



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we are now half way through this half term already – I am sure it feels a very long time ago since your children were in school. We really are missing them and however nice it is to have time with the keyworker children – it is just not the same without the rooms and school filled to capacity. We are so looking forward to the day we can all return and have some kind of normality again!

Next week should be quite an interesting one as all the school staff will start having the lateral flow tests twice a week. Let's just hope this does not cause havoc with staffing! It is hoped that the regular testing will help to keep the whole school community as safe as possible and pick up on anyone who has the virus but are asymptomatic and as a result, prevent it spreading. That is the hope anyway!

I know many of you are really struggling at the moment, along with your children. As usual, we will support you all in any way we can. We know too well the challenges of juggling parenting, work and home-schooling but will remind you as often as we can that your emotional well-being along with that of your child is of paramount importance. Please make time to talk, play and just enjoy being with your children as well as trying to fit everything else into each day! Please also make time just to have some 'you' time each and every day - you need it and deserve it!

Citizens Advice Energy Programme

Citizens Advice have issued some guidance about a new project. Across England, over 2.4 million households are classed as being fuel poor. The aim of this project is to assist new & existing clients with expert energy advice to maximise their income and reduce fuel poverty. The Citizens Advice Energy Advice Programme is now live and can help clients save money and manage their energy use more effectively through providing help and advice with the following:

- ❖ Fuel vouchers
- ❖ Energy tariffs
- ❖ Switching energy supplier
- ❖ Energy efficiency
- ❖ Fuel debts
- ❖ Meters
- ❖ Smart meters
- ❖ Grant applications
- ❖ Additional help and support from suppliers

If you would like our support with any of the above or you find yourself struggling to meet your energy costs, please give them a call on: 07592649158. Alternatively, you can contact them by going to citizensadvice.org.uk or calling our Advice line on 03444 111444.

ParentPay

Although these are not 'usual' times, can we please ask that you continue to check your ParentPay account and pay any outstanding amounts that may be owed for either dinner money or wrap around care from last term. If you wish to query any of the charges, please email: school.office@lanchesterep.net If you would like to know your log in details for ParentPay, please contact the office. Thank you.

Work Packs

If you have requested a work pack from us, please remember to collect them from school. If you are unable to upload the completed work onto eSchools then you can also bring the completed work into school to be given to your child's teacher to mark – this means any areas of misunderstanding can be identified as soon as possible. If you originally asked for a work pack but no longer need one printing, please inform the school office or your child's teacher as this will help save time and costs for us. Thank you.

Early Years News

We are so pleased that so many of you across Nursery and Reception are engaging with the activities on Evidence Me. We do understand, however, that the number of activities sent out could be a little overwhelming if you are trying to work from home and/or support older siblings with online learning. We are sending out lots of activity ideas to reflect the choice of activities children would have in school in EYFS. Please do not feel you need to join in with everything. Reception children are strongly encouraged to follow the Phonics/Reading and Maths lessons and to join in with Zoom sessions when they can. Activities for Nursery are suggestions to support their learning, but for this age, the most important things your child can do is play, talk and be involved with your family routines. Of course, we love to get feedback about what the children are up to and for Reception children especially we would love to see how they are getting on with their work. We would be grateful if you could let us know by adding a comment or photo/video on to Evidence Me or by emailing your child's teacher. We are here to support you and your child, so please let us know if you have any worries or difficulties.

Reception children should have been given login details on Evidence me for 'Rising Stars Reading Planet'. This will allow them to be assigned online books that they would usually take home from school to practise their reading. If you have any issues, please email your child's class teacher.

Positive Thinking

Gratitude has been the theme of our Worship this week and it has certainly made me reflect on what I am most grateful for – my health being one...

***Gratitude turns what we have into enough and more.
It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order, confusion into clarity....
It makes sense of our past, brings peace for today
And creates a vision for tomorrow.***

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,

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