



# LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 5 – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe it is the final week of this half term already – it just seems to have flown over so quickly! The children in school are all so happy and settled and it really is a lovely place to be!

I would like to thank everyone who came to support the #Edufootyaid event last Saturday which was held in school. This was a wonderful occasion which was so well-supported by our school community. The Striker Boy campaign has raised over £10,000 nationally and we raised around £1,000 from our day in school and on the day itself which is just a terrific achievement. All the money is going towards 'Mind' Charity which is such a worthwhile cause. This of course, has also coincided with World Mental Health Awareness Day this week.

## **Staff News**

I am delighted to inform you that Mr and Mrs Graham are now very proud parents of Paisley Raina Graham, the most beautiful little girl who was born in the early hours of this morning weighing an amazing 9lb 5oz. I am sure you will all join us in congratulating them both on her safe arrival.

## **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> October – Mr Graham's Football Sessions Cancelled**

Mr Graham is understandably unable to host his Saturday morning football sessions for the next few weeks. You will be notified when they start up again after half term.

## **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm in All Saints Church – Harvest Festival**

All children from Years 1-6 will be going to All Saints Church for 2pm for our Harvest Festival celebrations on Monday afternoon. The service will be led by children in Year 4. All families and friends are very welcome to join us for this occasion but please note that seating will be limited. This year, we are not asking for donations of food but instead are asking for donations of money for Action Aid for the Indonesian Disaster Appeal. A retiring collection will be held at the end of the service.

## **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 9.15 – 10.45 – Foundation Stage Stay and Play Session**

Foundation Stage are having their first Stay and Play session from 9.15 – 10.45 on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. All parents are warmly invited to come to school to stay and play with their children on Tuesday morning. These were very popular last year and give you an insight into what your child does on a daily basis.

## **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – 3.45 – 6pm - Parents' Evenings**

We look forward to welcoming you into school to talk with your child's class teacher on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. If you have not yet booked an appointment via eSchools, please contact the School Office who will book an appointment for you.

Please note that Mr Mordue cannot be present on Wednesday evening due to unforeseen circumstances and he will be meeting with parents on Thursday evening instead.

## **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Foundation Stage Harvest Festival**

Our youngest children will enjoy their own Harvest Festival on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October during the normal school day. Again, we are asking for a donation for the Indonesian Disaster Appeal as our Harvest contributions this year.

## **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Photographs Order Deadline**

Please do not forget that Wednesday is the deadline for returning any photograph orders to school as the company will be collecting all orders on this date. Thank you.

## **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 1.15 – 2.25pm – Foundation Stage Stay and Play Session**

The second of the Autumn Stay and Play sessions takes place on Thursday afternoon. All parents are invited to join the fun and see just what your children get up to during the day.

## **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Re-Dedication of the War Memorial**

A small number of children will be attending the ceremony at the war memorial on the village green at 2pm on Friday afternoon. All schools in the village will be represented at this ceremony.

### **Ford Castle and France Residentials – Years 5 & 6**

All information about these trips is on the letters that can be found on the website. All payments for these visits are on ParentPay and the initial £50 deposit for the France trip is due by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and the initial deposit of £40 for the Year 6 Ford Castle residential is due by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November. If you have any questions about either visit, please just get in touch.

### **Disco Tickets on Sale Now for Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

The Friends of the School are holding a disco on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November**. This is for children from Reception to Year 6 and not Nursery children. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 disco is from 3.30 until 4.45 and children can bring their clothes to change into at the end of the school day. The disco for children in Years 3 – 6 is from 5 – 6.30pm. Tickets are now on sale at a cost of £2 which includes a hot dog and drink. If there are any vegetarian or dietary requirements required for this, please email The Friends of the School at: [friends@lanchesterep.net](mailto:friends@lanchesterep.net) . These discos are always very popular with the children and I am sure they will thoroughly enjoy this first one of the year! Please note – tickets cannot be bought via ParentPay for this event.

### **Holiday Club**

Please do not forget to book your child's place at Mr Graham's Holiday Club which is taking place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Booking forms are available either on our website or from the School Office.

### **Playground Markings**

We have had some lovely new markings and games painted onto our main yard at the back of the school. They look absolutely fantastic and the children just love them. After having training with 'Kids R Fit' during the week on how to make the most of playtimes the Year 5 Buddy's, as well as the staff, have come away with lots of ideas of new games to play and ways to really maximise our play area. We have been fundraising to improve our outdoor space and hope to continue with this throughout the year.

### **Parking**

I have received another complaint from a resident of Lee Hill Court regarding inconsiderate parking. There have been a number of occasions when residents' cars have been blocked in their drive and parents have been parking on the footpath, causing an obstruction. What makes matters even worse is the fact that on these occasions, there were actually spaces in the Social Club. Please be considerate to residents when parking your cars at key school times. Thank you.

### **Applications for Reception and Secondary School Places**

Don't forget to apply for a place in Reception or for Secondary school if your child is in Year 6, or will be turning four between September 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019. These applications must be done online via <http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>.

### **Foundation Stage News**

In Nursery, our stories for the week are 'Star in the Jar', Goldilocks and the Three Bears', Duck in the truck', 'Please Don't Chat to the Bus Driver', and 'A Bun for Barney'. Our song of the week is 'Five little monkeys swinging from a tree'.

We are always keen to use opportunities to find out about different places in the UK and abroad so if you are going anywhere on holiday over half term we would love you to send us a postcard to show where you have been.

Please remember that for safeguarding reasons, you should not be using mobile phones to take photos or videos of the children on school premises. Our staff will ask you to put away your phone if they notice this happening. Thank you for your help and support in keeping all our children safe.

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