



LUMLEY PRIMARY FEDERATION



AUTUMN TERM 2023

A message from Mrs Wilson

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year. A very warm welcome to our new children and families. I am delighted with how well all of the children have settled into their new classes across the Lumley Primary Federation. The children look so smart in the new federation uniform. Please remember, your children can continue to wear the infant or junior uniform until they have outgrown it. We have managed to secure some funding from the Area Action Partnership to support families with the cost of uniform. I am sorry that this funding was not available before the summer holiday. If you would like some financial support in buying school uniform, please contact the school offices. A huge thank you to Councillor Bell and Councillor Heavyside for supporting our bid.

The autumn term is always a very busy term. On the back of this newsletter you will find a calendar of all of the events taking place in both schools.

Curriculum information for parents was sent home last week as well as our homework policy (they can also be found on Weduc and the school website). I hope they provide you with useful information about what your child will be learning in each subject and how you can support with their learning at home.

Following a trial in Year Two and Year Three classes, we have introduced White Rose Maths homework books from Year One, and Language and Literacy homework books, once your child has finished their phonics programme. **Please only complete that week's homework. This week will be Week 2 homework and this will be dated.** I hope you find that they give you a better insight to the learning that has taken place in school and provides you with guidance on how you can support your child with their homework. Your child still has access to high quality online educational programmes to support their learning at home and school, for example Numbots, TT Rockstars, Doodle, Reading Buddies, to name just a few.

You can find further information about the curriculum we follow, guides to developing reading skills, and our policy for Relationships Education and Health Education on our school website:

<https://www.lumley.durham.sch.uk/>

Please check out the newsfeed on Weduc regularly to find out the amazing things your children have achieved in school. If you have children in both schools, you will be able to navigate between both schools' Weduc pages. Please contact the school office if you are having difficulty accessing Weduc.

Your child's education is a partnership between home and school. All of the staff are committed to working with you to ensure your child is safe, happy and flourishes in all aspects of their development. Talk to us if you have any worries, we are here to help.

Yours faithfully,







Tracey A. Wilson
Executive Headteacher








Underlined/Bold dates may differ from other schools due to Staff Professional Development Days

	LAST DAY FOR PUPILS	RE-OPEN FOR PUPILS
Autumn Half-Term 2023	<u>Thursday 26th October 2023</u>	Monday 6 th November 2023
Christmas Holiday 2023	Tuesday 19 th December 2023	Wednesday 3 rd January 2024
Closed Friday 26th January 2024 for Staff Training		
Spring Half-Term 2024	Friday 16 th February 2024	Monday 26 th February 2024
Easter Holiday 2024	Thursday 28 th March 2024	Monday 15 th April 2024
Closed Monday 6th May 2024 for Bank Holiday		
Summer Half-Term 2024	Friday 24 th May 2024	Monday 3 rd June 2024
Closed Monday 24th June 2024 for Staff Training		
Summer Holiday 2024	Tuesday 23 rd July 2024	<u>Thursday 5th September 2024</u>
Autumn Half-Term 2024	<u>Thursday 24th October 2024</u>	Monday 4 th November 2024
Closed Friday 29th November 2024 for Staff Training		
Christmas Holiday 2024	Friday 20 th December 2024	<u>Tuesday 7th January 2025</u>
Spring Half-Term 2025	Friday 21 st February 2025	Monday 3 rd March 2025
Easter Holiday 2025	Friday 11 th April 2025	Monday 28 th April 2025
Closed Monday 5th May 2025 for Bank Holiday		
Summer Half-Term 2025	Friday 23 rd May 2025	Monday 2 nd June 2025
Closed Friday 20th June 2025 for Staff Training		
Summer Holiday 2025	Friday 18 th July 2025	TBC

