



Friday Flyer

7th July

Head of School Update

The week got off to a very exciting start with our whole school trip to Belsay Hall, Castle and Gardens. This is an annual event which allows the children to explore and learn about a different aspect of our local heritage each time they visit. English Heritage has developed a range of new activities and experiences for Belsay Hall and following our trip on Monday, we have been invited to return in the Autumn term to be the very first to try them out! Thank you to Mr Harvey for negotiating this very special treat. I was extremely proud to hear that members of the public had stopped Miss Houghton to comment on the exemplary behaviour of our pupils while they were in the grounds. What a credit they all are to our school.



Thursday was a very special day in school when all of the children moved up to their new classes! As I visited each classroom it struck me that the children all looked at home in their new classes with different peers and that they are very much ready for the challenge their new year group will bring.



Next week we are looking forward to visiting the Flow Exhibition at Ponteland Leisure Centre. This is the culmination of a year-long project celebrating the River Tyne which all Pele Trust schools have participated in. The exhibition showcases the artistic, musical and dance talents of our pupils and promises to be an impressive and special event.

The whole school will visit on Wednesday morning but I would urge you to visit as a family on one of the evenings after school and celebrate your children's contributions. Thursday evening will be particularly special as the Pele Trust choir will perform at 6pm.

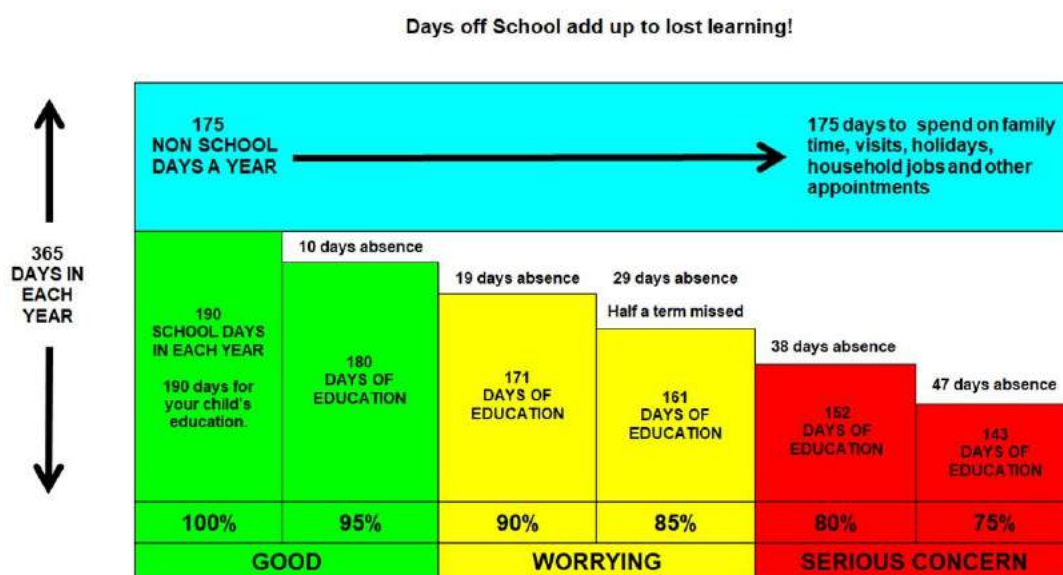
Best wishes,

Claire Johnson



Class	Attendance
Reception	88.57
Y1/2	86.79
Y3/4	92.00
Y5/6	100.00

Please refer to the graphic below which shows the significant impact of absence over time.



**Upcoming events:**

Monday 10 July	Summer Fair 3.15pm
Wednesday 12 July	Whole school trip to Flow Exhibition
Tuesday 11 - Thursday 13 July	Flow Exhibition of Pele Trust schools' creative arts work at Ponteland Leisure Centre (see postcards below)
Mon 10 - Wed 12 July	Bikeability Y5/6
Thursday 13 July	Flow Music Concert at Ponteland High School -6pm
Monday 17 July	Sports Day from 1pm
Wednesday 19 July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.15am
Wednesday 19 July	Ice cream treat for the whole school - gifted by the PTA
Thursday 20 July	Wilding Theatre Group - working with Years 1 to 3 plus a performance for the whole school
Friday 21 July	Crepes for the whole school
Friday 21 July	End of term - school closes at 1pm
All dates may be subject to change.	

