



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 2 – Friday 15th March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing this letter from the French Alps after spending a week with an amazing group of children and parents. The majority of our children had not skied before this week and to see them ski all the way down from the highest point of the resort so proficiently was just incredible. We have had the best snow ever and it is still snowing heavily tonight so I am sure our final day will be equally as good!

Erasmus+ Visit to Germany

We have four very lucky Year 5 boys (Finlay, Lewis, Jack and Riley) heading off to Unna, Germany next week with Mr Stephenson and Mr Bailey. They will be joined by Mr McLoughlin, Mr Graham, Mr Gill and myself on Wednesday evening for the final two days of the week. During their time there, they will be spending time in our partner school, participating in a variety of reading activities whilst also enjoying some sightseeing, including a visit to Dortmund Football Stadium.

Monday 18th March at 3.30pm

There is a meeting for all parents of the Year 5 girls going on the Spanish Erasmus+ visit to Cordoba, Spain at the beginning of April. The meeting will start at 3.30pm and should only last around half an hour.

Tuesday 19th March at 3.30pm

There is a full governors meeting on Tuesday afternoon at 3.30pm. We are looking forward to welcoming our new parent governor, Mr Exley as well to this meeting.

Wednesday 20th March – Revd Earle in school

We are looking forward to welcoming Revd Earle into school on Wednesday morning to lead Worship.

Friday 22nd March – Bakeathon for Brain Tumour Awareness Month

One of our children has asked if we can raise money for this very worthwhile charity. This child continues to fight a long and brave battle with a brain tumour and has shown terrific courage. The brain tumour charity is trying to raise £200,000 to fund both a researcher and their work into a new treatment. Investment in research is low compared to other charities, so they want to accelerate change to find a cure more quickly. So, on Friday 22nd March, Year 6 will be baking some cakes and treats which will be sold to the rest of the school throughout the day. All donations would be appreciated.

Foundation Stage News

In Reception next week, we will be sharing some much loved stories, including 'The Gruffalo', 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', 'Farmer Duck', 'Peace at Last', 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear' and 'What do you See?' If you have any of these fantastic books at home, please take the opportunity to share them this week to support and encourage your child's interest. Please look out for our Nursery stories for next week on Twitter over the weekend.

This week, we welcomed the school choir into Nursery for a performance. The children were enthralled by the talent on show! We are passionate about the importance of music in the Early Years and the huge impact it can have on the children's emotional and academic development. We would love to give our children more live music experiences, so if you or a family member play an instrument and would like to come and do a short performance for us, please let us know. Sharing your talent with the children would be a lovely way to inspire them. If you have any unused musical instruments you would like to donate to us, we would also be very grateful. How amazing would it be to have a piano in the Early Years area to use with the children?

Next week we will be celebrating the Hindu festival of Holi across Foundation Stage. Holi is known as the Festival of Colours, so we will be doing lots of beautiful, colourful, creative activities with your children. If you would like to reinforce these experiences, there are great resources on Cbeebies <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/lets-celebrate-holi> which you could share at home.

Last week, all the children in Foundation Stage made pancakes on the camp fire to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. If you would like copies of the photographs we have taken, they are available in the Foundation Stage entrance for a small donation. All money raised will go towards funding Forest School activities over the next few months.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and friends who helped out on the Nursery trips to Beamish. If you have any comments about the visits, please let us know. This has been a new activity for Beamish, so any feedback we can give to them will be very welcome.

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,

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