



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 6 – Friday 14th December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that we have reached the final week of the Autumn term already. It seems no time at all that we were welcoming all of our new starters in September – and look at them all now! It is as though they have been with us forever! We have enjoyed a very successful term and it is so lovely having had such positive external recognition from Ofsted this term too. Our aim is now to continue to go from strength to strength.

Our Christmas festivities started this week with our fabulous Foundation Stage nativities – the children, as usual, just excelled. It was such a delightful and chilled day where the children were just able to ‘be themselves’. With around 100 children in each performance, it really was a work of art to organise and co-ordinate it all. We have a wonderful staff team who know exactly how to get the best out of all the children and who ensure each child’s uniqueness and individuality are celebrated.

The Girls Football Team were wonderful ambassadors for our school at the County Cup Finals last Friday when they competed at the Riverside. Whilst they did not qualify for the final, they played exceptionally well and should be very proud of their achievements.

It was also wonderful to see so many of you at our Christmas Fair last Friday – thank you so much for your wonderful support! There is always such a lovely atmosphere although I could not believe how full the hall was! We have raised almost £1500 which is a wonderful help towards funding the numerous additional activities we do in school.

Our choir were also superb last Saturday night – thank you so much to all the parents who came to support their children and helped to make the evening such a great success. I thought they sang wonderfully well and sat and listened brilliantly for the remainder of the concert. A huge thank you to you all!

After School Clubs Next Week

Just to remind you, there are no after school clubs for specific activities/year groups next week. The ONLY after school club that will be on is wrap around care. If you do not pick your child up from school the day they used to have a club, we will assume you want them to go into after school club and you will be charged for this. Thankyou.

Monday 17th December – KS1 Nativities at 10am and 2pm

Monday sees the turn of our Year 1 and Year 2 children performing in their nativity, The Inn-Spectors. I am sure we will have more very proud parents and children on Monday! We will aim to open the doors at 9.30am and 1.30pm. We look forward to welcoming you into school on Monday.

Tuesday 18th December – KS1 (Yr1/2) and Lower KS2 (Y3/4) Christmas Parties

These both take place on Tuesday afternoon. Children can come to school either in their school uniform as normal, or dressed in their party clothes. All party food will be provided and the children are to be collected at normal home time. Santa Claus will be joining the younger children at their party so I am sure they will all look forward to that – I know Santa Claus is!

Tuesday 18th December – Carols and Hot Chocolate round the Christmas Tree at 3.30pm

This is always another very popular school event for the whole school. All children MUST be accompanied by an adult as it does become incredibly busy. At 3.30pm, once KS2 have left, please make your way to the Junior Hall where we will serve hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows followed by us all singing some traditional and popular carols around the Christmas Tree.

Wednesday 19th December – Foundation Stage and Upper KS2 (Y5/6) Christmas Parties

Our Foundation Stage children are to come to school dressed in their party clothes for their day of fun! Santa Claus will be visiting our youngest children during the day too. Everybody should have received their child's snack bag for party day next Wednesday. For beginning of the week Flamingo Group, they are in your child's tray. If you have not received a bag, please let us know as we have some spares. Your child will need to bring the bag in on Wednesday with some snacks for their party tea. For Reception children and those staying all day in Nursery, we will eat in the afternoon so it does not stop your child eating their lunch. We will provide drinks, so you will only need a few treats in the bag. Our Year 5&6 children can either come to school dressed in their party clothes, or bring them into school and change at lunchtime. I am sure they will all thoroughly enjoy their day!

Thursday 20th December – KS2 Nativity and Christingle – 10am and 1.30pm in All Saints Church

Tickets are not required for these performances – instead, we will be having a retiring collection in aid of the homeless. Our Year 6 children will be taking on the main roles of their nativity 'Christmas 1914' whilst Years 3, 4 & 5 provide the singing. Year 3 will also be taking part in their Christingle as part of the service which is always very moving and special. We look forward to seeing you all at All Saints Church on Thursday.

Friday 21st December - Holiday Club in School

Mr Graham will be running his holiday club on Friday 21st December from 8am until 5pm. There are still a few places available – please book a place for your child either directly with Mr Graham, or at the School Office.

Reverse Advent Calendar

The last day for bringing in items for this is Tuesday 18th December to give us time to deliver it all to the foodbank. Once again, thank you very much for your generosity for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Christmas Tree Auction

We have two beautiful Christmas trees in school – one in the Junior hall and the other in Nursery. We will be auctioning these at the end of the Carols Round the Tree on Tuesday after school. If you would like to make a sealed bid for one or both of these trees, please place the amount that you would be willing to pay in an envelope with your name and the title, Christmas Tree Auction, clearly written on the front. Thank you.

Payments into School

Please pay off all your debts for after school club/breakfast club by the end of next week to ensure your child is still able to attend next term. If you think you have been incorrectly charged you MUST let the office know before Wednesday next week or the charges cannot be cancelled. Please also make sure that all payments for dinner money are up to date.

Foundation Stage News

We have quite a collection of unclaimed hats and gloves in both Nursery and Reception. Please check to see if these belong to your child. Thanks for your lovely comments about the observations we have sent out from 2BuildaProfile. We will send out the next instalment very soon.

On behalf of all the staff and governors, I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a peaceful new year. We shall look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 7th January 2019 for another fun-filled term!

Yours sincerely,

Jane Davis

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