



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 3: Friday 12th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been just wonderful! Seeing all the children back in school, playing with their friends and having fun has been so therapeutic! There has also been some excellent learning taking place this week too without them even realising it. I hope you are all slightly more used to life at home without them again although I am sure your houses have been very quiet and felt rather empty during the day!

This time last year, we were reeling from the news that our ski trip was cancelled with less than 36 hours' notice. If anyone had told me then what we would have to live through for the next 12 months, I don't think I would have believed them and I also don't think I would have coped. But, here we are, stronger, more resilient and with more optimism than we have had for quite some time.

Ski Trip - January 2022

Letters have been emailed to parents of current Year 3, 4 & 5 children with information about the ski trip next year. We have booked with the same company but plan to go in January rather than March next year and to a different resort due to the high demand of school bookings for next year. We are also able to take the current Year 6 children who were booked to go on the trip last year but missed out at the last minute. Those parents have been contacted and will also receive the letter.

'Jump for Joy' Project

Thank you all so much for your wonderful contributions for our Jump for Joy Project. I hope you enjoyed watching the film at the start of the week and it helped to cheer you up just a little. We are also having a banner printed, a large print made for school to commemorate this historical event and will also have some prints produced that will be sent home with the children next week.

Here Comes the Sun Film

I hope you all read the letter about this which was sent out on Wednesday. This will be our final film we make during the pandemic and hope that it will be the biggest and the best! I have attached another copy of the letter just in case you missed the one emailed out on Wednesday! We hope you are able to participate in this, one final time!

Tuesday 16th March - Mr Innes Visiting School

Mr Innes, our new Assistant Head Teacher, will be visiting after school on Tuesday to meet the staff and to begin to familiarise himself with our school, curriculum and teaching methods. I know the staff are certainly looking forward to getting to know him and he cannot wait to start working with us all.

Wednesday 17th March at 4.30pm - Nursery New Starter Meeting over Zoom

We are holding our Open Evening over Zoom on Wednesday at 4.30pm for all parents and carers of children who will be joining our Nursery after Easter. This meeting will only last around 30 minutes and just gives you the opportunity to meet the staff and find out a little more about a typical day in the life of a child in Nursery. Just click on the link below and it will take you to the meeting at 4.30pm on Wednesday evening:

<https://zoom.us/j/91603556759?pwd=NThGZzJhQWM4UTFiUml1d3hNS052QT09>

Friday 19th March - Red Nose Day

We will be supporting Red Nose Day next Friday and raising money for this very worthy cause. At the moment, many of us are struggling with our hair being so long! So, we are suggesting that children can come to school in non-uniform (or normal uniform if they choose) but with a whacky/crazy hair style. This may be a bit of a challenge for some of our staff who don't have a lot of hair to style(!) but it will be lovely to see all the children take part in this. We thought they would also enjoy doing something a little bit different for a change! Donations can be made either by bringing £1 in on the day itself, or preferably, through our ParentPay donations page ([click here](#))

The children will also enjoy some fun activities during the day too.

Early Years News

We are aware that the queues for the end of the day pick-ups for Nursery and Reception are becoming quite long and are causing some congestion on the path. Therefore, it is really important to note that from now on, we will be opening the Nursery playground gate for Nursery parents who are collecting children at 2:45pm and 3:00pm. So, please bypass the queue on the yard and go into the Nursery garden where your children will be sent out to you. This should help to ease the congestion of both Nursery and Reception parents queueing up.

Easter Activities

We will be holding a number of different Easter activities during the final week of term which will include a special Easter Service for the children in school, egg decorating and an Easter raffle which will be drawn on the final day of the school term. All Easter eggs and prizes have been contributed by the school staff and governors. Tickets will be sent home with your child next week and will be £1 per ticket. If you would like to pay via ParentPay instead of sending them back with the cash, for every £1 you spend, we will add a ticket into the raffle for you.

LJG Coaching Holiday Club - Monday March 29th - Thursday April 1st.

As set out in the most recent government guidelines (COVID-19 Response – Spring 2021 guidance), LJG Coaching are allowed to offer:

- Outdoor provision to all children, without restrictions on the purpose for which they may attend
- Indoor provision to:
 - o Vulnerable children and young people
 - o Other children, where provision is considered reasonably necessary to enable their parents/carers to: work, search for work, undertake education or training, attend a medical appointment or address a medical need, attend a support group

As far as possible, all activities will take place outdoors, with as little time spent inside as possible. However, it may be necessary for some activities to take place in the Junior Hall in case of bad weather. For more information, or to book a place for your child, please click [here](#) to be taken to the booking form.

Positive Thinking

***While we try to teach our children all about life,
our children teach us what life is all about.***

As usual, if there is anything at all that you would like to talk about, or that is concerning you, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. We are here to help and will get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Davis

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Head Teacher