**Northern Echo Reception picture** – school has been informed that the photograph of our Reception group will be published in the October 16<sup>th</sup> edition.

**Dinner Notes** – KS2 dinner notes are in green folders for meals for next week. Please send payment in by Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at the latest. Thank you.

## PTO



## **INFORMATION FROM COUNTY DURHAM POLICE:**

PEOPLE in County Durham and Darlington are being urged to protect their property from opportunistic thieves this winter.

The onset of dark nights can lead to a rise in burglaries, as a house which is in darkness can look empty to an opportunistic criminal.

As part of Durham Constabulary's Winter Nights campaign, people are being urged to take simple steps to secure their homes to help prevent themselves from becoming a victim of crime.

Chief Inspector Caroline Davies, from Durham Constabulary, said: "All too often people are making their homes attractive to burglars and thieves by leaving them unlocked or in darkness during the winter months.

"However, a few simple steps are all it takes to reduce this risk and protect yourself from becoming a victim of crime."

Follow these tips to keep your home safe this winter:

- Lock all windows and doors – even if you're at home.
- A well-lit home gives the impression someone is in.
- Leave a light on or use timer switches so lights come on when it gets dark.
- Don't leave valuables on show.
- Don't leave your house and vehicle keys in the lock or on a side table in view of a window, making it easy for a thief to fish them through your letterbox.
- Don't leave curtains closed during the day, only in the evening and overnight.
- If you have a house alarm, use it.
- Contact your local neighbourhood police team if you see anything suspicious in your area.

As part of the campaign, people are also being reminded to always lock their vehicles when leaving them unattended, and remove all valuables from sight.

"Vehicles left unattended with valuables left on display or unlocked are a magnet for criminals, who will often try a number of car door handles until they find one that has been left open," added Ch Insp Davies.

"It only takes a few seconds to make sure you've locked the door, but it could mean the difference between having your car stolen or having it there when you return.

"In the run up to the festive season when traditionally people are doing more shopping, they should also remove items from their vehicles before leaving them unattended, or lock them out of sight in the boot."

During the campaign, PCSOs will also be patrolling key hotspot areas which have seen an increase in burglaries, thefts from vehicles and antisocial behaviour.

To report any suspicious activity in your area, contact Durham Constabulary on 101, or call Crimestoppers anonymously, 0800 555 111.

With best wishes,  
Karen Evans and staff

