



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 2 – Friday 14th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope your children are now settled into their new routines and happy in their classes. I have to admit that school is a very happy and calm place and it is just delightful to see the younger children chatting away to everyone as though they have been here for years!

It was lovely to see so many of you at Meet the Teacher this week – I do hope you found it informative. For those of you who were unable to make it, all the class presentations are on the Class Pages of eSchools.

The half termly newsletter is due to go out next Friday and that will include all the diary dates for the term. However, there are a few advance dates at the end of this letter. Please also check the calendar on the school website regularly for any new dates and events.

Year 1 Multi Skills After School Club

I am very sorry for the disappointment caused for some of the children who did not gain a place on the multi skills after school club. This was so popular that Mr Graham will be running it again next half term and any child who was unsuccessful gaining a place this half term, will automatically be given a place. I realise there was some confusion over handing the slips back. Year 1 staff will check book bags for this term for any letters/forms whilst they continue to settle into Year 1. If anyone has any questions about this, please just ask!

Monday 17th September - Poppy Project with Years 5 & 6

I know many of you will be aware of the poppy project that Mr Eric Hepplewhite has been leading the village over the last 18 months. Our Year 5 & 6 children will be making some clay poppies on Monday afternoon. Some of these poppies will also be kept for a small remembrance area in our school grounds. This is a very special project to be part of and very appropriate with the centenary remembrance events quickly approaching.

Wednesday 26th September - Consett Academy Open Evening for Year 6 Parents

All of our Year 6 children will be spending the day at Consett Academy on Wednesday 26th September – more details about the day will follow. Their open evening also takes place on the same night for all interested Year 6 children and parents.

Monday 1st October - St Bede's Open Night for Year 6 Parents

St Bede's are holding their open evening for Year 6 parents on Monday 1st October at 5.30pm. This year, this open evening is for all parents and not just those from Catholic feeder schools. They will not be holding the additional mornings for our families to look round this year – everyone interested is to attend the Open Evening on Monday 1st October instead. Please just ask if you need anything clarified.

On Friday 5th October – FootyAid Non-uniform Day

On Friday 5th October we are holding a FootyAid day when we will be asking the children to come to school dressed in their football kits (or non-uniform if you are like me and do not own such a thing!) in exchange for either £1 for our charity fundraiser or a bottle for the Pick the Bottle Stall at the EduFootyAid Family Fun Day on Saturday.

Saturday 6th October – EduFootyAid Family Fun Day – 12pm until 5pm

EduFootyAid is a new charity football event raising money for Mind, the country's leading mental health charity. What makes EduFootyAid extra special is that all the players are primary school teachers.

It is set to be a bi-annual fixture with the first match taking place at our school on Saturday 6th October. Gates open at 12pm and kick-off is at 2pm. Every player is raising a minimum of £50 in sponsorship and overall the event hopes to raise £3,000. It is going to be a great family day, with a number of different stalls, raffle, face-painting, refreshments and fairground rides.

It is being organised by the Striker Boy campaign which was set up in memory of former primary school teacher Jonny Zucker, who sadly took his own life in 2016. Mental health is a key concern for the education sector, particularly primary education, with rates of suicide amongst primary school teachers nearly double the national average. Please come along and support this worthwhile event – it should be lots of fun for all the family.

Reception 2019 Admissions

If your child turns five between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 you need to apply for a school place (for whichever Primary School you would like them to attend) via <http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>. Please note, if you want your child to attend Lanchester EP for Reception you must still apply for a place even if your child attends Nursery here. Applications opened on 12th September and close on 15th January 2019. Parents are advised to apply via this system and to not apply via a paper application form and the Local Authority have asked us not to accept any paper applications and send them in on parents' behalf.

We will be holding an Open Day on Wednesday 7th November – more details will follow on the half termly newsletter.

Vacancy for Parent Governor

Mr David Oliver's term of office has come to an end as parent governor and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for the commitment he has shown our school during his term of office. This does mean however that we have a vacancy on our board of governors for a parent. Our governing body is a very proactive group of individuals who help to drive school improvement. Please refer to our website for more information about the valuable role parent governors play in the life of the school. Any parents interested in this role should email Mrs Davis: j.davis@lanchesterep.net by Friday 28th September with an expression of interest. If there is more than one parent who has expressed an interest, a parental ballot will be held.

Parent Post Box

If you have anything to drop off at the school office but are in a rush, or cannot get into school between 8.30am and 4.30pm, please feel free to pop it in the parent post box in the entrance of the school. This is checked daily. Thank you.

