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'We take our vision from John 10:10 'that they have life and have it abundantly'

Dear Parents

What a week! Monday and Tuesday were full of Sports Day activities for all year groups. These take place indoors and it is as if the PE department are on a parallel universe as we do not see them at all until they come in for a well-earned cuppa at the end of the day! The children had a lovely two days!

We are so hugely proud of our PCMS unvalidated 2017 KS2 SATs results which we received midnight Monday/Tuesday morning. I was informed on Thursday evening that the KS2 SATs results are top in the County!

Maths 99%; greater depth 75%...
SPAG 97%; greater depth 74%
Reading 96%; greater depth 61%
Writing 93%; greater depth 28%
Reading/Writing/Maths 92%; greater depth 26%
The National Average results are:
Maths 75%
SPAG 77%
Reading 71%
Writing 76%
Reading/Writing/Maths 61%

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO CHILDREN, STAFF AND PARENTS!! The children were told their individual results this week and celebrated their place in the County on Friday's assembly! As one Mum has said, *'So to put that into plainer English for you, PCMS's 2017 SATs results are truly outstanding.... they appear to have improved upon their 2016 results It seems PCMS were outstanding and now seem to be getting better and keep getting better at a much faster rate than that which is seen nationally.'*

On Thursday KS3 had an assembly presented by Y8 drummer, Ben Moreland and Y7 electric guitarist, Joe Wallace. They played three songs including one of their own and Ben did a drum solo. It was a brilliant start to the day and a very proud moment for their parents as they joined us too.

We had the most fantastic Sports Day on Friday afternoon with a very high percentage of children taking part. We had to postpone last Tuesday afternoon as it was too wet and dangerous for the participants but thoroughly enjoyed the event in the end! Thank you to parents who could rearrange their week to join us. So many highlights and we look forward to sharing photographs on Facebook. One of my favourite images was seeing five Year 8 girls run alongside a participant who was still on the track and her best friend in school uniform joined in too so they all ran to the finishing line together. This epitomizes our schools spirit where we work as a team and do not give up on each other. It was very special to witness. The final results for the winners of each year group: 5MG/373 points; 6KS/358 points; 7MP/453; and 8DR/427. Congratulations to 7MP for the highest score of the day!

Over the last six months, we have undergone a full assessment and quality assurance review of our safeguarding in school and have done really well. We have installed a new entry system to protect children and staff; we have added more radios to the communication system; we have put maglocks on the mobile classrooms; increased the duty teams; and ensured we have a safe site. Even though, currently, we do not have fences we have a much improved, consistent vigilance from children, governors and staff.

With kind regards - Dr Pryer (Headteacher)

Attendance percentages to date for each class– Target for school is 98%
Percentages taken 22.06.2017

5MG	5JH	5LC	5SS	5MB	6DB	6VR	6KR	6KS	6OT
97.6	96.5	97.0	97.2	97.2	97.1	96.4	96.3	97.1	97.7
7MP	7AO	7JO	7ABe	7CC	8BF	8DR	8NM	8VS	8CJ
95.8	96.4	96.6	95.8	96.6	96.2	96.0	96.3	94.7	96.2

**Sports News
Northumbrian
Schools
Orienteering**

Congratulations to the team of Year 5 students who competed in the Northumbrian Schools Orienteering competition at Wallington.



All the students represented the school in brilliant fashion. A special mention must go to the girls who won the girl's competition and in particular Poppy Old 5MG and Isabella Russell 5MG who were individual girls champions.

Uniform Reminder

As the summer holiday approaches, we would like to remind parents that when purchasing school shoes, please do not buy boots or black trainers or pumps. Any shoes bought should be black formal shoes. Could you also ensure that when your child returns in September, there are no extremes in haircuts, including no hair cut short at the sides and right up to the hairline; or hair dye. School trousers for boys should not be too tight and girls' skirts not too short. Should you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact the school prior to the end of term.



Junior Maths challenge

3 year 7 pupils sat the next round of the Junior Maths challenge. Congratulations to Matthew Dobson 7AO and Abigail Ely 7JO. A special mention must go to Sophie Petts 7ABe who achieved a merit which is outstanding. A real mathematical genius!



**Foreign Language Spelling Bee
National Final in Cambridge**

Sophie Petts 7AO and Eliza Barreto 7AO travelled to Cambridge University last Friday for the Foreign Language Spelling Bee National final. The girls had to learn 200 French words before spelling as many as they could out loud in one minute, using the French alphabet. It was very intense but they kept their cool and performed really well. There were 104 participants that made it through to the final from a field of 63000 which is a great achievement. It was a great experience for them both and parents, teachers and pupils are very proud of them.



Head Lice

There have been a few cases of head lice in school and your child may have been exposed.

How do I treat them?

A head lice lotion (not shampoo) should be used. Ask your local pharmacist, public health nurse or GP which lotion to use, and how long to leave it on. Follow the instructions that come with the particular product.

Repeat treatment again seven days later, in the same way, with the same lotion. Check all family by combing their hair over a sheet of paper. Check all heads a day or two after the second treatment. If you still find living, moving lice, ask your public health nurse or GP for advice.

NHS Summer health advice

Spent too much time in the sun? Stay in the shade, drink water and apply aftersun. #summerholiday#sunburn
<http://www.urgentemergency.co.uk/sun-savvy>
 All ready for your #summerholiday? Don't forget your first aid kit.
<http://www.urgentemergency.co.uk/summer-first-aid-kit>
 Find out about the travel health essentials you need to stay safe and healthy on your #summerholiday.
<http://www.urgentemergency.co.uk/holiday-tips>
 Upset stomach and the runs? Don't go to your GP, feel better at home
<http://www.urgentemergency.co.uk/holiday-tips>
 Got # sunburn? Cover up, wear a high factor sunscreen and drink plenty of water #summerholiday
<http://www.urgentemergency.co.uk/sun-savvy>
 Dizzy, with a dry mouth and headache? You may be dehydrated. Stay in shade and drink water for a summerholidayrecovery.

FAB SUMMER
for kids

WK1 - TUES 25th - THURS 27th JULY
 WK2 - MON 31st JULY - FRI 4th AUGUST
 WK3 - TUES 8th - THURS 10th AUGUST

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