



# Lanchester E.P. (Cont.) Primary School & Nursery

*A Caring Community Where All Can Flourish*



*'Through God's love, we are the rich soil  
where roots grow and seeds flourish.'*

Luke 8:4-15



Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see so many of you this week at parents' evenings. I do hope you found them useful and enjoyed seeing how hard your child has been working over the last few months.

It has been a long and busy half term and I know that the children and staff are ready for a break. Let's hope the holiday allows all the germs and viruses to get out of everyone's systems too!

Our skiers are ready for their residential which leaves on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March. I know they will all have an amazing time. Unfortunately, I have had to make the decision not to go with them at the very last minute due to my husband having an operation recently. As always, I am so grateful to staff who offer their services at the very last minute – today! So, the children will be in the very good hands of Mr Stoker, Miss Corper and Mrs Tate.

There are a lot of other activities taking place during the first week back so please read the Diary Dates to find out exactly what is going on!

### **Friends of the School Event – Pop Up Flower Shop**

This March we are celebrating all of the fabulous ladies in our school community ready for their very special day on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025 - Mother's Day! In honour of this, The Friends will be holding a 'Pop Up Flower Shop' on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 3.15 – 5.00pm in the Junior Hall. Plants will be sold in a ceramic pot, with a decorative ribbon and rustic label for £3.50 each. Please complete the online order form before Friday 14 March if you wish to purchase from our flower shop - this will allow us to stock sufficiently: <https://forms.gle/9xK6MVAkms3Hvhbe8>

We ask that all gifts be paid prior to the pop up shop via the online link within the form - however, we will also stock additional pots for those last minute buys! All flower gifts must be collected at the pop up flower shop, where tea, coffee and sweet treats will be available along with a performance from our wonderful school choir. Come along with your young ones and choose your gifts - all profits will go back into our amazing school.

We are very grateful to be able to do this with the support of a local garden nursery who are currently sourcing/growing a selection of plants ready for our shop; we are fortunate to be part of such a caring community.

### **Safeguarding**

Keeping children safe from harm is our number one priority. We will always act upon any concerns individuals have, or any disclosures from children. However, if you have any concerns outside of school, or if you have a concern about a child or young person's welfare, it is essential that you call First Contact on: 03000 267979.

### **Attendance**

Year Group	Current Week Attendance Percentage (%)	Attendance Percentage to Date (%)	Year Group	Current Week Attendance Percentage (%)	Attendance Percentage to Date (%)
<b>Reception</b>	92.7%	94%	<b>Year 4</b>	97.6%	97.5%
<b>Year 1</b>	96%	96.3%	<b>Year 5</b>	95.9%	97.4%
<b>Year 2</b>	98.3%	96.6%	<b>Year 6</b>	95.7%	96.5%
<b>Year 3</b>	93.5%	97.3%	<b>Whole School</b>	<b>95.7%</b>	<b>96.5%</b>

### **Diary Dates for Next Week**

#### **Extra-Curricular Activities & Wrap Around Care**

Please note, there will be no extra-curricular clubs on during the first week of term. Wrap around care will be running as usual and the new list of clubs will be sent out on the first day back. The only club running the first week will be Creative Kitchen for Year 3.

### **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 4.45am – Ski Trip Departs from School**

The bus will leave outside The Black Bull at 4.45am. Any parents and carers meeting us at the airport should be in Departures outside Starbucks for 5.30am please. Look out for some photos on X as well as regular updates on the WhatsApp group!

### **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 at The Glasshouse**

Year 4 have a wonderful visit to The Glasshouse (aka The Sage!) on Tuesday afternoon. They will enjoy an early lunch before leaving for The Glasshouse for the afternoon performance of BBC Ten Pieces with The Northern Sinfonia. I know this will be a wonderful experience for them all. The children should return to school in time for the end of the school day but watch out for updates on X.

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Mr Innes' Class at 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'**

There are two planned events for Reception this year so it has been decided that Mr Innes' class will go on this first visit and Mr Osmond's class will go on the one later in the year around Superheroes. The children will have an early lunch and be transported to Tanfield Secondary school. They will be back for the end of the school day.

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Years 1 – 6 Ashing Service for Ash Wednesday**

Rev'd Lesley will be leading Worship on Wednesday afternoon for Ash Wednesday. During this worship, the children will have the opportunity to have the sign of the cross marked on their forehead with ashes – commonly known as 'Ashing'. This is completely optional and children can choose whether they want to have the ashing or not. If you DO NOT want your child to have the ashing, please fill in this [online form](#). Please note, if you don't fill in this online form but your child does not want to have it on the day, that is completely fine.

### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day**

As you may be aware, on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March we will be celebrating World book day in school. Children are invited to come dressed as a book character if they would like or they can wear pyjamas to promote reading at bed time. Non uniform is also fine for anyone not keen on dressing up.

This year the theme is 'Read your Way' and we will be exploring different ways and places children like to read. Therefore, we are asking over the half term holidays if children would send a picture of themselves reading in a way they enjoy. It can be anywhere and reading anything such as a magazine, book, kindle or on a device. The photos will be included in the World book assembly. Please send photos to: [g.innes@lanchesterep.net](mailto:g.innes@lanchesterep.net)  
Looking forward to seeing some fantastic reading over half term!

### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 3.15 – 4.15pm & Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2.30 – 4.15pm: Book Fair & Coffee Afternoon**

To celebrate World Book Day, we have a book fair in school on Thursday & Friday. Parents/Carers can come in to the hall to browse and buy the books on Thursday from 3.15 – 4.15pm, and on Friday there will be a coffee afternoon in the hall from 2.30pm. Any books will need to be paid for in exact change, or online with the QR code that will be displayed in the hall – you will then just need to show staff the receipt for your purchase and will be able to take your books. A separate flyer will be sent out about the bookfair too.

### **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Ski Residential Returns**

The ski residential will land at Newcastle Airport at 11.15am. For those children returning on the bus to school, it is anticipated that we will return for around 1pm but a more precise time will be shared once we have landed.

### **Positive Thinking**

***It's the little moments in childhood that make the biggest memories.***

As always, if there is anything at all you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Meanwhile, please enjoy a lovely week with your children and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

Best Wishes,

*Jane Davis*

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Head Teacher