

Friday Flyer

Friday 22nd November 2019

Head teacher Update

This week it was the Governors turn to visit the new build site. It was pleasing to see how much progress had been made since our staff visits last week. The primary school is now almost completely water tight and work has begun on plastering walls.

The view from the activity street onto open fields is simply stunning!



Christmas Raffle

We are already receiving some brilliant donations from local businesses for our Annual Christmas Raffle! If you have any connections to a local business who may be happy to donate a voucher/gift - please hand in to the office or send a mail to pontelandpta@gmail.com

The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Fair on Friday 13th December, a book of tickets will be going home with each child in the lead up.

Year 1 have had a very exciting week packed full of visitors as we continue our curriculum theme of tackling gender stereotypes. On Monday officers from Northumbria Police Firearms Unit came to see us. The female officer told us all about her previous career in the army and how she uses her skills from the army in her role as an Armed Response Police Officer. On Wednesday Major Garman from the Royal Marines visited us. He told us that up until recently girls were not allowed to join the Marines because the training was too tough! We were all aghast however he explained that this has recently changed and there are now some females in training. We were so inspired by both sets of visitors and it has definitely cemented our belief that our gender does not define us and with hard work we can be whatever we want to be.



Please do not book holidays during statutory assessment periods.

Year 6 Sats week - week beginning 11 May

Year 4 Multiplication Check – week beginning 8 June

Year 1 phonics screening – week beginning 8 June

Sage Tickets

Some of our Year 4 children will be performing at The Sage on Tuesday 10 December. Tickets are available to buy directly from The Sage and are £11. When booking the concert is advertised as The Learning Alliance Christmas Concert. Please book early to avoid disappointment.



UK Primary Maths Challenge

Well done to everyone in Years 5 and 6 who have taken part in the UK Primary Maths Challenge. This year 12 pupils have achieved the gold standard and we are very much hoping that some of our high scorers will be going through to the next round. We expect to hear imminently.

Competition

From Monday 25th November, there will be a competition to win an Elf Hamper with fun activities for the lead up to Christmas, £1 per number, winner will be drawn on Friday 6th December – please head to the office to secure a number.

Christmas Performances

Lines have now been given out. Please ensure that your child learns their lines as soon as possible to aid the rehearsal process as time in the hall is limited.



Year 6 are looking forward to seeing Ponteland High Schools production of Joseph next Thursday afternoon. We are expecting to see some familiar faces in the cast!

Upcoming Dates this half term

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| Thursday 28 November | Y6 watch Ponteland High School's production of Joseph. |
| Friday 6 th December | Non-Uniform Day – in exchange for a donation to the Adult or Children's Tombola for the Christmas Fair |
| Tuesday 10 December | 9.15am - Reception Nativity 2.15pm - KS1 Christmas Performance Year 4 perform at The Sage 7pm |
| Wednesday 11 December | 9.15am - KS1 Christmas Performance 2.15pm - Y5/6 Christmas Performance Christmas Lunch |
| Thursday 12 December | 9.15am - Y5/6 Christmas Performance 2.15pm - Y3/4 Christmas Performance |
| Friday 13 December | 9.15am - Y3/4 Christmas Performance 3.15pm - PTA Christmas Fair Christmas Jumper Day – in exchange for a bottle or chocolates for the Christmas Fair |
| Monday 16 December | Years 3 & 4 Christmas Party |
| Tuesday 17 December | Years 5 & 6 Christmas Party |
| Wednesday 18 December | Nursery Christmas Party, Years 1 & 2 Christmas Party |
| Thursday 19 December | Reception Christmas Party Year 3 Trip – Whitehouse Farm |
| Friday 20 December | Christmas service at St Mary's Church |
| Monday 6 January | 1.30pm End of term |
| Tuesday 7 January | Teacher Training Day - School closed to children |
| These dates are given in good faith but may be subject to change. | Back to school |