



Ponteland Community Middle School

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Newsletter 15 - July 2017

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

Dear Parents

This will be our last newsletter for the end of the school year.

We are hugely grateful to Cllr Peter Jackson and NCC for their full backing in our conversion to academy status from a foundation school. We are feeling very positive and waiting in anticipation for the final 'all clear' to convert on 1st September. We have 150 children in Y5 for September. We believe that we provide the best possible educational outcomes for young people; we listen to parents; and have the long-term interests of the whole community at the centre of what we do at Ponteland Middle School. Staff have a good relationship with other schools developing the curriculum, building on strengths, enhancing transition of children and ensuring memorable school experiences and we look forward to developing these further to consolidate a state of the art provision.

This afternoon we had a Year 8 football match against the staff with other children watching. It all started very well until the heavens opened and we apologise to those of you who have soggy children arriving home. It was all in good heart and was an exciting game but we were a bit lax in our excitement and could have brought them in a bit earlier. We never know how long it is going to rain, do we?

Friday 21 July

Reminder that tomorrow is a non uniform day and that school closes at 1:15pm.

We hope you all have a fabulous Summer holiday, and look back to having the children back in school on Wednesday 6 September.

Kind regards

Caroline Pryer
Headteacher

Open Evenings

For Prospective Pupils and Parents

Thursday 28 September 2017

6:30pm—7:30pm

Open Saturday

Saturday 30 September

10am—2pm

Open Days—9am—3pm

Tuesday 3 October

Wednesday 11 October

Thursday 19 October



'An outstanding school where pupils thrive'
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Children and parents from all schools are very welcome to attend



Attendance percentages to date for each class— Target for school is 98%
Percentages taken 14.07.2017

5MG	5JH	5LC	5SS	5MB	6DB	6VR	6KR	6KS	6OT
97.6	96.2	97.1	97.2	97.3	96.9	96.1	96.4	97.5	97.6
7MP	7AO	7JO	7ABe	7CC	8BF	8DR	8NM	8VS	8CJ
95.9	96.3	96.6	95.8	96.5	95.9	96.0	96.3	94.8	96.1

Sports News

The School received more good news last week from the PE department to say that we have received Sports Mark Gold as a school for the fourth consecutive year, demonstrating our commitment to your children for sporting participation, provision and excellence. We have now been invited to be one of only a handful of schools that are now eligible for applying for a new Platinum Award and will submit our application in October, keeping you updated as to its progress. We have also been accepted this week to be part of Northumberland University SCITT programme, which allows us to be part of the development of the next generation of trainee Physical Education teachers. We hope you will agree that these are exciting times for PE at PCMS, especially with three fully qualified PE teachers joining us in September. Please check the clubs lists in the first newsletter back in September, as we would very much like your child to be involved in as much sport as possible next academic year.

Andrew Swinbourn (5MG)

Congratulations go to Andrew Swinbourn (5MG) who won a national competition for horse riding last weekend at Hartpury College in Gloucestershire. Andrew not only came first in his class but obtained the highest score in both the Junior and Senior sections and therefore also won the Class Champion trophy. Andrew showed his class his four rosettes on Monday but sensibly did not bring in the glass Class Champion trophy!



Y6 CISV Adventures

We have been thrilled to see several Year 6 children take up the opportunity of CISV this year, with Summer visits to China, Portugal and many more! We wish them well and can't wait to hear all about their adventures in September. New Year 5 and 6 September cohorts can also enjoy this opportunity as I'm sure our little travellers will highly recommend the experience. Best of luck to Carmine Lowey, Poppy Lewis, Charlotte Morrow and Matthew Dobson.

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. No shoes that have been made from any sports brand. 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, no jewellery and no earrings. 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.

PONTELAND UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

THE FA GIRLS' FOOTBALL WEEK EURO CELEBRATIONS

16TH JULY - 6TH AUGUST

Event U9 - U13 Girls Only Development Session
Date & time Thurs 20th & Thurs 27th 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Sunday 23rd & 30th July 10:00am - 11:30am
Location Ponteland Community Middle School, 3G Artificial Pitch
More info Callerton Lane, Ponteland NE20 9EY
Contact: pontelandunited@hotmail.co.uk

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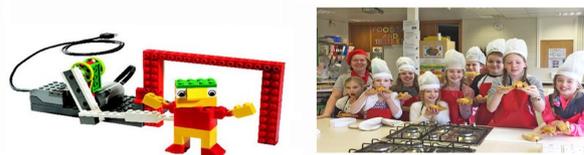


FAB SUMMER

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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A gentle reminder please parents not to bring dogs to the school fields when you are coming to football as it is in truth the PE departments classroom. Similarly children please are nit to play on the yard while siblings are on the pitch.

Have a lovely Summer

