



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 1 – Friday 6th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all managed to spend some quality time with your children at half term – even though it would be quite different to the one you had planned, I am sure.

It feels very strange to be in our second national lockdown. I am sure that, in time, we will look back on this year and wonder how we all got through it. I think the strong community spirit continues to be a real positive and one that cannot be overlooked. However, I also believe that in times of crisis, we all seem to get an inner strength that makes us all just keep going – no matter how hard it is at times.

We are all determined to give the children the best half term possible in spite of the current circumstances. Christmas is most certainly NOT cancelled in our school. Far from it! You all know how mad we all are at the EP! We are hatching some very exciting plans – but more will be revealed next week!

Friday 13th November 2020 – Children in Need Day

On Friday 13th November, we will be holding a non-uniform day for the Children in Need Appeal. We are asking children to bring £1 to school in exchange for wearing pyjamas or a onesie for the day. We feel that this is a really important charity to support again this year. Any child not wishing to wear their pyjamas can just wear non-uniform instead if they wish!

Week Beginning Monday 23rd November – Well-Being Week

We are very aware of ensuring our children's emotional well-being is still positive and strong. We aim to collapse the curriculum the week beginning Monday 23rd November to devote more time to supporting their well-being. We then hope that some of the strategies explored will stay with the children in the future.

Thursday 26th November – Flu Nasal Spray

These will take place in school only for those children in Reception to Year 6 whose parents have signed the online consent form. Please note, we do not know in school who has or has not signed the form as it goes straight to the NHS and is confidential.

School Photographs

If your child was present for the school photographs on Wednesday 23rd October, you should have received a copy of the proof/order form this week. If you would like to buy a photograph, please fill in the form and return it with payment either to the School Office or to your child's class teacher.

Payments should be made via cheque/card details where possible, as we do not check the money coming in for the photographs, so if you do not receive your order it is not always possible to get a replacement order. If you pay by cash as it cannot be traced - a card or cheque order can be traced and cancelled if necessary so is much safer and easier.

Photograph order forms must be returned by **15th November** and secured in the plastic envelope - if you are paying with cash please also put it inside an envelope as we have had instances in the past where money has fallen out of an order and we could not tell which of the 300 plus orders it has come from.

Nut Policy

I would just like to remind all parents and carers that no products containing nuts should be brought into school. We have some children with severe nut allergies so have to be very careful with all food products brought into school. Thank you for your support.

Tuesday 24th November at 6pm - Zoom Meeting for Reception 2021 New Starters

We were hoping to be able to hold an Open Morning for Potential New Starters but due to the national lockdown, we do not feel this is appropriate.

So, instead, watch out for a video which will appear on our website over the next couple of weeks prior to a Zoom meeting which will take place on Tuesday 24th November at 6pm. At this meeting, we will talk about our school, life in Reception and answer any questions you may have to help you choose the right school for your child. The link for this meeting will be included in the weekly letter which will be sent to all parents and carers on Friday 20th November.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you so much to everyone who has already donated to this worthwhile cause – our meeting room is beginning to look a bit like a shoe shop with all the boxes piled up in there!

We are still collecting donations in until 20th November, when we will ask our Year 6 children to collate the donations into boxes to help make Christmas a little bit better for those who may not be as fortunate as we are.

| Year Group | Item |
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| Nursery & Reception | Clothing Items: Hats, scarves, gloves, socks, belts, waterproofs |
| Year 1 & Year 2 | Toiletries: toothbrush, toothpaste, shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, face wipes |
| Year 3 & Year 4 | Food Items: packet soups, drinks sachets, sweets, chocolate, biscuits, ring-pulled tins |
| Year 5 & Year 6 | Cutlery, mugs, flasks, torches, note pads and pens |

Positive Thinking

Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about.

Be kind.

Always.

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.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Davis

Mrs Jane Davis

Head Teacher



Christmas Fundraiser

In the (optimistic?) hope that next year things will be back to normal a bit more and we will have lots of things to plan, we have decided to sell a calendar for this year's Christmas Fundraiser. All the children in the school did a self-portrait before half term, which were then sorted into birth months by the Office Elves and have been put onto a calendar by a local company MK Print. Here is a sneak preview of the finished product - I think you will all agree the children have done a fantastic job & Mr Knowles has done a wonderful design too.

The calendars are £5.00 each, with any profit going straight back into the school, to help fund some brilliant experiences for your children.



To buy just log on to your ParentPay account, where you will be able to choose a quantity - don't worry if it tells you the price is £50.00 - this adjusts when the item hits your basket (unless you buy 10, in which case £50.00 is correct!)

Available on ParentPay until 27th

November - Limited Stock!! 

Lanchester Partnership
and Churches Together

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COVID SUPPORT DURING LOCKDOWN

HELP AVAILABLE

- Shopping on your behalf for essentials where you are unable to get family or online support.
- Emergency food parcels for those in financial hardship.
(email to request support)

We rely on volunteers who have work and other commitments.

We can provide shopping services when friends and neighbours are unable to help, this will be on a Saturday or when the volunteer is able. We can also help with support setting you up for online shopping if needed.

If you need to claim a food parcel, please email (or call) advising contact number, circumstance and how many people in the household. Parcels will be made available for collection, we will contact to arrange. Delivery is available in exceptional circumstances.

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