



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 3 – Friday 22nd March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week both in and out of school. Our Year 5 boys in Germany have thoroughly enjoyed the experience of spending time in a German school with one saying they wish they could stay there! The week has obviously been a big success for them! They have been wonderful representatives for our school and have made the most of a very special experience.

Next week is the turn of our Year 3 and 4 children to spend the night away from home - please see below for further details.

Birdoswald Residentials

Monday 25th March - Mr Stephenson's class and Mrs Sant's girls at Birdoswald Roman Fort with Mr Stephenson, Mrs Sant, Mrs O'Halloran and Mrs Davis.

Tuesday 26th March - Mrs Grayson's class and Mrs Sant's boys at Birdoswald Roman Fort with Mrs Grayson, Mr Knighton, Mrs Grieve, Mrs O'Halloran and Mrs Davis.

Wednesday 27th March - Miss Jackson's class at Birdoswald Roman Fort with Miss Jackson, Mrs Boyd, Mr Knighton and Mrs Davis.

Please remember that all children need to bring a packed lunch for their first day. Please also remember that the children need to be able to carry their own overnight bag and that a maximum of £10 spending money is allowed.

Medication and medical forms must be handed in on the day of your child's trip – we cannot give any medication if we do not have the form.

I am sure they will have a fabulous time!

For any children not going on the visit, they will be enjoying some Roman themed days in school. They will be taking part in a number of fun activities all linked to the Romans.

Tuesday 26th March - Year 2 Trip to Hartlepool Marina

All parents have received a letter about this. Children need to be dressed in full school uniform and have a packed lunch with them. They will leave shortly after 9am and be back in time for the end of the school day.

Tuesday 26th March – RSPCA Inspector with Year 1

We are looking forward to welcoming an RSPCA inspector to school on Tuesday who will talk to the children about the care they give to animals as well as discussing how to look after animals. I know they will thoroughly enjoy this as well as finding it very informative.

Friday 29th March - Reception trips to the Discovery Museum - Morning and Afternoon

We have our Reception classes visiting the Discovery Museum next Friday - in the morning and the afternoon. Reception children need to be dressed in full school uniform for the day for their trip. The morning group will return to school in time for their dinner and the group going in the afternoon will have their dinner before leaving.

Friday 29th March – Sportswear Day for Haemochromotosis UK Charity

We are supporting Haemochromotosis UK on Friday 29th March. Haemochromotosis UK is an organisation that provides support, information and education for patients, their families and healthcare professionals, as well as promoting public awareness of this actually very common genetic disorder. We are asking all children to come to school dressed in sportswear for the day in exchange for £1. Earlier this year, one of our children in KS2 lost their father to this condition and we would like to show our support for the family by holding this non-uniform/sportswear day. We thought it was a highly appropriate day to hold this event on Friday as it also coincides with our afternoon tea for special people in our children's lives. Please note, Reception children will still need to come into school in uniform, as they are on their school trip.

Friday 29th March – School Nurse

The school nurse will be in school for another drop in session between 8.30am and 9.30am next Friday morning. Please come to the main entrance if you wish to discuss anything.

Friday 29th March - Mother's Day/ Special Person's Afternoon Tea

Forms for this were sent out at the start of this week – places are still available but please make sure any forms are returned as early as possible next week. I am sure the Friends of the School would appreciate any help that can be offered too! If you need to get in touch with the Friends of the School, you can email them on friends@lanchesterep.net.

Saturday 30th March 2019 - Lanchester Spring Clean

The Lanchester Partnership Spring Clean needs you to help make the village a better place to live. All are welcome. Children must be with an adult, wear bright clothes, strong footwear and gloves. Please meet on the Village Green where litter pickers and bin bags will be provided. Free juice and homemade cookies will be provided afterwards and you can also have a go at the fun recycling challenge!

Payments for Dinner Money and Wrap-Around Care

It is with a heavy heart that I am writing once again to remind parents to clear their debts to the school for both dinner money and wrap around care. We are a caring community and understand that family life is busy with some things slipping through the net; however we just cannot allow high debts to be accrued. This is unfair on you and also on the school when we have to chase the payment. It is never a nice job to contact parents and ask for money.

Unfortunately as the number of debts are increasing, I am sad to think that soon we may have to turn people away from wrap around care if they are showing to have a debt to the school. I am sure you do not want this to happen either. Therefore can I please implore that you clear any debt you have on ParentPay. Thank you. It is exceptionally important that any money owed to school is paid this week, before the end of the financial year. This will help us tremendously in closing our books for the current year. Many thanks.

Attendance

All parents of children from Reception to Year 6 will receive a letter with your child's attendance percentage on. We feel it is important that you are aware of your child's current attendance. Please note that anything below 94% attendance is considered to be not acceptable and does hinder your child's academic progress. Help us to help your child by sending your children to school every day whenever possible. Thank you.

Red Nose Day

We raised an amazing £352.62 from Red Nose Day last week. This is a terrific amount raised with almost £100 donated on ParentPay. This is the first time we have used this system and it is great that so many donations were made online for such a worthy cause. Thank you.

Book Fair

We took an incredible £970.04 at our recent book fair which has resulted in £578 of commission to purchase more books in school. This is an amazing amount to raise and it is all down to your wonderful support. Thank you so much!

Special Educational Needs

Durham County Council is running workshops for parents and carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). They will take place at Durham Town Hall on Thursday 28th March from 10.00am until 12.00pm.

The available workshops are:

1. SEND Support / SEND Law - facilitated by SENDIASS
2. Sensory Workshop - facilitated by Sensory Worx
3. Planning for the future: wills and trusts - facilitated by EMG Solicitors.

If you would like to book a place, please phone Ann Connor (Durham County Council) on 0191 587 3541 or email ann.connor@durham.gov.uk. Thank you.

Foundation Stage News

There are some spaces available for parent helpers on the Reception trip to the Discovery Museum next Friday (29th). Please see Mrs Burke if you can help. Please note that children must in uniform that day, even though it is a non-uniform day for the rest of school.

Look out for our tweet about our stories for next week. We hope your child enjoys listening to them as much as we enjoy reading them!

Remember that it is our Easter Stay and Play session on Wednesday 3rd April. It is lovely for the children to show their grown up around and for you to see what goes on in the Foundation Stage. This is for both Nursery and Reception children and you are welcome to either or both sessions! Any family member can attend but please note that for safety reasons, if you bring a younger sibling you will need to leave prams and buggies in the fenced area outside Reception. Thank you.

Advance Notices

Monday 1st April – Miss Jackson's class at the Oriental Museum

Monday 1st April – Year 5 girls Erasmus+ visit to Spain

Wednesday 3rd April – Stay and Play Sessions in Foundation Stage

Thursday 4th April – Easter Service led by Year 2 and Year 5 in All Saints Church at 2.00 pm

Friday 5th April – Easter Egg Decorating Competition

Friday 5th April – Coffee Afternoon at 2.30 pm

As usual, there is lots going on but if you have any questions about anything at all, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Best Wishes,

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