



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 1 – Friday 11th January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely break – Happy New Year to you all! I must admit, it is rather nice to see all the children again and be back into our school routine! The half-termly newsletter will be with you next week with an updated list of important diary dates.

Monday 14th January - Year 6 Booster Classes

Some of our Year 6 children have had letters inviting them to booster classes. These will be taking place every Monday and Wednesday for the rest of the half term.

Monday 14th January – Deadline for Special Dinner

Please do not forget to return your forms by Monday to book your child in for our special 'The Greatest Showman' lunch on Thursday this week.

Thursday 17th January – 'The Greatest Showman' Dinner

The children will be able to dine in the hall whilst listening to and watching 'The Greatest Showman'. I am sure all the children will thoroughly enjoy this special lunchtime treat.

Friday 18th January – School Nurse on Site

Between 8.30am and 9.30am, our school nurse will be on site to meet with any parents who wish to discuss any issue at all regarding their child. Please feel free to come to the main entrance anytime in this hour and she will see you.

Friday 18th January 2019 – Digital Leaders at LearnED Roadshow

Some of our digital leaders have been asked by the DfE to present at the LearnED Roadshow at Newcastle Racecourse on Friday 18th January. During the day they will be showcasing some of the latest technology as well as trialling a range of technology available to schools. This is a great honour for us and I am sure that our children will, as usual, represent our school admirably.

Monday 21st January – Birdoswald Parents' Meeting at 6pm for Year 3 & 4 children

We have booked an overnight visit to Birdoswald Roman Fort for our Year 3&4 children at the end of March – this is to complement their history topic this term. A meeting will be held on Monday 21st January at 6pm for all parents who are interested in their children attending, when more information will be shared. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Thursday 24th January – Friends of the School Meeting at 6pm in the Black Bull

Please come along and share your ideas and suggestions for the forthcoming year! We have a variety of events organised and are keen to have as many parents as possible on board. The meeting lasts no longer than one hour.

After School Clubs - Payments and ParentPay

We are again, unfortunately, having an increase in the number of families who are accruing a high debt on their child's dinner money and/or wrap around care accounts. We must stress that payments must be paid a week in advance for both dinner money and wrap around care. You can pay directly into your child's account via ParentPay and also log in to check your child's balance at any time. If these debts are not settled, we will have no choice but to refer any large debt to the local authority for collection. This is not something that we would ever want to do but I am sure you can understand that we cannot be in a position where a high amount is owed to the school. I appreciate your co-operation with this by ensuring that your child's accounts are both up to date and kept in credit. Thank you.

After School Club Bookings

I would also like to remind you that any after school club sessions must be booked in advance. This can be done via ParentPay or emailing school.office@lanchesterep.net. Of course we do understand that it may be necessary to

book your child in on the day due to unforeseen circumstances - you can do this by calling or emailing the school office.

If no one has arrived for your child and they are not booked in for After School Club, for Early Years and KS1 we will begin phoning the contacts we have at 3:30pm. For Key Stage 2, we will begin contacting you from 3:40pm. I am sure you do not want to be called three or four times per week to check where your child should be and we certainly do not have the time to call parents regularly so please help us to be more efficient with this.

For those parents who access childcare vouchers, it is equally essential that your children are booked into all wrap around care sessions. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Foundation Stage News

Everybody should by now have received some updates from 2BuildaProfile about your child's achievements in school. Please let Miss Butler know by email (s.butler@lanchesterep.net) if you have had nothing from us yet as it may be that the contact details we have for you have not been confirmed.

We are trialling a new routine in Nursery over the next couple of weeks in response to the children's needs. If you pick up at the end of the day, you will find that the Penguin and Meerkat groups will be dismissed from the Hub (our old cloakroom area) and Flamingos and Zebras will be dismissed from the library corner in Flamingo Room. Hopefully, this will ease congestion at the end of the day.

At the start of the day, we will be going into 'Hello Time' much sooner, so staff will be calling children to their corners between 8.55am and 9am. Please ensure that your child is here promptly so that we can start the day and get the most out of the short time we have in Nursery. There will be a member of staff on the gate until 9am if you need to pass on any messages. Please note that we need to have the gate locked at 9am, so if you are going to arrive later than this you should go to the School Office. Thank you for your help.

After School Clubs

Once again, we are very fortunate to have a wide variety of clubs taking place during the week. All letters have gone out this week – please return them as soon as possible.

	Lunchtime	After School	Year Groups	Adult
Monday		Netball	Years 3 & 4	Mrs Grieve Mrs Smith
		Multi Sports	Year 3	Mr Graham
Tuesday				
	---	Curling	Years 5 & 6	Mr Graham
	Singing Club	---	Years 1 & 2	Mrs Knighton
Wednesday				
Wednesday	Choir	---	Years 3 - 6	Mrs Knighton
		Art Club	Year 2	Miss Honan
		Art Club	Year 4	Miss Jackson
		SAFC	Year 2	Football
Thursday				
Thursday		Digital Leaders	Years 2 - 6	Mr Bailey
		Netball	Years 5 & 6	Mrs Grieve Mrs Smith
		Textiles Club	Year 4	Mrs Grayson
Friday				
Friday	Homework Club	---	Years 2 - 6	Mr Stephenson
	Eco Rangers	---	Years 2 - 6	Mrs Startup

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Jane Davis
 Head Teacher