



Upper Durham Dales Federation

Wearhead Newsletter

Friday 24th September



Message from Mrs Hodgkinson:

Thank you to everyone who joined us this week to raise money for Macmillan cancer support. The children and staff have worked hard to make our fundraising events a success, and we really appreciate the support from parents and carers. It's been great to see some normality returning to our school routines.

Unfortunately, there does seem to have been a rise in Covid cases in Weardale recently and we have also had a number of pupils absent with colds and stomach bugs. We continue to reinforce the messages of good hand and respiratory hygiene in school. If your child/ren are unwell and show any Covid symptoms, please keep them at home and book a PCR test.

Thank you for your continued support and have a good weekend.

Don't forget to apply for a school place if your child is due to start primary school or move to secondary school in September 2022.

The deadline dates to apply for these school places are:

Secondary school admissions—15th October, 2021

Primary school admissions - 15th January, 2022

Apply online at www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Useful links for our Space themed Topic:

www.grassholmeobservatory.com - a new observatory near Barnard Castle

www.durhamcathedral.co.uk - Museum of the Moon installation



Wearhead & St John's Chapel Primary Schools

From 8am Cost £2-25 per day

Please book by the previous Friday

01388 537332

Transport available to Wearhead



Messages from staff:

The staff from Wearhead Primary School would like to say a huge thank you to all those who joined us/ donated money and cakes for the Macmillan Coffee afternoon held on Thursday 23rd September. We raised a total of **£106.52**.

Thank you

Class 2 Litter Picking with Durham Wildlife Trust – Monday 24th September

Class 2 will be litter picking as part of the Durham Wildlife Trust (DWT) 'Plastic Pollution in the River Wear' project (University of Teesside). Rachel Richards, from DWT, will be here on Monday afternoon to talk about the project and then we will litter pick at a safe site by the river. All children will need a waterproof coats and appropriate footwear.

Forest School – Tuesday 28th September

Don't forget to wear your outdoor clothes on Tuesday 28th. At the moment the weather forecast is showing rain so make sure you have your waterproof trousers and coats. Thank you, Mrs Turnbull/Mrs Halliley.

Dates for your diary:

Date	Event
Wearhead Primary - Monday 27 th Sept	Class 2 Litter Picking with Durham Wildlife Trust (pm)
Monday 4 th October	Key Stage 2 visit to Weardale House
Tuesday 5 th October	EYFS/Key Stage 1 visit to Weardale House
Rookhope Primary - Monday 18 th Oct St. John's Chapel - Wed 20 th Oct Wearhead Primary - Wed 20 th Oct	Harvest event Collection for Weardale foodbank
Thursday 21st October	Planetarium experience at St. John's Chapel Town Hall (further details to follow)
Friday 22 nd October	School closes for half term holiday
Monday 1 st November	Staff INSET day- all schools closed to pupils
Tuesday 2 nd November	Schools reopen for teaching purposes