



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Tuesday 14th January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

A number of years ago we introduced an overnight visit for our Year 4 children linked to work being studied in the Humanities curriculum. Obviously this is now an established tradition in school and once again, we are delighted to be able to offer our children the opportunity to go on an overnight visit to Alnwick Castle, Alnwick Gardens and to stay overnight at Seahouses, Northumberland. This is to support this term's work on Harry Potter in English and the History of Medicine in Humanities.

During the two days there, the children will visit Alnwick Gardens for two workshops – Magic and Science: The Wizard Earl of Northumberland and the Broomstick workshop. They will also spend time looking round the castle and will have a guided tour. The following day they will visit Alnwick Gardens, spend time looking round and they will also have a conducted tour of the Poison Gardens. They will also have time to spend some time on the beach – weather permitting!

The two days are fully catered and the children will stay in Seahouses hostel. The Hostel is run by a Christian foundation within the Diocese of Newcastle. Standing beside St Paul's Church at the edge of the village, the Hostel was converted in 1989 from a girls' school and the farm outbuildings of a former vicarage. An extensive renovation and new build was completed in 2017. It specialises in accommodating children and youth groups and is the perfect venue for an overnight stay.

The cost of the overnight residential which includes transport, food, accommodation and workshops is £77.50 per pupil and £35 for children who are eligible for Free School Meals. Bearing in mind the entrance costs for both Alnwick Castle and Gardens, this is very good value!

The visit will take place during the last week of this term. We have booked the accommodation for two consecutive evenings and the children will be going up in their classes. Mrs Sant's class will go on Monday 30th to Tuesday 31st March 2020 and Mr Stoker's class will go from Tuesday 31st March to Wednesday 1st April 2020.

As you can imagine, it is quite a challenge to organise these residentials due to the numbers involved and the accommodation has a capacity that we cannot exceed. Therefore it is absolutely essential that deposits are paid before the deadline and it is quite possible that we will be unable to accept any late requests.

If you would like your child to participate in this overnight visit, please give permission and pay the non-refundable deposit of £20 or £10 for children eligible for free school meals on ParentPay no later than Monday 3rd February 2020. The remainder will be due no later than Monday 2nd March 2020. However, please remember that payments can be made via ParentPay towards the cost of the visit at any time.

A meeting will be held on Monday 27th January at 6pm in the main hall about this visit. Meanwhile, if you have any further questions about this visit, please just contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Davis

Mrs Jane Davis
Head Teacher