



Fun to teach, fun to learn

AUTUMN TERM 2018 (2)

A message from Mrs Wilson

Parking

Parking around the immediate vicinity of the school is becoming problematic and dangerous for children entering and leaving the grounds during peak times of the day. I have witnessed parents and carers blocking residents' driveways, parking on the yellow zig-zag lines, parking in the school gates and even driving at excessive speeds. Whilst this may be deemed convenient for some, it puts our children at risk of accident or serious injury. I cannot stress the importance of this enough and would urge parents and carers to park away from the school and to park safely, with due consideration for residents and pedestrians. The Old England/Doctors carpark is an excellent place to park, where there is plenty of parking and easy access to the pedestrianised path down to the rear entrance to school. The School Council are aware of my concerns and will be embarking on a safety campaign to educate grown-ups how to park safely ensuring all of the children in our school stay safe.

Please follow these simple safety rules and share this information with other adults who drop off or collect your children:

- Do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines at the front and back of school or in the driveway
- Do not block resident's driveways
- Park a reasonable distance away from the entrance to school
- Do not mount the curb causing pedestrians to walk on the road
- **A safe place to park is the Old England/Doctors Car park** and then walk down the pedestrian black path to school.

New School Allotment

I am delighted that our new allotment area is now installed. Most of the area is still coned off at the moment to allow the new turf to settle, with only the new path open for access from nursery to the playground. **Please can you ensure that your children stay off the grass and the climbing frame area.** We hope to have a grand opening in the near future, weather permitting!

Visit to school by North Durham MP, Kevan Jones

North Durham MP Kevan Jones visited school on the 12th November to hear about our unique partnership with the Kamuge-Olinga Nurseries in Eastern Uganda. Mr Jones visited each classroom and spent time talking to the children about Julius and the 'Life Like Mine' project where pupils compare their lives with children in the Uganda nurseries. Pupils also performed our Friendship Tree song before having a live link to Uganda through skype. Mr Jones was amazed with our 'magical t-shirt story' and said, "The visit to the school was really moving and I was amazed to hear that the whole project started with a single, magic t-shirt." Mr Jones' visit hit the front page of the Chester-le-Street Advertiser (25th October) and also featured in the Northern Echo. The children's behaviour was exemplary and they spoke with enthusiasm, confidence and knowledge of how life in Uganda compares with life in the UK.

Vacancy for a Parent Governor

We currently have a vacancy on the school Governing Body for a Parent Governor. Any parent or legal guardian of a pupil at Lumley Infant & Nursery School is eligible to apply. Being a governor is an incredibly rewarding experience, you will have the opportunity to develop new skills and work in partnership with the school's leadership team and governing body to ensure the best possible outcomes for our children.

Application forms are available from Mrs Metcalf in the school office and completed forms need to be returned by close of school on Monday 3rd December.



Christmas Calendar



Nativity Performances.

Due to the increase in pupil numbers in school, Year One and Year Two pupils will be performing separate nativity plays. Nursery and Reception pupils will perform their nativity play together. The allocated days for parents and carers to watch their child perform in the school hall are:

Nursery AM & Reception Class 1 (Mrs. Phillip's class)	Monday 10 th December 9:30am
Nursery PM & Reception Class 2 (Miss O'Connor's class)	Tuesday 11 th December 2:00pm
<i>Nursery 30 hours parents and carers can attend either performance. Please inform nursery staff.</i>	
Year 1 (Miss Illingworth's and Miss Nicholson's classes)	Wednesday 12 th December 2:00pm
Year 2 (Mrs Lowe's and Mrs Hunter's classes)	Friday 14 th December 2:00pm

Christmas Lunch: Friday 14th December

Pupils will join staff for a festive Christmas lunch on Friday 14th December. This will be a non-uniform day and pupils may wish to wear a festive jumper or just their favourite clothes. If any packed lunch children would like to have lunch on this day please inform the school office.

Christmas Parties

Parents of pupils in main school may wish to take their child home for lunch on party day or come at 12.45 to change their child/ren into party clothes.

Please tell Mrs Metcalf if your child IS NOT staying for lunch.



Date	Year Group
Thursday 13th December	<u>Nursery Party in the afternoon.</u> ALL CHILDREN TO ATTEND PM NURSERY will be <u>CLOSED</u> on the <u>MORNING</u> and children should be brought to <u>Nursery</u> for <u>1.00pm</u> and then <u>collected</u> from the <u>main school</u> entrance at <u>2.50pm</u> – please wait on the yard and children will be brought out by staff. <u>30 hours children</u> to attend as normal.
Monday 17th December	<u>Reception Party in the afternoon</u>
Tuesday 18th December	<u>Year One Party in the afternoon</u>
Wednesday 19th December	<u>Year Two Party in the afternoon</u>

Sleeping Beauty Pantomime for all pupils – Wednesday 19th December

On the morning of Wednesday 19th December we have Beverley Artistes Ltd Pantomime company coming to perform Sleeping Beauty for all children.



Could Nursery parents please note that on this day the **Nursery will be closed for the afternoon session** and all nursery children should be brought to nursery for 8:45am and collected from the nursery building at 11:45am. However, nursery will remain open, with normal start and finish times, for our 30 hours children.

We would be extremely grateful of a £1 voluntary contribution towards costs. Thank you.

Professional Development Day for Teachers – this term

Reminder that main school and nursery will be closed to all pupils on **Friday 30th November** for staff training.

Last day of term is Thursday 20th December and School re-opens for pupils on Monday 7th January 2019