



Children in Years 2, 3 and 4

17.9.15

The letter below is from Mary and Peter Hollins, who have been very generous in involving the school in 'Lesbury Remembers' events.

“Lesbury Remembers 1914-1918” a day to commemorate the lives of those from Lesbury Village School who served in the First World War and in particular Daniel “Piper” Laidlaw who was awarded a VC for his actions at the Battle of Loos on 25th September 1915.

Dear Parents,

Hipsburn School Children have been rehearsing to be part of this day of events in Lesbury on **Saturday 26th September**. They are invited to be part of the parade and to perform in a short item on stage in Lesbury Village Hall, the building which used to house Lesbury Primary School. It is hoped they would be able to dress to suggest what school children of the WW1 period would have worn - long dress and blouse for girls, shorts long sleeved shirt and cap for boys. Mrs Charlton will teach them in a short demonstration lesson as a class on stage and then Mary and Peter Hollins will lead them in singing the 4 songs that they have been practising.

As parents of course you will have the key role in deciding whether your child will be able to take part but we are keen to involve the whole community and are hoping for your support. If it is not possible for your child to take part then please do try to take in some of the day which has been arranged as a family event entirely free of charge.

Abbreviated Programme for the Day (more details on www.lesburyvillagehall.co.uk/lesbury-remembers/)

**10.00 Exhibition of WW1 artefacts, Piper Laidlaw and “School Memories” open in the Hall
Yard Activities:**

- “Yard Games” (Hop Scotch, Hoops, Whip and Top, Skipping ropes etc.)
- “Wash Days – Then and Now” (Bailiffgate Workshop)
- “WW1 camp kitchen” (Time Bandits demonstration)
- “Modern Soldier” (Army Cadets)
- “Green Energy Smoothie Maker” (David Malone)

Marquee on Tennis Court open for refreshments

10.30 Drill exercise (Army Cadets)

13.30 Form up of Parade in front of old Bridge

13.45 Parade led by Pipes and Drums and including Lesbury School Children

14.00 Unveiling of the Plaque and of VC Commemorative Paving Stone at Village Hall with representatives of Army, Royal Air Force, RBL, Northumberland County and Lesbury Parish Councils and Daniel Laidlaw’s family.

14.30 Hipsburn School item on Hall Stage

15.00 Drill practice for children (organised by Time Bandits)



Wednesday 23rd September at the School is the final rehearsal of the songs and there will also be some marching practice. It will be just for the children who have their parents' permission to take part. We hope to be able to put on a good show at this "once-in-a-lifetime" event.

Kind regards,

Mary and Peter Hollins (for the Lesbury Village Hall Management Committee)

Throughout the event, children will remain your responsibility unless you make a particular arrangement with me.

We are practicing with children in years 2, 3 and 4 but younger siblings may take part, alongside their older brothers and sisters. Children who left Hipsburn this summer are also welcome to join in, as they learned the songs for our centenary concert last year and will quickly understand the context. Please pass on this invitation to Y5 children who may be interested. A copy of this letter is on our website

Please return the slip below ASAP before Tue. 22nd September, so that we can have a full rehearsal next Wednesday.

Kind regards,

Dot Charlton

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My child/children would like to take part in the commemoration for Piper Laidlaw on Saturday 26th September.

I will ensure that they arrive at Lesbury Old Bridge by 1.25pm, wearing

Victorian/Edwardian costume and I will accompany them throughout the afternoon.

I understand that the children will be needed to present a short school demonstration at 2.30pm in the Village Hall and drill practice at 3pm.

Child/ren's name/s

Signed.....parent/guardian