Contact Details for All Children

It is absolutely essential that all contact details are kept up to date for all our children and that we have more than one contact number. Please can all parents make sure these details are correct. It can be very distressing for a poorly child or one who has had an accident, to have to sit and wait longer than necessary because we cannot get in touch with parents as their numbers have changed. Forms are available from outside the school office. Thank you.

Email Addresses of Teaching Staff

We realise that with the flexible drop off, parents do not get the opportunity to talk to class teachers on a morning. If you do need to contact the class teacher directly, then you are able to email them. Please note however, staff are busy with the children all day and can only check emails before or after school. Please continue to contact the school office for general messages and queries. Thank you. If you need to contact me, my email address is: j.davis@lanchesterep.net.

The other staff emails are:

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	a.knighton@lanchesterep.net	

Job Vacancies

We have a vacancy for a part-time cleaner and a lunchtime supervisory assistant. These posts will be advertised on the school website next week. If you are interested, please go to the vacancy session on the school website where you will find more details. If you have any questions about either post, please ask to speak to Mrs Janette Marklew, our Business Manager.

Photograph Consent Forms

As you are aware, due to new GDPR regulations, we issued new photographic consent forms at the end of last year. Many parents have still not completed the new form and therefore at the moment, your child's photograph cannot be included on twitter. Please make sure that these are returned as soon as possible. Spare copies are available from our website and outside the office. Thank you.

Karate – Friday 4.15 p.m. – 5.15 p.m.

An additional after school club is open to all children from Reception to Year 6. Karate, which is led by an outside provider (Mr Rayner), takes place in the Junior Hall between 4.15pm and 5.15pm every Friday and costs £5 per child. Please just bring your child along if they are interested and Mr Rayner will be there to welcome you and answer your queries.

Foundation Stage News (Nursery and Reception)

Thanks for your patience as we work out the best way to dismiss children at the end of sessions in Reception and Nursery. We hope you have found that it is easier to leave Reception at the end of the day via the corridor and the Nursery entrance. It seems to ease the congestion a little. We are also going to try dismissing the Morning Nursery from the outside area instead of them waiting indoors as we would much rather they were active and busy. Parents collecting children are welcome to come into Nursery to collect any of their child's belongings. Please note that the Nursery gate must be locked by 11.45 as staff are needed for lunchtime supervision in the hall.

Thank you for all your returned home assessment sheets. It has been really useful to see what your child is able to do for you at home and will help us to build a more complete picture of your child's needs and abilities.

Children come into Nursery and Reception ready to choose their activities each morning. You can support this by talking to your child on the way to school about what they might plan to do each day. Please note that from next week, Reception children will be able to go straight out into the middle yard to be active, just as the Nursery children go straight outside if they wish, so you can remind your child that this is also an option? Thank you.

Can we please remind you all to ensure your children's clothes, including coats, wellies and shoes are all clearly marked with their names? We often have duplicate pairs of wellies and shoes and this can be very confusing for the children. All children need a pair of wellies in school every day for outdoor play, so please try to ensure we have them in school. Thank you very much for your help and support – we really appreciate it.

Spare Clothing

We are running out of spare clothes in Reception, especially the larger sizes, so if you are looking to empty your cupboards, we would really appreciate donations of uniform trousers and skirts/dresses in ages 5/6 and 6/7. Thank you!

Advance Diary Dates (More details to follow)

Tuesday 25th September at 2.15pm & 6pm

Wednesday 26th September

Friday 28th September

Tuesday 2nd October

Wednesday 3rd October

Thursday 4th October at 9.15am & 6pm

Friday 5th October at 2.30pm

Wednesday 10th October

Thursday 11th October

Friday 12th October

Tuesday 16th October 3.45 – 6pm

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Phonics and KS1/2 Maths Parents Sessions

School Photographs

Year 6 at Consett Academy

Year 2 at Shildon Railway Museum

Reception Transport Trip

Year 5&6 at Eden Camp

Olympic Athlete in School

Friends of the School Meeting at 6pm

Reception Transport Trip

Online Safety Session for Parents

Coffee Afternoon

Reception Transport Trip

Year 6 at Warwick Castle and Birchwood School, Tamworth

Year 6 at Birchwood School & Cadbury's World, Birmingham

Parents' Evening

Reception Transport Trip

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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 you and your child.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jane Davis
Head Teacher