

## #WeAreLemington



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## NEWSLETTER 2: February 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and the community of Lemington,

Thank you for all of your support and positivity during our first half term together, it was a really successful few weeks. There is a lot more to come this half term!

### HOUSE POINTS:

We continue to use house points in school to reward great work and positive behaviours. Congratulations to children in Tyne Bridge House who were our house point champions last half term. Their reward is a non-uniform day this Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

### ATTENDANCE:

The attendance of our children is low compared to other local schools and schools nationally. If your child's attendance dips below 95% we will send you a parent contract offer – this is the opportunity for you to discuss reasons your child's attendance is below 95% and for us to offer any support we can. If, after this contract offer, your child's attendance continues to remain a concern we will refer to the local authority who will legally monitor. Failure of the legal monitoring process can result in fines and even prosecution. Please have a look at our 'Attendance' section on the website where there is a lot of guidance on when you should and should not keep your child off school.

All children with attendance above the national average (97%) for the full term (January – Easter Holidays) will be given a special reward at the end of this half term!

## WORLD BOOK DAY 2019:

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Children are welcome (but do not have to) come to school dressed as their favourite book character – no donation is required. We would also encourage children to bring in their favourite book to share with their class mates. All children will receive a book voucher on the day that can be spent in a number of local book shops and supermarkets.

## OUR NEW LOGO:

Thank you for all of the logo design entries – we will announce the winner soon!

## SPORT UPDATE:

- On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February a selection of Y5/6 boys represented our school in the Duffy League (West Newcastle League) at Walbottle Campus in three league games. It was a fantastic evening of football with LRPS gaining 2 wins and narrowly losing 1 game. We beat Throckley 2-1 and Farne 3-0, losing 1-2 to a strong Knop Law side. Goals on the evening were scored by Kai Thirtle (2), Lewis Shaw, Jack Carter, Neirin Driver and Liam Carver. As one of the smallest schools in the league, it is a great achievement to pick up such positive results. Our next league fixtures will take place on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March** – Duffy League (West Newcastle League) (4-5:30pm at Walbottle Campus).
- We will be running trials in school for the **Newcastle School's Cross Country Championships** that we will be entering for the first time this year. The competition is open to children in Years 3-4 and Years 5-6. There will be four separate races (3-4 girls/3-4 boys/5-6 girls, 5-6 boys). The top 4 children from each trial race in school will qualify for the finals that take place at Blakelaw Park on the afternoon of Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

## NEW BEHAVIOUR POLICY:

Thank you for all of the positive feedback on our new 'Positive Behaviour and Assertive Discipline' policy. The policy is now 'live' and has been explained in detail to all of our children. All of our staff are now fully trained in our approach to behaviour management. The policy is available for you to read on our website in the 'Parent and Carer Info' section – I would advise that all parents have a skim over this so that you are clear on how we will reward children who always behave well and also how we will deal with any poor behaviour.



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## **UP AND COMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

There's lots going off at Lemington Riverside this half term, remember the most up to date information can be found on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages or via our website:

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** – Non-uniform day for children in Tyne Bridge House.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** – Trials for Year 3/4/5/6 cross country championships – if your child wants to enter the trials, please ensure that they have suitable footwear in school that day and their PE kit.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March** – Children in Class 3-4 will visit Beamish Museum as part of their topic work on coal mining.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** – Class 2 will visit the Lemington Methodist Church to read with members of the congregation.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** – Class 2 will take part in a workshop with Warburtons Bakery in school.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March** – Eye tests for all children in Reception.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March** – Bikeability for all children in Year 5.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March @ 4pm** – Y5/6 Football Team Duffy League Fixtures at Walbottle Campus.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** – St. Patrick's Irish Themed Topic Day in school. All of our teachers will be planning exciting lessons around the topic of Ireland on this day. Children are welcome to (but do not have to) wear something green on this day.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** – Comic Relief – we will be selling 'Red Noses' in school priced at £1.20 each with all donations going to Comic Relief.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March** – We will be visited by a mobile book shop bus that will be located on the Key Stage 1 playground all day. It will be open before and after school for parents & families to visit. All children will visit the bus during the school day too.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – Class 1 will visit the Lemington Methodist Church to read with members of the congregation.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** – Class 2 will take part in a "Learn to Ride" bike activity day in school.



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**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** – Newcastle School Achiever Awards – Congratulations to Neirin Driver and Olivia Romaniuk who were nominated by staff ballot for one of these very special awards at the Civic Centre because of their fantastic attitude and effort during their time at LRPS.

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March @ 9:05am** – Ann Foxley-Johnson, a nationally acclaimed anti-bullying ambassador will be delivering a parent workshop in the Main Hall on how to keep your child safe in the real and online worlds. The workshop will last about an hour and there will be free drinks and biscuits for all attending as well as a £10 Metro Centre voucher draw for all who come along!

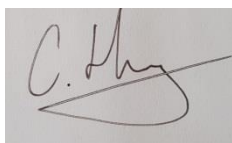
**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>/Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March (3:30 – 6pm)** – Parent and carer meetings with teachers. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April @ 1:30pm** – Newcastle School's Cross Country Championships for those children successful in the trials on 1<sup>st</sup> March.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** - Reception will visit the Lemington Methodist Church to read with members of the congregation.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April** – The final day of the term. We break up for the Easter Holidays at the usual time (Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April is a staff training day where we will be planning out and creating our brand new curriculum for September 2019!). We return to school on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 08:45.

Take care,



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