

Friday Flyer

Friday 12th September 2020

Head Teacher Message

I must commend our new Reception and Nursery children who have impressed us all by coming into school so well without their parents. They have settled in really quickly and we look forward to welcoming our final intake next week. In many ways this week has become easier as the new routines have become embedded. Thank you for all of your support in adhering to the new drop off and pick up arrangements. This is essential as we try to ensure social distancing is maintained on site.

We have unfortunately had a few complaints from residents who have had their driveways obstructed with parents' cars at drop off and pick up times. Whilst this is a short term problem due to our impending move, please help us maintain community harmony in our last few weeks!

Just the best news!

We were delighted to hear that after a difficult 2 years Summer has finally completed her cancer treatment .

I know that many of you saw the magical moment that Summer rang the bell at the RVI on social media. We wanted Summer to know that the whole school was so proud of her achievement but the current restrictions were making that a challenge.

During last Friday's virtual assembly we all gave her a clap and the clapping could be heard throughout the school from every classroom. It really was an emotional moment.



Celebrating individuality and diversity

At Ponteland Primary we pride ourselves on celebrating diversity and being inclusive. We are pleased to have a new collection of books in our school library which celebrate Black stories. We know that the children are looking forward to sharing them.



Absence from school

Please ensure that you notify school if your child is going to be absent . This can be done by emailing admin@pps.school.uk or by telephoning 822103

If you are concerned that your child is displaying symptoms of covid, please keep them and their siblings at home and organise for a test to be taken by the symptomatic child.

Current NHS guidance recognises symptoms as :

Temperature

New, continuous cough

A loss or change to sense of smell or taste.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

New Build

Unfortunately our planned visit to site this week was cancelled due to unforeseen issues on site and therefore we have no new photos to share. We are crossing our fingers that we will be able to visit next week.



School Lunches

In order to feed all of the children on a timely basis we are currently offering a reduced menu. Our reduced hall capacity with the current restrictions means that Years 3,4 and 5 are currently eating their lunches in the classroom. These year groups must be commended for the maturity that they have shown whilst eating and for ensuring that their classrooms are kept clean and tidy for the afternoon. All staff have been really impressed with how well these year groups are doing. Thank you to them.

Sport update

We have had a great start to our sports delivery this week with Newcastle United Foundation delivering multi sports to Years 2, 5 and 6. Mr Drane has been delivering PE across school also and Mr Tailford is giving Year 6 an extra PE session on a Friday morning to keep them alert.

Please try to ensure that your child has their PE kit in school



Instrumental lessons

We are very pleased to be able to resume our instrumental tuition this term. For those who already receive tuition in keyboard, guitar and trumpet we hope that lessons will resume next week.

There is an opportunity for pupils in years 4, 5 or 6 to begin the trumpet. There is currently no charge for the hire of the instrument (normally £22 per term). Lessons would cost approximately £80 per term for group tuition but may cost more if individual tuition is required.

Please contact the school office if you would like to express an interest in your child playing the trumpet.

Upcoming Dates In Autumn Term

Wednesday 21 October
Thursday 22 October
Friday 23 October

End of half term
School move – removal vans on site
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Monday 2 November
Tuesday 3 November

Teacher Training Day
Start of the new half term

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Head Teacher

