



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



Weekly Bulletin 4 – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well I think all of Lower Key Stage 2 will be catching up on some sleep this weekend – children and staff! They had a wonderful visit to the Roman Wall, staying overnight at Birdoswald Roman Fort. This was a terrific experience for one and all and we hope they will remember for some time to come! I would like to commend them all on their behaviour and attitude – they were a credit to our school and a pleasure to be with. It is the final week of the spring term and we do hope that you can join us in some of our Easter activities.

## **Bakeathon**

Thank you for your generosity last week for the Bake-a-thon, we raised a wonderful £194.21 to help fund research into brain tumours. Thank you for your support - from sending in delicious cakes to donating money to this worthwhile cause. You are all very kind!

## **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Erasmus+ Visit to Cordoba, Spain**

We have four excited Year 5 girls, Ruby, Katie, Jasmine and Caitlin visiting our partner school in Cordoba next week with Miss Butler and Mrs Sant. I am sure they will have a terrific time and will thoroughly enjoy the weather and culture! They will be performing our song and taking part in a number of writing activities during their time there.

## **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Miss Jackson's Class Visit to the Oriental Museum, Durham**

Miss Jackson's class are spending the day at the Oriental Museum on Monday as part of the START project funded by Children and the Arts and delivered by Artichoke and OASES and is the first of several exciting visits which Year 4 will be involved in over the next couple of years. During their time there they will enjoy a gallery trail around the museum, object handling from distinct cultures, creating artwork based on the collections and completing a drama session focusing on Japan's relationship with Mount Fuji. All children should come in full school uniform with a packed lunch. They will return in time for the end of the school day.

## **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Girls Football Team at Greenland Primary School – 4pm**

Our girls' football team are competing in the Champions League at Greenland Primary School on Tuesday after school, starting at 4pm. They are competing for one of two places in the County Girls Football Competition. They will also be presented with their trophies for winning the league at this event. What a great season they have had – this is a great achievement. Well done to you all!

## **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Meeting for Year 6 Parents – SATs and Sex Education**

We are looking forward to meeting our Year 6 parents on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 6 pm in the school hall. We will be explaining the children's forthcoming statutory tests as well as discussing our relationships and Sex Education programme for the summer term.

## **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Stay and Play Sessions in Foundation Stage**

I am sure all of our Early Years parents will be looking forward to our Stay and Play sessions on Wednesday. Please come along for either 9.30 – 11 or 1.30 -3pm.

## **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Service at 2 pm in All Saints Church**

We have our Easter Service in All Saints Church at 2 pm for Years 1-6 which will be led by Years 2 & 5. Everyone is warmly invited to join us for this lovely, uplifting service. Children will be dismissed from school at the end of the day as usual. Foundation Stage will enjoy their own service in school just for themselves.

### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Egg Decorating Competition**

This annual event is eagerly anticipated by young and not so young every year. We ask children from Years 1 – 6 to bring a few hard boiled eggs into school so that they can be decorated during the morning. Please note, they are not allowed to decorate them at home! Children in Reception will be enjoying their own Easter-themed activities in school and all materials will be provided for them.

All of the children's eggs will be judged at the start of the afternoon. There is always very tough competition and I am always very pleased that I do not do the judging! In addition to this, we have three other egg decorating competitions - one for parents, one for grandparents and one for staff. So get your thinking caps on and start preparing your entries!

### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Coffee Afternoon**

On the final afternoon, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, we are holding our usual coffee afternoon from 2.30pm when you will be able to come and see all the eggs, the winners as well as enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. This is always a lovely way to finish off the spring term. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Head Lice**

This is another reminder to all parents that you should be checking your child's hair regularly for head lice. We have many outbreaks of this and the best way to combat it is to make sure that you check your child's hair regularly with the correct 'nit comb'. With the Easter holidays approaching, it is an ideal time to make sure that your child's hair is clear of any lice or eggs. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact our school nurse, Alison Johnson on 03000261597. Thank you.

### **School Meals**

Thank you very much for sending in your child's new menu which will be starting on Week 1 after the Easter holidays. For those of you who have not yet handed in a menu, one will be going home with your child tonight. This MUST be returned by Monday or your child will be given the default vegetarian option each day until we receive a menu back. Likewise, if your child will be changing to packed lunch after the holiday please let the office know, preferably via email on [school.office@lanchesterep.net](mailto:school.office@lanchesterep.net). If you do not inform the office you will still be charged, as the food will have been ordered by the kitchen. Thank you for your help in allowing our kitchen to run as smoothly and efficiently as possible.

### **'False Debts'**

Anyone who owes any money on ParentPay will be sent an automated email at the end of the week informing them of this fact. As you will understand, with a system like this, occasionally there will be mistakes and you may be informed you have a debt that you do not believe you have. If this happens, it is essential that you get in touch with the School Office either by email or by phone and we can check this out and resolve it with you straight away. Otherwise, you will be sent an email every week and you will be unable to book any wrap around care via the ParentPay system until the debt is cleared off. This is essential as we need to be able to keep accurate records and we do not want to bombard you with unnecessary emails either. Thank you.

### **Foundation Stage News**

Our Stay and Play session on Wednesday runs from 9.30 - 11 then 1.30 - 3. Younger siblings are more than welcome to come along to join in the fun. There will be lots of Easter themed activities going on, including an Easter Treasure Hunt, crafts and roasting marshmallows around our campfire. Please try to come along to a session if you can.

We have a lot of lost property in both Nursery and Reception. Please check if anything belongs to you before we dispose of it. To allow us to clean and tidy over the holiday, please take home your child's wellies/spare clothes/PE bag.

### **Dogs on School Premises**

This is a polite reminder to all our families that we are not permitted to allow dogs on school premises. This is for Health and Safety reasons. This included dogs on leads or in arms. We are not being awkward with this, but the last thing we want is for a child to be hurt or a dog to become frightened. Thank you for your help.

### **Rotakids**

To conclude our fundraising to twin our toilets and help people have access to safe sanitation, clean water and hygiene education, Rotakids have two exciting events next week. For the first one, they will be selling raffle tickets every morning break to try to win the cutest, cuddly Easter Bunny and on Thursday they will be having a Chocolate Tombola where everyone is a winner. Tickets will be 50p each.

On Friday they will be serving delicious Hot Cross Buns at the Coffee Afternoon. We do hope that the children can support these events. Together we can make a difference!

### **LJG Holiday Club**

Don't forget that Mr Graham is holding his holiday club during the first week of the Easter holidays. LJG Sports Days are football/multisport days and will take place from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April with bookings/payment made directly to Mr Graham. Forms for these clubs have been given out but are also available from the School Office, eSchools and the website.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter break. We return to school on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019.

Best Wishes,

*Jane Davis*

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