



# Wearhead Primary School

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

Dear Parents,

25<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Another busy week has come and gone, beginning with ice, snow and sledges and finishing with a day that 'almost' felt spring like! There has, as usual, been lots going on, including a brilliant session with David Naphine who is working with us as part of our aspirations project.

Sumdog (Perro de Suma, if you prefer it Spanish)

The juniors have just been introduced to using an engaging mathematical program called Sumdog. It uses games to encourage children, and automatically adapts to your child's needs. As they play, Sumdog asks questions that are tailored to their individual learning. We can also use Sumdog to take part in mathematical competitions playing against other schools in County Durham and the UK.

Please join in and encourage your child.

To help with our mathematics learning, we'd like you to encourage your child to play a little Sumdog each week. You can use the Sumdog website on your computer, or download the iPad or Android app. Parents can also have a free Sumdog login. Just visit [www.sumdog.com](http://www.sumdog.com) and click the Parents link at the bottom right. This lets you keep in touch with your child's efforts, so you can give encouragement. I have enclosed an individual copy of your child's login details in their green folder to enable you to help get them started at home. If you cannot access Sumdog at home for any reason don't worry, the children will have the opportunity to use Sumdog in school and if you have any concerns or technical questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

As always, safeguarding is very important and I have fully risk assessed the Sumdog site in line with our internet usage policy. As part of the challenge of Sumdog the children can play against children in other schools however, while children can add friends to their profile, there is no 'live chat' element or facilities for messaging of any kind within the Sumdog environment. I would also recommend limiting Sumdog to no more than ten to fifteen minutes a session.

Thanks for taking part!

From Monday KS2 children will need a **full winter PE kit** as they are going to start training for a **Cross Country run**! Training will take place in school time at Wearhead Recreation ground, and Mrs Judges would be grateful for any help to walk the children to the sessions!  
Please note: the winter PE will probably get very muddy and dirty!

ADVANCE NOTICE: KS2 children are taking our Aspirations project researcher, David Naphine, for a walk along a short part of the Weardale Way on 15th February (weather permitting). If you fancy joining us, please contact Mrs Judges.

Request from Mrs Turnbull – If you have any spare mug trees please can you bring them into school. They will be used for the Infant Jewellery Shop.

Atentamente  
Tim Hiley and Staff

