



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 1 – Friday 7th June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year! I hope you enjoyed the break with your families and managed to recharge your batteries for the busy weeks ahead! The final half-termly newsletter will be with you next week with the final few, but all-important diary dates.

Overnight Camp – Postponed

What a shame! The British weather strikes again! There is a weather warning for heavy rain tonight so The Friends of the School have made the decision to postpone the overnight camp – so sorry for the disappointment this will cause your children. However, I am sure you can all think of nothing worse than camping on a school field in the wet and cold with the rain seeping in under the groundsheet! Let's keep our fingers crossed for a warm, balmy summer's evening on Friday 5th July instead which is when it will be held. If you require a refund, please contact friends@lanchesterep.net.

Saturday 8th June – Nursery Open Morning

We are holding an open morning tomorrow, Saturday 8th June between 10.00 am and 12.00 pm. Come and visit our Early Years setting and enjoy a taste of the fantastic activities your child gets up to with us on a daily basis! Feel free to invite any parents with young children whose children might be joining us in the future too. The more the merrier!

Year 1 Phonics Screening

It is really important that we have full attendance from our Year 1 children next week as the phonics screening takes place during the whole week. The children will not realise they are doing anything differently at all as it will just be like a normal phonics session but this is a national screening that legally, has to be carried out with all Year 1 children across the country.

Monday 10th June – Kwik Cricket Tournament

The Kwik Cricket season starts again on Monday evening next week at Consett Cricket Club. All children who are representing the school have been given a letter. This league continues for the next four Mondays straight after school.

Tuesday 11th June – Art Workshop

Miss Jackson's class will be enjoying a workshop on Tuesday morning as part of the START project. They will be looking at artists who create site specific art out of reused items. They will also be considering the issues surrounding single use plastic and will be using plastic bottles to create a piece of art for the Lumiere in Durham.

Tuesday 11th June – New Starters Meeting

We have our meeting for all our new Reception new starters at 6pm in the school hall on Tuesday evening. This will give all parents and carers the opportunity to hear all about the exciting arrangements for September as well as have the opportunity to meet all the staff who will be working in Early Years next year. We look forward to welcoming you all!

Wednesday 12th June – Year 6 Leavers' Service in Durham Cathedral

Our Year 6 children are going to Durham Cathedral on Wednesday morning to take part in their special leavers' service for all Year 6 children in County Durham. This is the first of many events our Year 6 children will be part of to help them celebrate their time in primary school. They will leave at 9.30am and return to school in time for their dinner.

Thursday 13th June – NSPCC Workshops

We will be welcoming back representatives of the NSPCC who will be working with our children from Year 1 – 6 in a series of workshops next Thursday morning.

Thursday 13th June – Birchwood School

We are welcoming children from our partner school in Tamworth to our school next Thursday and Friday. After a day spent enjoying the Angel of the North and Durham Cathedral, they will be coming to our school to spend the night sleeping here. Let's hope it is a lovely evening so they can make the most of games on our school field. Four of our Year 6 children will be joining them for the day and acting as tour guides for the group.

Friday 14th June – Birchwood School

After a very early breakfast and start to the day, Birchwood School and four of our Year 6 children will head to Gateshead, visit the Sage and the Baltic before enjoying a river cruise on the Tyne. I am sure our Year 6 children all have great memories of their time in Warwick and Cadbury World when we visited their school in October!

Friday 14th June – Tree Planting at Willowburn

Six children will be going to Willowburn to help them with their tree planting project. This will take place in the morning and the children will be transported by Mrs Startup and Mr Graham. Parents/carers of the children involved will receive a text message next week informing them where their child will be going.

Foundation Stage News

Thank you to everyone who supported our Dads Day this week. It really was a fabulous day as we are sure you will agree! Our next Stay and Play session will be on Wednesday 3rd July and the whole family is welcome. We plan to show off our singing skills as a finale to the year, so hope you can come along between 8.45am - 11.00am or 12.30pm (1.00pm for Reception) - 3.00pm.

If anyone still has not replied to the letter about our Nursery trip to Roker beach, payment is now due. We had quite a few people on holiday when letters about this went out, so please ask at the Nursery if you haven't received one.

We currently have first year BEd students in EYFS so be aware you may see new faces for the next 3 weeks. They are doing a fabulous job and we are happy to have them training with us.

Look out for our books for next week on Twitter over the weekend. A current favourite is 'Who Swallowed Stanley?' Which is supporting our younger children in understanding the dangers of plastic pollution in the seas and perfectly complements our whole school 'Ocean World' topic.

Advance Notices

Tuesday 18th June - School Walk

Please do not forget that our school beach day and walk is on Tuesday 18th June and we do not return to school until 5pm on this date. Thank you.

Sunday 23rd June - Lanchester Fun Run

I am sure many of you will have seen the adverts for the village fun run on Sunday 23rd June between 10am and 2pm. There is a free shuttle bus running from St Bedes and the village green to get you there and back. Runners and walkers under 12 must be accompanied by an adult and fancy dress is welcome. Willowburn hospice is also selling refreshments and food.

Sunday 23rd June - Fun Day

On Sunday 23rd June, a group of caring adults are organising a memory walk and Fun Day. This event is to remember and support the family of Simon Wainwright, who was a local driving instructor and whose son attends our school, who sadly died quite unexpectedly at the end of February. A group of driving instructors and friends and colleagues have organised this event, which I know many of our families will want to support. Everyone is welcome on the memory walk, which starts at 10am at Meadowfield Leisure Centre and goes to Lanchester Cricket Club, where there will be a fun day. Here, there will be a BBQ, face painters, side stalls, activities on the field for the children, a bouncy castle and the bar will be also be open.

The money raised will go towards the charity, Alpha 1 – Antitrypsin Deficiency which try to raise awareness of this genetic condition which may result in lung and/or liver disease. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Caroline Chipchase on Facebook, or you can donate via this link: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/carolinesschoolofmotoring

After School Clubs

Once again, we have a wealth of after school clubs taking place this half term. It really is amazing that we have so many staff in school, so willing to give up their time to run these clubs. Our children are very lucky!

	Lunchtime	After School	Year Groups	Adult
Monday		Netball	Years 3 & 4	Mrs Grieve Mrs Smith
		Football	Year 1	Mr Graham
		Lego Club	Year 3	Mr Mordue
Tuesday	---	Athletics	Years 5 & 6	Mr Graham
	Singing Club	---	Years 1 & 2	Mrs Knighton
Wednesday	Choir	---	Years 3 - 6	Mrs Knighton
		Art Club	Year 3	Miss Honan
		SAFC	Years 5 & 6	SAFC Coaches
		Fitness Club	Years 1 - 6	Mr Graham
		Singing & Music Club	Reception & Year 1	Mr McLoughlin
		Fun & Fitness Club	Reception	Miss Butler
Thursday		Netball	Years 5 & 6	Mrs Grieve Mrs Smith
Friday	Homework Club	---	Years 2 - 6	Mr Stephenson
	Eco Rangers	---	Years 2 - 6	Mrs Startup

As usual, if you have any questions or queries at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. We are here to help!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jane Davis

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