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Newsletter 3 – November 2018

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

Dear Parents and Carers

You will have seen that we shall have a whole school £2 non uniform day this Friday, 26 October as we are so close to Hallowe'en. We anticipate that some children may decide to wear their Hallowe'en costume which is fine. The £2 from each child goes to the Friends as they continue to raise funds for the children in school.

Since converting to academy we use admin@ponteland.academy and reply to all comments, queries and requests quickly. I inadvertently missed a very old, out of date and no longer 'live' email address in the children's diaries under the absences heading and apologise for the confusion.

The Trustees have been working tirelessly with the DfE to find our family, that is to join a MAT where PCMS would flourish as directed by Lord Agnew. Whilst Trustees are focused on this task we recognise the change to two tier within the Ponteland schools and that parents are being encouraged to apply for places in 2019 for Y7, Y8 and Y9 at Ponteland High School. For the children's pathway to be secure, it is important to apply for a place before the closing date of 31st October. We support all parents, children and families in this decision. Our door is open to parents to discuss the options for their child. I will pick up any admin@ponteland.academy emails over the half term holiday.

We hope you all have a very happy half term holiday and enjoyable Hallowe'en activities and look forward to returning to school on Monday 5th November.

With kind regards

Dr Caroline Pryer

Y5 Trip to Beamish

Year 5 children, staff and parent helpers, all suitably attired, recently had a fantastic Victorian Day at Beamish Museum. All of the children enjoyed a realistic Victorian lesson with a very strict teacher! Some of the children took part in an activity called "Money for Old Rope", where they learned what it was like to work in a Victorian rope factory and how severe it was if rules were broken and they had to work out their earning in pounds, shillings and pence. The other groups were involved in "Worth 50 horses", where they had to interview various people whose lives were affected by the growth of the railways and, after a debate, the children had to decide if they were going to invest in this new technology or not. We all had a great time and the children behaved impeccably.

Mrs Garner Year 5



Attendance percentages to date for each class– Target for school is 98%
Percentages taken 19 October 2018

Total	5JH	5MG	5MB	5CW	6KS	6OT	6LC	6DB	6VR
96.9	96.8	98.7	98.3	97.5	97.5	97.8	97.4	98.5	96.4
7MP	7TB	7MW	7EP	7BN	8BF	8DR	8NM	8PC	8CC
96.7	96.9	94.9	96.0	96.5	96.1	95.8	97	97.6	95.7

Changing Lives

Last year we supported Changing Lives by creating 21 reverse advent calendars from each class and the staff room for men, women and families who appreciated a few gifts at Christmas. We are doing the same this year. Each class will create a Reverse Advent Calendar box and each child is asked to bring in a gift [for example: warm hat, gloves, scarf, toiletries, crafts [nothing sharp please], toys, books or diaries] between November 5th and Friday 23rd. We shall be delivering the completed boxes to the depot the following week and appreciate your help in making a difference to homeless men and women, ex-service personnel and families less fortunate than ourselves.



CHANGING LIVES Reverse advent calendar 2018

WARM CLOTHES
We reach out to people sleeping on the streets. Warm gloves, socks and hats help keep vulnerable people warm over winter.

GIFT SETS
Gift sets of toiletries make a lovely treat for residents who may not receive any other gifts this Christmas.

SLEEPWEAR
Pyjamas can be a luxury when you're living in poverty and nights can be cold if you can't heat your home. Can you help vulnerable people get cosy this Christmas?

TOILETRIES
We always need deodorant, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and sanitary products.

A WARM BED
A donation of £20 can get someone off the street and into one of our safe, warm beds for the night. See overleaf.

DIARIES
People who use our services often have a lot of appointments. Diaries are always useful and popular.

A SAFE HOME
A regular donation to Changing Lives gives vulnerable people a real chance of finding a home.

TOYS AND GIFTS
Some of our residents aren't able to provide gifts for their children. Can you donate new toys, books and craft items for parents to give this Christmas?

Mandarin Club

Mandarin Club will start on Friday lunchtimes in room 11 after half-term. The sessions will be with a teacher from China via the Confucius Institute at Newcastle University. Pupils from all year groups can attend and will be able to get a pass the day before it begins.

Hello = 你好
Ní hao!

Sports News

Golfing Success



Zara Naughton won the Wee Wonders U12 British Golf Championships at the end of the summer holidays which was held at St Andrews, Scotland. Following on from this success, last weekend Zara qualified for the Junior European Tour Final which will be played in Spain at the end of November 2018.

This week saw the first event of the Northumberland Schools Golf Series. Three golfers from PCMS braved the gales at Longhirst Hall Golf Club. All three players produced great performances in the challenging conditions. Zara Naughton won the Key Stage 3 gross category and was also the winner of the over-all gross, Joe Alderson shot a great score to finish runner up in the Key Stage 3 nett competition and Charlotte Naughton won the Key Stage 2 nett competition.

Rugby

On Monday the Year 6 children took part in a Tag rugby festival. The A team were undefeated on the day and finished runners up in the School games competition. The B Team were entered into the development section of the tournament and were also undefeated, but won their section. Leaders and inspirational players on the day were Ethan Sullivan, Arran Hayes, Sam Allison and Alea Stewart Ollerenshaw.

Y7 Football

Congratulations to the Year 7 football team who played in a really exciting game against Coates on Tuesday. The score was level at 2:2 at full time in an end to end game, so the game went to penalties. PCMS narrowly lost by 4 penalties to 3.

Swimarathon

Advance notice that the Ponteland Lions Swimarathon takes place on Saturday 17th November. Timings are as follows. Year 5 11-11:45, Year 6 11:50-12:35, Year 7 and 8 12:40-1:25



Sports Leaders

Well done to the Year 8 sports leaders who did a fantastic job of running activities at a recent Year 2 multi skills festival.