



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 5: Friday 12th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a few weeks we have had! The weather this week has just made life that little more challenging again, hasn't it?! When I arrived at school on Thursday morning, the car registered a rather cold -9.5! Today it was a nice, toasty -7.5! It is during weeks like this that I am even more grateful to have such a hard-working and dedicated caretaker and cleaning team. They have kept the school grounds safe for us all and also safe enough for the children to be able to enjoy playing in the snow – and the adults too!

I must also thank you for only sending your children into school if it was absolutely necessary on Wednesday due to the heavy snow showers. The majority of schools in the local area ended up closing but every single member of our staff made it into work and the site was made safe prior to the children's arrival.

I would also like to thank each and every single one of you for your wonderful positivity, words of support, thanks and amazing work with your children for the last 6 weeks. It is not the half term that any of us wanted or expected but I do think that you have all made the best of an impossible situation. None of us have any idea what next half term will bring – I don't think Boris does yet either! But, whatever is thrown at us, we will tackle it with positivity, togetherness and with the best interests of our children at the forefront of our minds.

Obviously, please remember that I hear the news at the same time as yourselves so will not have immediate answers once the announcement is made about the plan for re-opening schools. It will, no doubt, be more re-organisation, planning and a renewed risk assessment, but we will communicate with you as quickly as we can.

Interviews for Assistant Head Teacher

On Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th February, we are holding the interviews for the position of Assistant Head Teacher. These have been postponed for a year now but it is essential to have the new person in place for the summer term. They will be two very busy days in school, but we hope to share with you at the end of the first week back who the successful candidate is. This is a key appointment for our school and will help to strengthen our leadership team and the school as a whole.

Remote Learning Feedback

Please do not forget to complete the online form about the Remote Learning this half term. Your opinions and comments are helpful and whilst we cannot possibly please every single family (as your requests are so diverse), we do read and consider each and every one of them. Please note though, that there are certain things that we have absolutely no say over – the length of school holidays for example. Those decisions are made at a much higher level than ourselves!

Work Packs

The work packs for the first week back will be ready for all parents from 12 noon on Monday 22nd February. We realise that this is not helpful for the Monday morning's work, but we have had a lot of staff absence and issues with our copiers this week and have struggled to get everything sorted. We also thought that some children might want to spend the week completing it all before they have actually had the lessons! So please feel free to collect all work packs from 12 noon on Monday 22nd February.

Interactive Whiteboards

We are having the whole school re-fitted with Promethean whiteboards over the half-term break and look forward to having state of the art equipment on our return. I imagine it may take the staff a little time to get to grips with them as they are different to the ones we have currently, but I am sure the children will notice the difference in the quality of the images on screen.

Twitter Daily Davis Update

I will post my daily update this evening and then recommence them on our return. I think you need a break from the challenges and updates as much as myself! However, it is worth your while looking out for tonight's update. You may get a little surprise but it was made with the aim of bringing a smile to your faces in these miserable times. We hope you have as much fun watching and listening as we did in making it!

Positive Thinking

If you never tasted a bad apple, you would not appreciate a good apple.

If you were never sad, you would not know how it feels to be happy.

If you never had negative thoughts, you would not learn the power of positive thinking.

You have to experience life to understand life.

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. Hope you have a lovely half term break!

Yours sincerely,

Jane Davis

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