



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 4 – Friday 30th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all so much for your generous donations for our Christmas Fair today. I am sure it is going to be another highly successful event next week! It is so hard to believe that it's December already with all the excitement that brings as a child! We have a lovely three weeks ahead which I am sure the children will all enjoy – just keep an eye out on what is going on every day!

Enterprise Week

Next week, the whole school will be taking part in our annual Enterprise Week. Each class is given a budget and they have to use that budget to make gifts to be sold at the Christmas Fair and to make a profit. This is always very competitive between the classes (particularly the teachers!) and is thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. Come along on Friday afternoon to buy a gift that your child has made!

Friends of the School Christmas Gifts

The Friends of the School are setting up their shop in school over the next couple of weeks when the different year groups will be taken down to both choose their gifts and to write their gift tag, before bringing their gifts home. Please see the timetable below which will show you when your child will be visiting (if you ordered one of course!) and when you can expect them to want to hide something from you on their return home from school:

Monday 3rd December – Year 3, 5 & 6 Tuesday 4th December – Year 4 Wednesday 5th December – Nursery
Monday 10th December – Year 1 Tuesday 11th December – Reception Thursday 13th December – Year 2

Monday 3rd December – Christmas Dinner Deadline

Monday is the final day for forms and money to be returned to book Christmas Dinner. Every year we have disappointed children who have missed the deadline but this is necessary in order to ensure all the food orders are made in time. Please only return the form if your child is usually on packed lunch or is requesting a vegetarian meal. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Monday 3rd December – Ford Castle Deposit

Please remember that the next deposit of £50 is due by Monday 3rd December.

Monday 3rd December – KS1 Nativity Tickets on Sale

Our KS1 nativity is beginning to take shape and I hope you are now hearing lots of the songs at home. The Inn-Spectors takes place at 10am and 2pm on Monday 17th December. Tickets are initially limited to 4 per performance. Additional tickets go on sale on Wednesday 12th December.

Tuesday 4th December at 6 p.m. - Parents Meeting for Ski Trip

We are holding a meeting on Tuesday evening for all those going on the ski trip in March next year. At the meeting, we will discuss the itinerary in greater detail as well as show you some photographs and videos from last year's trip. It will also be a good opportunity for the parents and children who are going to meet each other. I shall look forward to seeing you all there.

Thursday 6th December – Film Night – The Grinch

Our Christmas PJ Party takes place on Thursday 6th December 2018 at 5.30pm. Put on your pj's and enjoy 'The Grinch who stole Christmas' with hot chocolate and popcorn. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are £1 for children. Adults are free. Tickets are available from the School Office.

Friday 7th December – Skiing and France Residential Deposits

Please remember that the next deposits for both the France and skiing residentials are due by Friday 7th December.

Friday 7th December 2017 – 2pm – 4pm - Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair takes place in the Junior Hall next Friday afternoon. This is one of the highlights of the school year which is always very well-attended. This year, we have a variety of stalls including a visit from Santa Claus, face painting, tombola stalls, enterprise gifts, jewellery, gift bags, craft activities, refreshments, bottle stall and a number of stalls for the children to enjoy. However, we are always desperate for help during the afternoon and would really appreciate your support with this. Attached to the letter is a rota. Please help us if you can!

Additional activities and stalls take place in the two Year 3 classrooms just off the top of the hall. Refreshments and craft activities can be found in these classrooms and Santa Claus will be in his grotto in the top corridor near the kitchen.

Children can be collected early from the classes for the afternoon and most parents/carers do take their children to the fair during the afternoon. Please come to the Main Office and just before 2pm you will be able to go to your child's classroom to collect them in order to take them to the fair. Once you pick your child up, they are your responsibility and they do not return to class. Any questions, please just ask your child's teacher. We look forward to seeing you all there next Friday. Unfortunately, staff are unable to take any remaining children to the fair as the hall just becomes too busy for this to happen.

Saturday 8th December – Choir singing in Christmas Concert at Lanchester Community Centre

Our children are performing in the first half of this concert and I am sure it will be another magical evening. Tickets cost £5 and can be bought from the school office. All children should be wearing their school uniform and should meet by 6.50pm in the Social Club. The first half should be finished by 8pm for any parents wishing to take their children home once they have performed. The whole concert should be finished no later than 9pm.

Raffle Tickets

We have lots of wonderful prizes in our raffle again this year including: vouchers for local companies, toiletry gift sets, hamper, chocolates and a variety of bottles. All children have been given 5 tickets, which cost £1 each, to take home with them today. Please sell these to anyone who is unable to make it to the Christmas Fair and send them back into school any time next week. There are some great prizes on offer and this is a wonderful way to help us raise valuable funds.

Reverse Advent Calendar

As Advent begins this week, we have decided to celebrate Advent this year with a 'Reverse Advent Calendar'. All children love an advent calendar to count them down to Christmas Day but what we are doing in school this year, is filling an advent calendar up with items of food every day so that we can then take them to a food bank in order to help those less fortunate than ourselves who are struggling at Christmas. We hope that when you are shopping, you will pick some goodies to go in it with your children which in turn, will help to teach them the importance of helping others at this time of the year and also see the bigger picture at Christmas. Please send any items into school with your child to be taken by them to their class so that they can place the items in the large advent calendar in their classrooms. Last year we had one large advent calendar in the school hall but that was soon full to overflowing so this year, we thought we would challenge each class to have their own. Thank you!

Foundation Stage Nativity Tickets

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Foundation Stage production. Additional tickets go on sale on Wednesday 5th December.

Rucksacks

Please remember that our cloakroom space is very limited in school and we request that the children do not bring large bags to school. It may be worth reminding family of this just before any Christmas gifts are purchased!

Head Lice

We appear to have an outbreak of head lice in school. Please may I remind parents that the NHS guidelines for this are that parents check their child's hair at least once a week. This is far more effective than waiting until your child has head lice and then having to treat them. Using a nit comb at least once a week on your child's hair is by far the most effective way of trying to prevent head lice.

Advance Notices

Wednesday 12th December – Foundation Stage Nativities

Wednesday 12th December – Year 6 at Uno's and Theatre Royal Pantomime

Thursday 13th December – New College Theatre Group Performance – Dr Seuss

Friday 14th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 14th December – Nativity Puppet Show for Foundation Stage and Year 1

Friday 14th December – Christmas Dinner

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jane Davis
Head Teacher