



Newsletter 28th January 2022

Nursery

Staff: Miss Hird and Miss Lamb.



Pupil of the Week

Jenson Kenny for joining in with all nursery activities.

Year 1

Staff: Miss Crampton, Miss Bennett, Mr Gough and Mr Hay.

We have PE every Wednesday. Children need to come to school in a PE kit so they can participate in PE.

In Forest School Thursday, Year 1 have started to clean up their corner of the world by litter picking, which links to our Geography. We collected 6 bags of rubbish from the surroundings of our school grounds!



Pupil of the Week

Molly McDevitt

For being enthusiastic in all subjects, giving 100% effort and taking the lead in group work.

Year 3

Staff: Mrs Cunliffe, Mrs Brown and Mrs O'Sullivan. Remember Year 3 go swimming every Wednesday and PE takes place Tuesday and Thursdays.

Year 3 will be making pom-pom creatures as part of the fund raising event on Friday 4th February. If you could please donate any spare wool, then that would be a great help. If any of the children own the plastic pom-pom making circles then these would also help us,



Pupil of the Week

Sophia Cummings for her fantastic ideas in English.

Year 4 Mrs. Vincent and Miss Bennett.

Year 4 go swimming every Wednesday and PE takes place on a Tuesday afternoon.



Pupil of the Week

Meg Peverley-Kipling for determination and excellent fractions work.

Reception

Staff: Mrs. L Smith, Mrs. J Smith and Miss Cowe.

Fresh Air Friday

Please remember children need their wellies every Friday so they can take part in outdoor learning.

PE day- Friday



Pupil of the Week

Fox Hindmarch for great work in phonics. Fox is now reading sounds and tricky words without any help. Well done Fox.

Year 2

Staff: Miss Cameron and Mrs. Goldsmith.

PE day – Thursday

Outdoor learning every Friday

Today we are taking part in this year's Big Garden Bird Watch with RSPB during Forest School today. Fingers crossed we spot lots of different birds, ask us what we saw and how many!

Please remember children need their wellingtons or old shoes and a warm coat for Forest Friday.



Pupil of the Week

Charlie Wadge for sharing his fantastic knowledge about the world and its continents in Geography this week.

Year 5

Staff: Miss Prosser and Mrs. Ferguson.



Pupil of the Week

Tarleea Kennedy for trying her best all week. She has been kind and considerate to others and she has excelled in maths.

Year 6

Staff: Miss Denham and Miss Gregg.



Pupil of the Week

Sophia Johnson - For her fantastic effort and determination when completing home learning tasks and continuing this upon returning to school.



West Cornforth School Staff

Due to COVID related illness, we have been extremely short staffed this week. Last Monday, I was faced with the sad prospect of closing the school because of the staff shortages. Try as I might, I have been unable to find relief staff. Rather than making the decision to close and further interrupt the children's learning, all staff offered their help to enable us to stay open safely, whilst still maintaining a high standard of cleanliness. Between us, we have hoovered, cleaned toilets, washed floors and emptied the bins etc. etc.

The lunchtime staff also deserve a pat on the back, as they have volunteered to work longer hours; because of them, we have been able to organise two lunch sittings and time to thoroughly clean the tables and chairs between each key stage. Nothing has been a bother. It has made me realise how lucky we are to have such a great set of dedicated people working at our school.

A gentle reminder about our school uniform

Children are expected to wear black or grey bottoms, a white or pale blue polo top or shirt/blouse and a navy blue or grey jumper or cardigan. Footwear should be black or dark coloured. For P.E, children are expected to wear black or grey tracksuit/jogging bottoms/leggings or shorts and a white or pale blue t-shirt. Definitely, no cropped tops.

Events Unfortunately, we have had to cancel all visits and limit the number of non-essential visitors in school. If you take a look at our curriculum plans on the school website, you will see we planned lots of interesting enrichment activities and experiences.

On **Thursday 3rd February** our school will join in the national "Time to Talk" Day. The day is about creating supportive communities by having conversations with family, friends, or colleagues about mental health. We all have mental health. By talking about it, we can support ourselves and others. For further information search timetotalkday.co.uk

On **Friday 4th February**, West Cornforth Primary School will be celebrating World Number Day.

NSPCC Number Day is a maths-inspired fundraising event where schools across the UK raise money for the NSPCC. On this day, children will take part in a number of maths activities and are encouraged to donate and wear an item of clothing with a number on it, or dressed as a rockstar. (Children can wear their uniform or non-uniform if they would prefer.)

TTRockstars have joined NSPCC in supporting and encouraging World Number Day and, as a result, children at West Cornforth Primary are encouraged to come to school dressed as a rockstar. TTRockstars are donating an amazing £1,500 to the NSPCC to support their charity. Each class will be competing to win a TTRockstars competition...who will win?

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Updates

At West Cornforth Primary School, our children are at the centre of everything we do. We aim to identify the needs of all pupils as early as possible. This is part of our graduated approach, in which we Assess, Plan, Do, Review. This ongoing cycle ensures that effective provision is put in place and also removes barriers to learning. We have a range of interventions taking place daily in our school to meet the needs of all of our children.

NSPCC World Number Day (Friday 4th February)

We understand that some children can find 'alternative dress' days challenging, and although there are many interpretations of 'Rockstar fancy dress', we do understand that this change can be difficult for some. Therefore, we will be discussing this change with children prior to the day by talking about 'alternative dress' and how children may attend school in clothes that are 'Rockstar related', but most importantly, clothes that are comfortable for them. We hope that by discussing the changes in advance, it will make children feel more comfortable, and give them some inspiration.

Durham Local Offer

Durham Local Offer has information for families of children and young people with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND), from birth to the age of 25.

Durham SEND Information Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS)

Durham SEND Information Advice and Support Service is a statutory service supporting parents/carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and children and young people with SEND.



Mr. Whitelock's Sports Superstars

Nursery

Freddie

Reception

Aria Cain

Year 1

Charlie Austin & Heidi Parkinson

Year 2

Cole Iddon

Year 3

Thomas Wilkinson

Year 4

Luke Forster & Alfie Hart

Year 5

Matthew Graham

Year 6

Ava-Mae Ridley & Holly Walker



General News

Thank you for completing our school questionnaire. I received fifty-five responses. Main areas for improvement: sharing information and better communication. Parking is still an issue. Parents please park responsibly and walk to school whenever possible.

Miss Hird would like to share a great app called '1 Minute Maths'.

School Holidays

The school holidays can be found on the school website. Paper copies are available on request.

Attendance: This week's attendance is: 93.2%