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BELSAY SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

Monday 3.15pm

10th July

Football Tournament

Refreshments

Cake Stall

School Closet

Welly Wang

Obstacle Course

Tombola

Glitter Tattoos

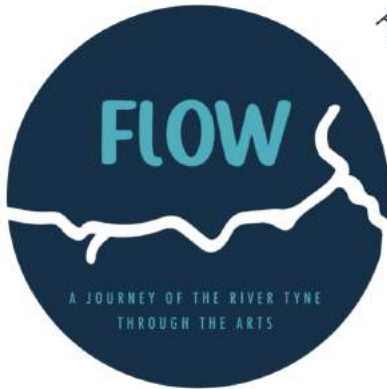
Games, Crafts and

much more...

Free Entry for all!

FUNDRAISING FOR OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT

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PONTELAND LEISURE CENTRE

11th - 13th JULY
8.30am - 6pm



You are invited to
**A CONTEMPORARY
ART EXHIBITION**

painting
sculpture
photography
print
mixed media
dance
music

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The PELE TRUST SCHOOLS
in partnership with Newcastle
University,
invite you to FLOW

Open Daily 8.30am - 6pm
TUESDAY 11th JULY
until

THURSDAY 13th JULY
with an evening concert
Thursday at 6pm,
Ponteland High School

FLOW, Ponteland Leisure Centre,
Callerton Lane, Ponteland, NE20 9EG





Will Writing Services

Sarah from FP Strategies will be joining us at the Summer Fayre on Monday 10th to share information around will writing. Please stop by her table to pick up a leaflet or for some advice.

www.fpstrategies.co.uk

fps Wills & Estate Planning Service for Schools & Nurseries

Have you made a Will and planned effectively for yours and your children's future?

Making a Will / Your Estate Planning

A Will is one of the most important legal documents you will ever prepare and sign in your life.

It allows you to control what should happen to your assets and belongings (money, property, personal items etc.) as well as your children after you have died. If you want to leave your estate in a certain way, it is necessary to plan ahead and have a Will. Good planning protects your family and ensures your affairs are in order to minimise inheritance tax.

What happens if I die without making a Will?

If you die without a valid Will in England or Wales the law specifies who will benefit from your assets.

If you have no living family members, all your property and possessions will go to the Crown / State. If you have children under 18 years old it will be up to the courts to appoint a guardian for your child - and the court may not make the same choice that you would.

Not having a Will in place can unfortunately leave behind chaos, inconvenience and distress, which can be easily avoided.

Are you prepared?



McKeag & Co. Solicitors are delighted to offer a trusted and reliable service with a discounted Will offer for all parents, carers and staff, ending July 2024.

To arrange a free, confidential consultation with a qualified advisor, please call or email Julie at Financial Planning Strategies:

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Please quote the following code when you contact us: **MCKEAGFPS**

FPS would like to support your school / nursery. A percentage of all funds generated will go back to your school / nursery. Thank you.

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The Countryside Code Competition

We've teamed up with Natural England (and Shaun the Sheep!) to launch a special poster competition.

Design a poster to promote the Countryside Code featuring Shaun the Sheep and friends.

Things you might want to include:

- What is the Countryside Code?
- Top tips and advice for when you're outdoors.
- Can you create a new character to make friends with Shaun?

Closing date: Friday 14th July, 12pm

Winners announced on Thursday 20th July and will be contacted by email.

Age-related prizes available and winners of the competition will receive a Picture News goody bag, certificate and will have their poster featured on all the Countryside Code's official media channels.

To enter, submit your design with your **name, age and school name** to: help@picture-news.co.uk



With very special guest judge
Marian Spain,
Chief Executive, Natural England.



The week in Reception

We loved visiting Belsay hall and castle this week. It took us a long time to walk to the hall all the way from school, but we had a great time. We spent the morning looking at the hall. Our favourite part was the cellars where we could be as loud as we wanted! We also sat outside and drew the hall, there were lots of windows and we had to remember the flag on top. When we were inside the hall we made comparisons with our homes and discussed how different the rooms were. We looked closely at the light switches and window shutters. We talked about why the rooms would have needed fires in them and how lucky we are to have heating in our homes. The children had a great time.



