



# Wearhead Primary School

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

5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of the Spring term, I would just like to say a huge thank you to the children, staff, governors and parents of school for giving me such a warm welcome and the support they have offered through the term as I have been 'settling in.' This term has absolutely flown by and this is due to the huge number of opportunities that make Wearhead Primary School a vibrant and exciting place to be. Like the children, I am certainly ready for Easter but I am also already looking forward to what the summer term and beyond (see below) will bring.

On behalf of the team here at Wearhead, I wish you all a wonderful Easter and whether you are going away, busy lambing or fulfilling whatever other commitments you may have, I hope you have the opportunity to spend some quality time together with your family and we will look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

## **Message from Our School Governors**

*In January we welcomed our new Head Teacher Mr Hiley to our fantastic school and both he and the rest of the staff have worked very hard to continue providing interesting, varied and exciting learning opportunities for the children!*

*As many of you will be aware from local press reports, DCC are in the process of undertaking an Educational Review in Weardale and because of this we were advised to appoint our new HT on a temporary basis.*

*As governors we continue to work closely with the Local Authority, however we feel that continuity is essential, and for the benefits of the pupils, parents and wider community we wish to secure the leadership at our wonderful school. We are extremely pleased to announce that Mr Hiley has agreed to continue to be our Head Teacher beyond the original date of 31.08.19. I am sure you will agree this is wonderful news!*

*As Governors we remain passionate about ensuring our school is providing the very best education possible for pupils in Upper Weardale and we know that having strong leadership at Wearhead is paramount. We feel this is a positive move for our 'Outstanding' School.*

**Reports** - We hope you found our new style interim reports informative and useful. Thank you very much to those parents who have sent back the feedback forms and questionnaires. If you have not had chance to complete these yet, please could you return them after the holiday. Your feedback is really important to us as we constantly look for ways to continue improving our school.

**Food Hygiene Rating** – I am delighted to report that after an unannounced hygiene inspection by the local authority our kitchen was awarded the maximum of five stars. This is down to the hard work of Chef who is meticulous about health and hygiene in the kitchen when he is working to produce excellent school dinners. We are very lucky as a small rural school to have our own chef and kitchen and top marks in inspections such as this help us ensure we keep the provision.

## **PTO**



**Swimming** sessions start up again for ALL children (Reception-Y6) after the Easter Holiday on Fridays for the first half term. Please will you make sure that your child/ren have the following kit: girls - a one piece swimming costume, towel and swimming hat; boys - swimming trunks or swimming shorts (the length must not be to the knees), towel and swimming hat Goggles are optional...but please note that the swimming teacher encourages the children to swim for half of the session without their goggles. Swimming hats can be purchased from the pool - just let Mrs J have £2 in a named envelope and she'll buy them for you. Parents of reception children - it would be very helpful to staff if your child is able to change and dry themselves as there is not a lot of time to get ready because another school uses the pool straight after us! Please - no tights/fiddly buttons/complicated clothing!

**SUMDOG** - I have set up a Junior class, Sumdog competition that will run over the Easter holiday to hopefully encourage some maths skills practice during the holiday. It runs from tomorrow morning to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April and the children can log on at any time. Encourage the children to take part if they can but please encourage them to not spend any more than 10-20 minutes per day and to make sure they enjoy doing other 'holiday' things too.

**Youth Club** - If any Reception children would like to stay for Youth Club on Wednesdays after the Easter Holiday, please let Mrs Hayes know. They will need 50p for tuck shop.

**FISCH Initiative** - We are delighted that Lenny from **FISCH** (Family initiative to support children's health) is going to be working with KS1 and KS2 during school time on being active and eating well. Lenny's sessions are fun and highly enjoyable. She is hosting a meeting for parents on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April to explain the initiative and this will take place in Class 2 at 1530. There will be a creche provided for Rec-Y6 children whilst you are at the meeting. Lenny will be running a FISCH club for KS2 pupils after school on Tuesdays (starting on May 7<sup>th</sup>) for 10 weeks. More information about this will follow.

The final non-contact **BOXING CLUB** will take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April - we'd like to thank coach Zelda for her time and energy in running the club.

**Dinner Letters** – KS2 pupils who pay on a termly basis will have a letter in their green folders. For those that pay weekly the cost will be £8.20 due on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

**Milk/Juice Money** – Please can each child who has milk bring in £3.00 in cash, and for those that have juice £1.50 for next term.

Have a wonderful and safe Easter!

Atentamente  
Tim Hiley and Staff

