



# 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,

We have now been back for over a week and the children (and staff) are very quickly settling back to school routines. We have welcomed Miss Mackenzie to school who is joining us as an additional teaching assistant up to October half term and she is really enjoying getting to know everyone.

We had a big day on Wednesday this week when we were joined by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant, Mrs Sue Snowdon along with her consort, Katie Corrigan, the Chair of Durham County Council and her consort along with several other adults who all joined us in taking part in a workshop to help create 'The Tree of Friendship,' a fantastic light sculpture that will be part of this year's Lumiere Festival in Durham (More details later). The children were brilliant as usual and were not fazed by the additional nine adults in the room. Mrs Snowdon posted the following lovely comment on her official Facebook page:

*I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to Wearhead School today... The school's motto is, "The small school with the big heart." "El Colegio mas pequeno con el corazon mas grande." It most certainly is. A happy school, providing a rich learning environment for all in their care, engaging confident children, who were delightful and in no way in awe of their visitors."*

This project involves schools from right around the world so it is a real honour to be asked to be part of it.

Maths Homework – The Juniors are now bringing home weekly maths homework in a '10 Minute Task' Book. The children will usually have from Monday to the following Monday to complete their homework and it should take no more than 10 -20 minutes. I recommend that the children are given the opportunity to complete their homework in a quiet space earlier in the week as this will allow them to ask for help at home or school, if they need it. You will find the answers in the back of the book to help you work with your children and if you wish to cut these out and keep them separately at home please do so. I would also ask that the children only do the task given. The book is designed to last all year and we will be dipping into different parts of the book to support the current work in class. I would also ask that you encourage your children to really take care of their homework book, they cost over £5 each and we want to ensure they do last for the full year.

Message to KS2 parents of children wishing to take part in the Tag rugby league: Tag Rugby league session 1 starts on Wednesday 18th September 4-5pm at Wolsingham School. A full kit will be provided for your child. Mrs J will be in touch shortly to make arrangements about transport and collection times.

There will be no Youth Club on Wednesday 18th September, due to unavoidable staff commitments.

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A tutor from the famous DANCECITY STUDIOS in Newcastle is coming to run a 6 week KS2 club on Thursdays 3.15-4.15pm (starting on Thursday 19th September). This club is open to KS2 children of our cluster schools, and will feature some seriously good moves, fun and music! Please see consent letter and return to school by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

Our infants aren't going to miss out either, as they'll be working with the tutor at SJC Primary school in their PE curriculum time.

Thank you for your understanding about our potential late returns to school after swimming on Fridays.

Advance notice: we will be taking all the children to a small schools cluster hand ball sports event at SJC Primary School on Tuesday 24th September. The children will need their PE kits. Lunch time arrangements will not change. The cost of transporting the children to the event will be met from the Sports Grant.

A message from Heather Ross: If you fancy going to a Harvest Festival this weekend, then St. Thomas' at Heatherycleugh are holding one on Saturday at 3pm. There will be tea and an auction of Harvest goods afterwards in the village hall at 4pm. Everyone is welcome.

Each child has been given a free ticket for Stanhope Show which can be used for either Saturday or Sunday this weekend.

Atentamente  
Tim Hiley and Staff

