



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 3 – Friday 23rd November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children from Years 1-6 all had a wonderful afternoon at Chitty Chitty Bang Bang yesterday afternoon. I have never heard 300 children be so quiet and attentive – they certainly seemed to be totally engrossed in the show! It is always hard to anticipate when we will be back after such shows as we never know what the traffic will be like. Yesterday, the traffic was very heavy as well as there being an accident which resulted in hold ups on the roads, consequently delaying our return to school on time. I do apologise for any inconvenience caused.

It was also rather busy dismissing the children on our return – I think in future, we will ask parents to stand further back from the main school entrance which will enable us to line the children up and dismiss them from their lines in the middle of the yard.

Please also remember that as stated last week Twitter is our main form of communication on any visits or residentials. Any news will always be given through twitter and not texts or eSchools. It may be worth noting this and having twitter – even if it is just for this purpose. This is by far the quickest, cheapest and most accessible way of getting in touch with parents when staff are out and about.

Saturday 24th November – Switching on the Christmas Lights

The Christmas lights will be switched on tomorrow evening by Mr Eric Hepplewhite, along with two children from All Saints School and two of our Year 6 children, Steffi and Max, at 6pm. This takes place on the village green and is always a super way to start the festive season.

Monday 26th November – Foundation Stage Nativity Tickets on Sale

Tickets for our Foundation Stage Nativities go on sale on Monday 26th November at a cost of £2 each. Initially, each family can buy a maximum of 4 tickets with any remaining tickets going on sale on Wednesday 5th December.

The 10am performance is for pupils in Mrs Riddell's Reception class, the Monday – Wednesday Flamingos, the Giraffes and the Meerkats. The 2pm performance will be for Mrs Burke's Reception class, the Wednesday – Friday Flamingos and the Penguins.

Tuesday 27th November – The Friends of the School Film Night Tickets on Sale

The Friends of Lanchester EP School are holding a Christmas Pyjama Party on **Thursday 6th December 2018 at 5.30pm.** Put on your PJs and enjoy 'The Grinch who stole Christmas' with hot chocolate and popcorn. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are £1 for Children. Adults go free. Tickets are available from the School Office.

Wednesday 28th November – Theatre Company in School

We have booked West Midlands Theatre Company to come into school on Wednesday afternoon to perform 'Arabian Adventure'. I am sure it will be another great experience for the children.

Friday 30th November - Non Uniform Day for the Christmas Fair

We are having a non-uniform day on Friday 30th November in aid of our Christmas Fair. We ask children to come in non-uniform in exchange for a donated item for the Christmas fair. Donations of chocolate/confectionary, toiletries, bottles of alcohol (an adult should drop them in at the office please!), children's stationery/gift or any item suitable for a raffle prize. Please make sure anything you bring in is still in-date as we often have to throw things away that are past their use by date!

Parents' Evening for Children with Additional Needs

Last year we had an additional parents' evening for those parents of children with additional needs. This was due to take place next week, but will now be held on Tuesday 11th December instead. If your child has an additional support plan, then this is the opportunity to come into school and talk to your child's teacher about their progress towards their targets.

Christmas Dinner

The annual Christmas Dinner will be held in School on **Friday 14th December.** Please see the accompanying letter for details.

Year 5 children and Erasmus+ Projects

All of our Year 5 children have brought a letter home today about the forthcoming Erasmus+ visits to Spain and Germany. Mr Bailey and Mr Stephenson will be accompanying four Year 5 boys to Unna, Germany whilst Ms Butler and Mrs Sant will be taking four Year 5 girls to Cordoba in Spain. These are wonderful opportunities for our children which we hope will continue after Brexit!

Parent Governor

I am delighted to inform you that the parental ballot forms have been counted and Mr Jason Exley is our new parent governor. I am sure he will be a great asset to our governing body – it is just a shame we could not have all four of our parents who volunteered their time to help our school.

Foundation Stage News

We now have almost everyone's email address linked to 2BuildaProfile so we will begin sending out some of our observations of the children's learning next week. We are still learning about how the system works, so please bear with us until we are used to the process. You should be able to contribute to your child's learning journal by replying to the email you will receive from 2BuildaProfile. Please do not worry if your current link will not yet work. The link you receive within the next 7 days should allow you to see a few of the things your child has been up to since the beginning of the year. Please note that you will not get a lot of information immediately as we are dealing with a backlog of observations. This is a new system so we would appreciate any feedback.

By the end of next week, we are hoping to send out pegs for the children to decorate for our Christmas tree in EYFS. Last year we had some beautiful contributions, which were all as individual as your children. We cannot wait to see your lovely contributions for this year's tree.

Can we also please remind parents that there are a lot of nasty bugs going around at the moment? Please remember that children in Nursery and Reception are very active during their time with us and will spend a large part of the day outdoors. If you feel that they are unwell and unable to participate in our normal activities, please give them time to rest and get better.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Very shortly, cardboard doors will be opened in the traditional countdown to Christmas – in the form of an advent calendar. While some can look forward to luxury, many families and children will be anticipating another bleak Christmas. Therefore, we are going to reverse things this Advent again with a calendar which gives back. We are asking you to bring a donation of tinned goods from Monday 3rd December so that we will have a collection of goods ready to drop off to local Food Banks in the New Year which is often when the food banks have their lowest supplies. We did this last year and it was very successful and very well-received.

Parking Issues

It would be greatly appreciated if parents did not park in front of the staff car park down the side of the school when dropping off and picking up children. This road is always parked up and vehicles have to pull in somewhere to allow traffic to pass. However, this is the only place where it is possible to pull in. In addition to this, it is essential that staff can get their cars out of the car park at all times in case of emergencies. We really appreciate your help in this matter.

Advance Notices

Monday 3rd December – Deadline to book Christmas Dinner
Monday 3rd December – Deadline for Ford Castle interim deposit
Monday 3rd December – Nativity Tickets for KS1 Nativity go on sale
Tuesday 4th December at 6pm – Ski Meeting
Thursday 6th December at 5.30pm – Film Night
Friday 7th December 2-4pm – Christmas Fair
Friday 7th December – Deadline for Skiing interim deposit
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Saturday 8th December – 7pm – Choir singing in Christmas Concert

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.

Jane Davis