After a very special picnic lunch, we set off on another long walk to Belsay castle. Belsay castle is such a lovely walk because you get to take in the peaceful garden. The children loved seeing the enormous leaves and we all agreed that if the Very Hungry Caterpillar had eaten one of those leaves, he definitely wouldn't have needed any cake or ice cream. Jack showed us a special place he has explored with his family, where he looks for fairies. We had to be very quiet so that we didn't disturb them. Once we reached the castle we were able to look at the building and we enjoyed going into the very dark room. We thought it might have been somewhere that people might have kept their food, or hid from other people. We were lucky enough to be able to see the new play park that is being built. Although it isn't finished yet lots of us already have plans to go and explore it when it is finished. It looks magnificent!

We had a great day and I was really proud of the children. They managed a lot of walking and nobody complained. Well done Team Reception! Please see Tapestry for more photos.

Miss Houghton



The week in Key Stage 1

Year 1 and 2 enjoyed their annual trip to Belsay Hall and Castle, we all had a fabulous time! We began the day by searching for decorative features of the hall and we had lots of fun exploring the different rooms and what they were used for. We even went into the stables and the cellar! After the tour, we took a peaceful walk through the gardens and discussed the vibrant flowers and species of trees. Year 2 were delighted to see how much the tree they planted for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee had grown since our last visit over a year ago. We looked carefully around the old quarry and took the time to examine the markings in the stone. We came across a mystical fairy garden, a dragon's door and a wild man's cave along the way!



After a long walk, we were very proud to reach the castle and see inside. We talked about what the different parts of the castle were possibly used for during the middle ages.

Miss Dixon



The week in Year 3 and 4

What a busy but fantastic week in Year 3 and 4. On Monday we went to Belsay Hall and Castle with the whole school and we had so much fun exploring and sharing all of our prior knowledge with Miss Cruse. Everyone was so sensible and represented the school great as well as great role models and support for the younger children.

On Tuesday, another fun day as we had an Art and DT day to develop our amazing flags and apply our knowledge of different styles of stitching. We were also super lucky as we were able to have extra PE on Tuesday so it was a great way to have a break from our DT.

On Wednesday, we took our class trip to Seven Stories to focus on the story 'Journey to the river sea'. We started off by reading some of the stories and then having a scavenger hunt to find clues to give us a greater insight into the story and the life of migrants. We were then given the opportunity to write a letter from the perspective of Maia who is the main character in the story. During the afternoon we were able to explore the different galleries that Seven Stories had to offer and as part of our white glove experience we were able to explore original art and stories which was amazing.

I am so proud of how the children coped and enjoyed their transition day on Thursday and it has been amazing to hear from them and staff just how brave and enthusiastic everyone was. On Friday we reflected on our transition day to tell me all about it as well as spent some of the afternoon practising our Rugby skills ready for next week's festival at Kingston Park Stadium.

I can't believe how quick the year is going but I am very excited for the upcoming weeks with the children and I am so proud of all the children for this week and every week!

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Miss Cruse



The week in Year 5 and 6

Belsay Hall and Castle

We embarked upon our annual pilgrimage to our local English Heritage site on Monday and had such an amazing day. For some, it was their first time they had been on the trip and for others, particularly our Year 6 friends, it will be their last as pupils of Belsay Primary School. Thank you to our class members for pairing up with the youngest pupils in the school and taking care of them as we walked up to the Hall. We spent lots of time studying the history of the Hall and Castle and we were particularly impressed with the renovations that have taken place since our last visit.



STEMFest North East Event

On Tuesday, we visited the Vertu Motors Arena (home to the Newcastle Eagles) for the annual STEMFest North East Event. There were many companies in attendance, spread across four different zones; Environment and Energy, Space, Technology and Cyber Security and Manufacturing. This year proved to be another great event with a fantastic selection of businesses ready to inspire our young people and show them the great STEM opportunities available on their doorstep. We also collected lots of freebies!!

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Mr Harvey

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The Da Vinci String Quartet

With members of the Northern Sinfonia

On Sunday 9th July 2023 at 7pm
In Hartburn Church

Including excerpts from Handel's Water Music a quartet by Mozart and Dvorak "American Quartet".

Tickets are £25 to include a glass of prosecco and homemade canapes .



Please book early to avoid disappointment.

RSVP: annamcgowan@btinternet.com

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