



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 3 – Friday 17th May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a beautiful week of weather we have had. It's been so lovely to see all the children outside playing so happily on the field. It's always typical that we have our best week when our children are being tested! It has meant lots of fresh air on an afternoon for them though.

I have felt so proud of our Year 6 children this week. All we ever ask of them is that they try their hardest and they've certainly done that this week. They've shown tremendous resilience and determination as usual. We are very proud of them all and we can now look forward to their final few weeks spent together before they all go off in different directions.

It has also been a week of uncertainty for many of our children as they appeal for admission to the secondary school of their choice. Whilst this is of no help to our current Year 6 families, I would like to reassure parents that Consett Academy's admission policy and criteria are changing from next year. From next year, we will be an official feeder school to Consett Academy and children from feeder schools will be at the top of the list for admission to Consett Academy in future years.

Next week is one of our favourite weeks in school - Fun and Fitness! We have a wealth of activities organised for the children and are just praying for the good weather to continue! For this week, all children should come into school in suitable sportswear.

Please don't forget that we break up on Thursday night for the half term holiday due to staff training on the Friday. We hope you all have a lovely break with your children.

Monday 20th May 2019 – Miss Jackson's class at Hamsterley Forest

Miss Jackson's class visit Hamsterley Forest on Monday afternoon. They need to bring a packed lunch and will return home in time for the end of the school day. Sensible footwear and clothing should be worn.

Monday 20th May - Skip2Bfit Day

All children from reception to Year 6 will enjoy some skipping activities on Monday with Dave from Skip2Bfit. He has been to our school on a number of occasions and is always exceptionally popular with the children.

Tuesday 21st May 2019

We have a wonderful carousel of activities during the day with Consett Rugby Club, Sunderland Football Club, Lanchester Cricket Club and Lanchester Tennis Club too. All children from Year 1 to Year 6 will be participating in each sport during the day.

Tuesday 21st May 2019 – Girls County Cup

Unfortunately, this was postponed last week due to the bad weather – let's hope this week the weather is different and they can actually manage to play their matches!

Wednesday 22nd May 2019 – Year 6 at the Forbidden Corner

Year 6 will be out all day at The Forbidden Corner. They will need a packed lunch, drinks and appropriate clothing for the weather. A spare set of clothes is usually useful too as they do have a tendency to get rather wet! They will return to school for approximately 5pm. We will tweet when we leave so that we can estimate our arrival time home.

Wednesday 22nd May 2019 – House Events and Forest Schools

The rest of the school will enjoy a day of House Events. All children will be put into mixed age teams from Year 1 to Year 6 to compete against each other in different sports during the day.

We also have a day of forest school activities for the whole school too when we will be making great use of our wonderful woodland. The children will be spending time in our outdoor classroom bringing their learning to life!

School Nurse Drop in Session

Alison Johnson, our school nurse, will be in school again on Wednesday 22nd May from 2.30 – 3.30pm for any parents to come along and talk through any issues or concerns you may have. Please come to the School Office for this.

Thursday 23rd May 2019 - Wheels Day

For this day, we ask all children to bring in a wheeled item to school. This can be anything with wheels ranging from prams/pushchairs to roller boots, scooters, tricycles and bikes. Please remember however, that ALL children need a helmet for their wheeled items – no child will be allowed to ride a bike or scooter on school premises without a helmet. Thank you.

Thursday - Year 5 & 6 Cycle Ride

Our eldest children will be enjoying a bike ride along the old railway line towards Malton and Bearpark. They will need a bike in good working order with brakes that work. A helmet is absolutely essential - no child or adult will be allowed to take part in the ride without a helmet. All children will need a packed lunch, drinks and suitable clothing for the ride.

Foundation Stage News

We are really looking forward to Fun and Fitness Week in Foundation Stage. Every morning we will be starting off with Wake Up and Shake Up sessions of Zumba and in the afternoons, we will be enjoying Cosmic Yoga Sessions.

On Monday, Mrs Moran's Flamingo Group will have a wheels session, so they are welcome to bring along bikes, scooters, go carts... please remember helmets too!

On Wednesday, we have a bouncy castle booked for all the children in Foundation Stage, and we will also be exploring the main school field and the Trim Trail.

Thursday is Wheels Day across Foundation Stage. In between these activities, we'll be getting physical with Lycra and Parachute Games as well as getting in lots of ball skills practice and climbing, balancing and rolling.

Mr Osmond will be teaching in Nursery all next week as Miss Butler is on an Erasmus+ visit to Cyprus. Mr Osmond will be teaching in Reception next year so this is an ideal opportunity for the Nursery children to get to know him and also gives him chance to familiarise himself with the children. Miss Dodds is also on the Erasmus+ visit and will be replaced by Miss Race and Mrs Grieve.

In the hot weather, we have been trying to educate Foundation Stage children about staying safe in the sun. Please support us by ensuring they come with sun cream already applied at the start of sessions and with a named sun hat. We will top up sun cream for children who are with us for full days if you have given us permission or provided us with sun cream. For those of you opting to use our sun cream, a contribution of 50p will ensure we can continue to provide this service. Thanks.

LJG Holiday Club

Please don't forget that Mr Graham is running his holiday club on Friday 24th May and Tuesday to Thursday 28th - 30th May 2019. Forms are available from the School Office or on our website.

Auditions for Ocean World

We are now starting to organise and plan our musical extravaganza that will take place in Consett Empire Theatre on Thursday 11th July for children in Years 2 – 6, Ocean World. There are a small number of solo and group singing roles. Auditions for these will take place after school on Wednesday 5th June from 3.30 – 4.30pm. Application forms need to be completed and returned to school by Tuesday 4th June for any children wishing to audition for singing roles.

There are also a substantial number of narration parts too. Auditions for the narrators will take place during the afternoon of Friday 7th June during the school day. Again, application forms need to be completed and returned to school by Tuesday 4th June. Please note that children can audition for both singing and narrator roles.

We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 3rd June for another action-packed half term!