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

Dear Parents and Carers

Last week we had a number of children involved in Remembrance Day services, the Ponteland Town Council schools' service on the previous Friday and the art competition organised by Councillor Overbury. It was a very memorable week with plenty of opportunity to reflect on our country's history; our families' involvement; our contribution to the local community proceedings; and to remember the art of considering others at all times. What beautiful children you have, parents; each lesson with them is such a privilege. School is a happy place!

This week we have begun preparation for Christmas and with only five weeks to the end of term there is so much to do! Today/Friday 16th, we have Children in Need day. This is a £2 non uniform day where the money raised from this and the raffle will go straight to Children in Need.

Tomorrow, Saturday 17 November we have the Lions of Ponteland Swimathon with children swimming lengths sponsored by friends and family raising money for local families less fortunate than ourselves.

The children's timings are as follows:

Y5 will be swimming 11-11.40; Y6 from 11.50 to 12.35; and combined Y7/Y8 from 12.40 to 1.25. Please come along to support your child.

Next Friday, 23 November is a free non uniform day in exchange for a contribution [brought in on Friday, please] to the chocolate, bottle or unwanted gifts tombolas for the Christmas Fair – Saturday 24 November 10-12noon. We are very excited about the fair as it is lovely to see so many of you in school having a lovely time. We have a pizza oven vehicle and an ice cream van joining us in the front of school car park which will be great fun; Father Christmas; arts and craft stalls; tombolas; artisan stalls; market traders; raffles and so much more.

Here's the list of the raffle prizes so far and with more to come:

- Framed Rugby top signed by The Falcons
- Rugby ball signed by The Falcons
- Aesthetics treatment voucher
- INTU voucher for £100
- Tyne Bank Brewery Experience tour for 4 people including food
- Stella & Dot Voucher for £100
- Michelle Fowler Photography Voucher for Family Portrait Sitting
- Ubisoft computer games and figurines
- Precision Fitness Studio - one to one Pilates Voucher
- 6 bottles of Prosecco
- Hexhamshire Organics vegetable box
- So Beautiful Hair Salon Voucher for cut and finish
- Carousel £25 gift voucher
- The Spa Beauty rooms voucher for Jessica manicure
- HB Beauty Voucher for Express Manicure or pedicure
- Robin Hood Inn £20 Voucher
- Davidson's Bakery Voucher
- G Scott Butchers Vouchers for £10 each
- Penny Pieces voucher
- Cut & Blow Dry for Hair by Stacy
- Dingle Dell Voucher for cream tea
- Kura Therapies £25 Voucher

Children will have brought raffle tickets home to sell - £5 for a book of five tickets. Please return monies, sold ticket stubs and unsold tickets by Thursday 22 November. The Friends are really keen to raise money to support the children's wet weather games and increasing transport costs to festivals, visits and fixtures especially now that we are a busy, busy platinum sportsmark school. Your contribution is so very welcome.

When the heavens opened last week and it was pouring at home time, it was a real damper to see too many children without a coat to keep them dry. Please remind your child to wear their [named] coat to school as it grows colder and wetter!

See you at the Swimathon and the Christmas Fair!

Sports News Year 7 Football

Congratulations to the Y7 boys football team, who have played in some great games recently. The A team lost 1-0 in a very tight match vs St Cuthberts in the National Cup played in gale force winds. They were then knocked out of the County Cup after the game went to penalties, before losing an extremely competitive game against a really good Ashington team. The B team were knocked out of the National Cup by a very good Valley Gardens team, but in each game, the boys attitude and teamwork was excellent.

U13 Boys Cricket

Well done to the U13 boys cricket team, who won the area indoor cricket competition, winning four games out of four against two Ashington teams, Coates and Newminster. They now go forward to the County finals in December.

Swimarathon

Good luck to all of the swimmers swimming in the Swimarathon this weekend. Y5 will be swimming 11-11.40; Y6 from 11.50 to 12.35; and combined Y7/Y8 from 12.40 to 1.25

If swimmers could remember their sponsorship forms on the day and arrive at the pool at least 10 minutes before start time to get changed.

KS2 Book Fair

Children in KS2 have been swarming to visit our much anticipated Book Fair this week. It continues to offer new and popular titles and stationery at discounted prices and will run until Friday. Our much anticipated 'Reading for Pleasure' activities have kicked off to a flying start this term. Last week we hosted popular children's illustrator Kev Sutherland who worked with our Year 6 English groups to create their own comics and caricatures. We are also thrilled to announce that this Friday, award-winning children's author Ross Montgomery will visit to motivate and inspire our KS2 children to become budding authors. He will deliver a presentation and creative workshop, followed by a book stall and private signing of the following titles: Tornado Chasers, Max and the Millions, Perijee and Me, Christmas Dinner of Souls (All rrp £6.99 PCMS special event price £5.50)



St Marys Church Remembrance Service

Pupils involved in the WW1 Poster competition were invited to join St Marys Church Remembrance Service on Friday 9th November. Our pupils' work was on display at the church which was full of beautiful poppies that had been made by the Ponteland community. Pupils were invited along with other schools in Ponteland to plant wooden crosses in the church's Memorial Garden, to mark those who had fallen in the war. It was a memorable morning. Our pupils made us most proud making a contribution and representing our school.



Grace Thompson
5MG meeting
David Walliams at a
Book signing in
Corbridge this week.



Ponteland Middle School
2018 Christmas Fair
Saturday 24th November
10am until 12pm
Come & meet Father Christmas;
join in with arts & crafts activities;
WIN prizes at the chocolate, bottle or gift tombola stalls.
Start your shopping at our artisan market. Enjoy a stone fired oven Pizza; and taking part in our Raffle and children's Raffle!
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