DIARY DATES

	Lumley Infant and Nursery School	
Friday 6th October	School Photographer in school – individual pupil photographs	
Tuesday 10th October 	World Mental Health Day – hello yellow Children to wear something yellow (maybe yellow socks, t-shirt, ribbon) Children will access a range of well-being activities across the school day.	
Monday 16th October	Autumn Stay and Plays Please come and join your child in their class for some autumn crafts. We can only accommodate 1 adult per child.	
Wednesday 18th October	Nursery AM pupils: 9:00 – 10:30am PM pupils: 1:30 – 3:00pm 30 hours pupils – parents can choose am or pm session	
Thursday 19th October	Reception Class 1 (Miss Nicholson): 9:00 – 10:30am Class 2 (Miss Flegg): 1:30 – 3:00pm	
Friday 20th October	Year Two Class 5 (Mrs Wass): 9:00 – 10:30am Class 6 (Miss Crawley): 1:30 – 3:00pm	
	Year One Class 3 (Mrs Lowe): 9:00 – 10:30am Class 4 (Mr Reynolds): 1:30 – 3:00pm	
Tuesday 17th October	Flu Vaccines Please ensure you have completed the on-line consent form (Pupils in Reception, Year One and Year Two classes).	
Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th October	Parent/carer Consultations 3:30pm – 5:30 pm Appointments will be 10 minutes long. For pupils with a special needs support plan or Educational, Health and Care plan, longer appointments will be available.	
Tuesday 7th November	Reception 2024/25 open evening for prospective parents 4:00pm. Current nursery parents are invited to have a look around the Reception Unit.	
 Monday 4th December Tuesday 5th December Wed 6th December Thursday 7th December	Christmas Nativity Performances Nursery am and Reception Class 1 (Miss Nicholson) 9:30am Nursery pm and Reception Class 2 (Miss Flegg) 2:00pm Year One 2:00pm Year Two 2:00pm	
Monday 11th December Tuesday 12th December Wed 13th December Thursday 14th December	Christmas Parties Nursery party -1:15:pm Reception party -1:15pm Year One party -1:15pm Year Two – 1:15pm	
Friday 15th December 	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch. Children may come to school in a festive jumper. We will also have a Christmas lunch – further details to follow.	
Monday 18th December	Pantomime 9:30 – 11:00am (Voluntary £2 donation)	
Tuesday 19th December	Last day for pupils.	
Wednesday 3rd January 2024	School re-opens for pupils	

DIARY DATES

 Lumley Junior School 	
Wednesday 27th – 29th September	Year Six: Residential at Weardale Outdoor Centre
Tuesday 10th October 	World Mental Health Day – hello yellow Children to wear something yellow (maybe yellow socks, t-shirt, ribbon) Children will access a range of well-being activities across the school day.
Thursday 12th October	School Photographer in school – individual pupil photographs
Tuesday 17th October	<u>Flu Vaccines</u> Please ensure you have completed the on-line consent form
Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th November	<u>Parent/carer Consultations</u> 3:30pm – 5:30pm Appointments will be 10 minutes long. For pupils with a special needs support plan or Educational, Health and Care plan, longer appointments will be available.
 Monday 11th December Tuesday 12th December Wednesday 13th December Thursday 14th December	<u>Christmas Crafts</u> Please come and join your child in their class for some Christmas crafts. We can only accommodate <u>1 adult per child</u>. Year 5 - 1:30 – 3:00pm Year 6 - 1:30 – 3:00pm Year 3 - 1:30 – 3:00pm Year 4 - 1:30 – 3:00pm
Monday 11th December Tuesday 12th December Wednesday 13th December Thursday 14th December	<u>Christmas Parties</u> Year 4 party – 1:15:pm Year 3 party – 1:15:pm Year 5 party – 1:15pm Year 6 party – 1:15pm
Friday 15th December 	<u>Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch.</u> Children may come to school in a festive jumper. We will also have a Christmas lunch – further details to follow.
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Notices:

Winter bugs and illnesses: We have lots of winter bugs in both schools. Please follow NHS guidance in “Is My Child Too Ill For School” (<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>) as to whether pupils should attend school or not. Children can attend school with a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above.

Parking The safety of our pupils and their families is vitally important. Please be careful when driving and parking near our schools - park away from the school entrances and walk the short distance to the gate. Let's keep our children safe.

Play equipment at both schools The play equipment (climbing frame, adventure trail, gym equipment etc.) must only be used by pupils when a member of school staff is available to supervise. Please do not let your children play on the equipment before and after school when staff aren't present.