



Wearhead Primary School

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



Wearhead Warrior

Working together to support each other

Issue 32 – Friday 18th December

As we come to the end of term, I am writing this final newsletter of 2020 with a sense of both pride and sadness. I am extremely proud of the small school with the big heart, its children and its staff. In my two years here we have faced some of the biggest challenges of my headship career and, working together we have come through them in the very best possible way that we can, I hope that in some small way I have managed to make a difference. I know I will take away many happy memories of the children and adults I have met and worked with during my time here and I will miss them all. As Wearhead moves into a new chapter of its history as part of The Upper Durham Dales Federation, I know that it will continue to thrive due to the dedicated staff, resilient children and the support and leadership it will receive from the new Executive Headteacher and I want to wish her and all of you, the very best for the future.

I hope that, even with the current restrictions, you all manage to have a very happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas and I wish each and every one of you the very best for 2021.

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A Very Virtual Christmas

We really hope you enjoyed our virtual Christmas show and it brought a warm glow and some Christmas magic to your homes. Don't forget, if you have not yet had chance to watch it, you can find it on our YouTube Channel along with other videos from the last year. [Click Here](#) to visit our channel.

Dinner Money

If you currently pay for school meals the cost will remain at £10.50 per week. For those who prefer to pay on a half term basis, Mrs Hayes will email the dinner money letter to you directly.

Milk / Juice Money

We have been fortunate that we haven't needed any juice or milk money for the whole of this term, however from January Mrs Hayes will be asking for £3.00 for milk and £1.50 for juice – cash only please. Please can you ask your child what they would prefer as many have opted for juice.

Christmas Holiday Reporting of Coronavirus Cases - DCC Guidance

Wearhead School will close on December 18th. If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus you must book a test.



If your child develops symptoms that result in a positive test, up to and including December 20th you must inform the school at wearhead@durhamlearning.net.

Please include the name of your child, their class and the date that their symptoms started, as well as your own contact details.

From Monday 21st December

If your child develops coronavirus symptoms from Monday 21st December onwards, they must be tested and, if positive, follow the advice of Test and Trace. You do not need to inform the school of any symptoms which occur after this date.

Contact tracing during the Christmas break

Please be aware that the school, following the guidance of the Department for Education and Public Health, will do the following for 6 days after the end of term:

Collect information from staff and pupils with positive tests and families of symptomatic pupils

Advise families of close contact with confirmed Covid cases, and inform them of self-isolation requirements

Christmas in events in Weardale

Carol singing on Christmas Eve at 3.30pm in St John's Chapel Market Square with Mary, Joseph and 'donkey' (well, mini-Shetland pony) followed by short crib service in St John's. Refreshments provided by Chatterbox Café. Come dressed as shepherds or angels ready to take part in the story!

Spring Term 2021

School reopens for the children on Tuesday 5th January 2021 at the normal time. All current coronavirus routines including drop off and pick up times will continue after the holiday.

Quote for the week

"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard!"

Winnie the Pooh by A A Milne

Have a wonderful Christmas.

Tim Hiley
Headteacher

