



LUMLEY PRIMARY FEDERATION

SPRING TERM 2024

A message from Mrs Wilson



Dear parents and carers,

We have had a great start to the new year. The Spring Term is always an exciting and busy term. We have some special curriculum enrichment events this term such as World Book Day, African drumming, a video skype with our friends in Uganda, Science Week and creative writing workshops with local children's author, Adam Bushnell. Key dates for your diary are listed on the back of the newsletter.

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and this year's theme is 'My Voice Matters'. It is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. **Friday 9th February will be a non-uniform day** where we will celebrate the special talents of every child. Children may wish to wear clothes that celebrate their interests, for example football kits, gymnastic club hoodies, Brownies or Cubs uniforms or simply their favourite clothes.



Julius

We will be re-launching our links with Uganda, with pupils learning about the similarities and differences between themselves and children in Eastern Uganda. Pupils will learn about the 'Magical T Shirt' (an infant school t-shirt) which was put in a charity bag, travelled all the way to Uganda, and was bought by Julius's mum in a market. Lumley Infant and Nursery School have sponsored Julius's education for many years. Now a young man, Julius continues to do extremely well in school. I was incredibly fortunate to visit Uganda in 2018. I visited the rural schools and met Julius, his family and teachers.

Over the years, our children have raised thousands of pounds to help fund nursery schools in remote and rural areas of Pallisa in Eastern Uganda, and enable more children to have access to education. During my visit, a baby was born in one of the villages. The baby was named Tracey Ann. She is now five and my family fund her education. It costs approximately £100 for school fees and uniform for an academic year. All children across the Federation will meet Julius and Tracey Ann through a live video call this term. The infant school council and junior class ambassadors will work with the children within their class to explore fund raising ideas to help more children access education in Eastern Uganda. Our children are tomorrow's global citizens and I am incredibly proud of their enthusiasm, empathy and sense of justice for the project.



Tracey Ann

The Willing Hands Charity, which consists of infant staff and parents, was set up to raise vital funds for our friends in Uganda. It is hoped that one day all pupils will have the opportunity and right to an education. Please get in touch if you would like to support our fundraising or indeed have any good ideas.

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



Diary Dates



5 th – 9 th February		Children's Mental Health Week
Friday 9 th February		Non-uniform day – Express Yourself Children may wish to wear clothes that celebrate their interests, for example football kits, gymnastic club hoodies, Brownies or Cubs uniforms or simply their favourite clothes.
Thursday 15 th February 5:30 – 6:00pm		Year 6 SATS meeting for parents and carers Year 6 pupils can also attend.
Spring Half Term: 19th – 23rd February		
Monday 26 th February Tuesday 27 th February Wednesday 28 th February		Lumley Junior School Parental Consultations 3:30 - 5:30pm
Monday 4 th March Tuesday 5 th March Wednesday 6 th March		Lumley Infant and Nursery School Parental Consultations 3:30 - 5:30pm
Thursday 7 th March		World Book Day Across the Lumley Primary Federation, we will be taking part in a day of exciting activities to celebrate the magic of reading. On Thursday 7 th March, children are invited to come to school dressed as a favourite book character or subject. This year's optional theme is 'SENSATIONAL SCIENCE'!
Last day of term: Thursday 28th March		
School re-opens: Monday 15th April		

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.

If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea, they must stay off school for forty-eight hour after the symptoms have stopped. This is to prevent the spread of infection across the schools.

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.) in both schools 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.