



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,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a wonderful Summer and had the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends whether at home or away.

It was wonderful to welcome the children back on Wednesday, they all looked really smart in their fresh uniforms and they have settled in to the new term quickly and we are all really enjoying hearing about their summer adventures. As usual we have a really exciting term ahead with lots of great opportunities for the children. Teachers have been really busy planning exciting and engaging lessons and organising all sorts of enrichment activities which add so much above and beyond! As always if you have comments, worries or concerns do not hesitate to give me a call or pop in.

Ofsted Report - As you will remember, we had our visit from Ofsted just before we broke up for the Summer holiday. Due to the timing of the inspection this meant the report would not be published until this week. I am therefore, delighted to attach a copy of the report to this newsletter. It has been seven years since the school was last inspected and during this time there have been many changes to the inspection framework, each one raising the bar higher and higher. Therefore, to be given a judgment of good with outstanding features is a real testament to the hard work of staff over the years between inspections. I am sure that when you read the report you will agree that Wearhead School continues to offer fantastic opportunities to children and you can be certain that we are already planning to effectively develop the areas outlined in the report so that we can continue to be the best that we can be. If you have questions or comments about the report please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Please be aware that this Ofsted report will not go live on the Ofsted website until Wednesday 11th September which is the official general release date.

Lumiere Project, Durham, November 2019 - Wearhead children are working on an international tree of friendship arts project which will be part of the year's LUMIERE festival in Durham City. On Wednesday, Mrs Sue Snowdon who is the Lord Lieutenant of Durham, will visit school to take part in an arts session with us. Prior to this, she will be interviewed by KS2 as part of their aspirations project. There will be a lot of adults in school that day - including two Italian students and the Mayor of Durham City. Everyone will get a true Wearhead welcome!

PE Kits - With the autumn and winter nearly here, please will you make sure that your child has a full winter PE kit - shorts, T-Shirt, warm joggers/sweats and a warm top. We are a hardy bunch at Wearhead, we do PE outside all year round if we can!

Swimming - This has started again for Y1-Y6 children for the first half of this term. We have a later lesson time, so our return to school for the end of the day may be quite tight. Please don't worry if the children have a slightly later home time! If you need swimming hats - Mrs J can provide these for you at a cost of £2.



For children wearing studs and earrings, please will you remove these as DCC pool policy doesn't allow any jewellery in the pool - many thanks in advance!

Sports club - For KS2 children will start on Tuesday 10th September after school - 3.15-4.15pm. The club will run every Tuesday and is being run by Education Enterprise.

Advance notice for KS2 parents: - Mrs J and Mr H will be taking 7 juniors to Wolsingham School to take part in a Tag Rugby league which will run for 4 weeks on Wednesdays: 18/9, 25/9, 2/10 and 9/10. The session starts at 4pm and finishes at 5pm. Once we know who is able to take part, we can organise collection and pick up details later.

Milk Money and Juice money – £3.00 for milk and £1.50 for juice. In cash only please. Many thanks to those who have already paid.

Atentamente
Tim Hiley and Staff

