



Wellfield Middle School

NEWSLETTER

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WE'RE
RAISING
MONEY
FOR
**BBC
CHILDREN
IN NEED**

Friday
20th November
Non Uniform
Day
£2

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Dear Parent/Carer,

School Photographs

These are taking place on Tuesday 17 November in school.

Children in Need

This event takes place on Friday 20 November and as usual we are hoping to raise as much as we can for the children. There will be a number of activities during the day and pupils are invited to come along to school with stripes, spots and whacky hair. We are asking for a donation of £2 for this on the day. We will give pupils more details nearer the time.

Cake Sale

We will be having a cake sale for Children in Need. Donations of cakes should be brought to the HE room on Friday 20th November and will be sold at breaktimes.

Chair of Governors

Mr Heap, our previous chair, stood down recently having come to the end of his term of office. We are very grateful to him for all the hard work, enthusiasm and commitment he has shown towards our school. I am pleased to announce that our new chair is Mr Chris Tipple and we look forward very much to working with him in the future.

Dates for the Diary

- Tuesday 17th November**—School Photographs
- Wednesday 16 December** – evening carol concert for our school at St Aiden's Church, Earsdon. (all parents/grandparents etc welcome)
- Thursday 17 December** – school pantomime. 2 performances at 5-30 and 7pm
- Friday 18 December** – non uniform day for charity. School ends at 3-30
- Monday 4 January**— Teacher Training day
- Tuesday 5 January** – school opens for all pupils

Breakfast Club

Please note that, as previously indicated, this club will cease to operate after this term. This is because the local authority has withdrawn the funding for it and we simply are not in a position to fund this ourselves. Pupils can still have a breakfast at the out of hours club but of course a charge for this would apply.

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Confectionery Items

A number of pupils are clearly bringing sweets and crisps etc into school and consuming these on the premises resulting in a great deal of litter around school.

For some time now these items have only been allowed in packed lunch boxes. We intend to reinforce this with all pupils from today.

FWS Meeting

There is a further FWS planning meeting on Wednesday 18 November at 6pm in school. Do please come along, if you can, to support this group. Without the help of parents this group will struggle to organise discos and other events for the pupils so please give your help.

Remembrance Day

I am pleased to report that we did mark this event in school. Special assemblies were held and we also had a 2 minute silence on the day. I would also like to thank Mrs Henderson and also Rebecca Dryden, Niamh McEvoy, Andrew Bravington & ?? who represented our school at a special event held at Whitley Bay High School.

Halloween Book Quiz

A very successful Halloween book quiz was recently held in the library. Nearly 100 pupils completed the quiz, with prizes being awarded to everyone who correctly answered all the questions. A big thank you to the library monitors Georgia, Caitlin and Christine who organised the event. Look out for more special events in the library over the coming months.

Author in School

We are very excited to announce that Tony Wilson (well known author and storyteller) is visiting school on Wednesday 18 November to work with pupils. More details will be sent shortly. Parents are able to attend the year 6 session at the start of the day.

Parents' Forum

Please note that the next meeting of this group is on 23 November in school at 6-15.

Any parent interested in the forum is welcome to attend. If you would like more information about the group come along to the meeting or contact the school office.



Interim Report 1

During the next week or so you should receive your child's first interim report. This will give you an early indication of how they are doing in every subject and follows on from the parent consultation evenings earlier this term.

Pantomime

This years pantomime will be Jack and the Beanstalk and will take place on Thursday 17th December. Rehearsals are already underway with lots of pupils involved either singing, dancing or acting.

Themed Learning Day

Our recent super learning day was very successful with very positive feedback from pupils and staff. There was a great atmosphere in school and I am very grateful to all those who made the day so enjoyable. My thanks to Miss McElderry and Miss Potts who planned the day for us.

Winter Soup Workshop

There are still some places on the soup cooking workshop, on Tuesday 24th November. Sessions with places still available are 1.30-3pm and 4.30 - 6pm

Places must be booked and are on a first come first served basis. Please note that this event is for parents and carers only. Those who have booked places will receive a letter later in the week confirming details.

S.W. Collinson, Headteacher