



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 4 – Friday 5th October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another very busy but enjoyable week in school with many different events and activities: Year 4 have enjoyed Play in a Day, the whole school have loved the book fair and more Reception children have enjoyed their transport trip. We have also had some fantastic online safety parent workshops, a brilliant Friends of the School meeting as well as welcoming Sarah Scott, the team GB athlete into school for the day.

Saturday 6th October – EduFootyAid Family Fun Day – 12pm until 5pm

We are all looking forward to our family fun day on Saturday. Come along and enjoy some fairground rides, side stalls and watch some of our staff take part in the North vs South football match! It is going to be a great occasion with many teachers travelling hundreds of miles in order to take part. The football match kicks off at 2pm when Mr Knighton, Mr Stephenson, Mr Bailey and Mr Mordue will be testing out their footballing skills! Refreshments will be on sale all throughout the event and the rides will still be open while the match takes place.

There is also a rather special raffle on the day too. We have a signed Kevin De Bruyne shirt, signed Arsenal shirt and football, kindle and lots of other fantastic prizes! Come along and support the wonderful 'Mind' charity whilst also having fun.

Monday 8th October – Girls Football

Our girls' football team are playing their next round of matches at Delves Lane Primary School on Monday evening. I am sure they will, once again, represent the school admirably as well as play exceptionally well!

Monday 8th October – France and Ford Castle Meeting at 6pm

All Year 5 and Year 6 parents are encouraged to come to school at 6pm on Monday evening to find out more information about the forthcoming residential.

At 6pm, we will talk about the visit to Brittany, France for our Year 5 & 6 children. This takes place from Thursday 20th June until Wednesday 26th June 2019. The itinerary and costs will be shared on Monday as well as parents being given the opportunity to ask any questions.

Following this, information about our Ford Castle residential for Year 6 parents will be shared. The dates for this visit are Wednesday 27th February until Friday 1st March. Again, the itinerary and costs will be shared at the meeting.

All forms and paperwork will be uploaded onto the website following the meeting on Monday evening.

Tuesday 9th October – Buddies Training

Our Year 5 buddies are having some playground training next Tuesday afternoon followed by training for our staff. I am sure they will rise to this challenge and thoroughly enjoy their responsibilities!

Wednesday 10th October – Boys Football Team at St Mary's Blackhill

Our boys' team are also playing exceptionally well and will be completing again on Wednesday evening at St Mary's RC School in Blackhill. I am sure they will all be incredible ambassadors for our school!

Thursday 11th October – Year 6 Residential to Tamworth

Year 6 need to come to school for 7.30 am on Thursday 11th October for their visit to Birchwood School in Tamworth. Please do not forget a packed lunch, airbed or lilo and sleeping bag! We will travel straight down to Warwick Castle where we will spend the afternoon before travelling to Birchwood School in Tamworth where they will enjoy pizza, games and a film night. They then have the treat of sleeping on the hall floor before a visit to Cadbury World on Friday morning and returning to school for around 6 pm on Friday evening. I am sure they will all have a fabulous couple of days!

Please note that **Monday 8th October** is the final deadline to return forms and pay for this trip as tickets **must** be booked. Any child needing medication overnight, **MUST** complete a medication form (which can be found on the website or at the school office) and all forms and named medication are to be handed to Mrs Moran (our first aider) on Thursday morning.

After School Club Booking

It is imperative that if you want your child to attend the after school club that you book them in either by via ParentPay or the school office. This can be done on the day it is required but it must be done - all our teachers check the system to see who is booked in before taking their class to be dismissed at the end of the day, so that those who are staying for after school provision are not stood waiting outside with their class. It is often quite sad to see children standing in the yard with their class teacher waiting to be picked up and it means that the school office have to contact parents, which could be avoided if they are booked in. Even if your child regularly goes to after school club, you still need to book their place as we cannot assume your child is meant to be there and children cannot always remember their pick up arrangements. Thank you for your help with this.

If you pay for after school club via childcare vouchers, please email the school office with details of the dates your children require after school club and they will book your child in for you which means you will not need to pay when booking.

If you require your ParentPay details again in order to use the online booking system, please contact the school office, who will be happy to give them out to you.

Digital Leaders Club

This club will be starting after half term. Apologies for the confusion surrounding this but due to staff training and the Year 6 residential next week, it was felt that this would be better left to start after half term.

Photographs

Most people should now have received their child's individual photo and any sibling photos that were taken - I am sure you will agree that the children just look superb and the photographers were most impressed by how polite and sensible all our children were.

You may have noticed that some sibling photographs were not taken on the day - please do not worry about this. If you did not get a sibling photograph taken, or your child was not in school to have their individual photo taken, please fill in the form at the bottom of this letter and hand it in to the School Office by next Friday 12th October. Once we have an idea of the numbers of photographs that need to be taken, we will arrange a date with Phototronics for them to return.

Please make sure that all photograph orders are returned no later than Wednesday 17th October in time for the company to collect them on Thursday 18th October. Thank you.

Parents' Evening

A number of you have already booked an appointment to see your child's teacher, which is brilliant. You can access the booking system through the eSchools app or the school website. If you have downloaded the app, remember the school name is lanchester. Your username will be forename.surname and password resets can be requested from the school office. If you are having difficulties booking an appointment, please feel free to email school.office@lanchesterep.net or call into the school office and Miss Rippon or Ms Hawke will happily book an appointment for you.

Great Britain Athlete Visit – Sally Scott and Sponsorship Money

The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit of Sally Scott – the Team GB Pole Vaulter. They were certainly made to exercise and have certainly more than earned their sponsorship money! We had some children who felt rather stiff the next day too! It would be appreciated if all sponsorship money could be returned by next Friday 12th October.

Special Fun Fair Lunch

I would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Scott and the kitchen staff for the super special fun fair lunch we all enjoyed in school on Thursday. The children were so looking forward to it and thoroughly enjoyed their special meal. The ice cream cone cakes just finished their treat off perfectly! I have a feeling we will be organising another special meal quite soon!

Foundation Stage News

We will share information with you next week about how to sign up for Nursery Parent Chats during the final week of this half term. By now, you should have received a note telling you which Key Worker Group your child is in. Please ask us if you have not yet heard anything.

We will be sending home our Foundation Stage Treasure Hunt next week. We are hoping to raise some additional funds to go towards the continued development of our outdoor area. Thank you for your continued support.

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

Photographs

Please fill in the form below and return to the School Office by **Friday 12th October** if you did not receive an individual or sibling photograph and would like one to be taken.

Child's Name:
Class:
Child's Name:
Class:
Child's Name:
Class:
Sibling Photo Required (yes/no):
Individual Photo Required (yes/no):
Signed (Parent/Carer):