



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 5 – Friday 11th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you found the half-term newsletter interesting and managed to read all the way through to the end of it! We have had a super week with our European visitors – they were exceptionally complimentary about our children, their behaviour, confidence and eloquence. I think our school is very different from theirs, as is our education system. It has certainly been a great week of professional development for our staff hearing the similarities and differences in teaching across Europe. They are all making their way back home today after a highly enjoyable and informative week in Lanchester.

Monday 14th October – Girls Football at Delves Lane Primary School

Our girls football team are continuing to play regularly and are certainly playing well as a team. This week's matches take place at Delves Lane Primary School.

Tuesday 15th October – Year 6 Greek Day

Next Tuesday, Year 6 will be having an Ancient Greek Day to celebrate our current topic; 'Gods and Mortals'. The children will be enjoying a range of different Ancient Greek activities throughout the day. They will be making and tasting traditional Greek food during a workshop with Chef Nick Fairley from 'Cooking4Life'. They will also be taking part in an Ancient Greek 'Now Press Play' experience as well as participating in other Ancient Greek lessons such as designing and making their own Greek theatre masks. It should be a great day and an excellent way to celebrate our first topic in Year 6!

*If your child has any food allergies can you please let the School Office know by Tuesday 15th October; school.office@lanchesterep.net.

Tuesday 15th October – Friends of the School Meeting

Our next Friends of the School Meeting takes place at 6pm on Tuesday in school. Please come along and share your ideas and suggestions. The Friends of the School would love some new members!

Wednesday 16th October – Early Years Stay and Play Sessions

We have the first Stay and Play sessions in our Early Years on Wednesday next week. We have two sessions – one in the morning from 9-11am and the other in the afternoon from 12.45-2.45pm. We would love to see you at one of these but please do not worry if you are unable to make it. We have lots of children who do not have an adult who is able to come and it is not a problem at all. However, if you do have a parent/carer/grandparent/aunt/uncle who would like to join us for one of these sessions, it would be lovely to see you! Please note that for health and safety reasons, we cannot accommodate prams and pushchairs in school and politely remind you that mobile phones cannot be used on the premises for any reason.

Wednesday 16th October – Year 5&6 Boys Football Team at Tanfield Lea Primary School

Our boys football team are also continuing to gel well as a team and have another round of matches at Tanfield Lea Primary on Wednesday after school.

Thursday 17th October – Year 5 Residential Trip to Warwickshire

The children need to arrive in school for 7.30am on Thursday so that we can be ready for a prompt departure at 8am. Please bring any medicine forms with you to hand over to Mrs Boyd and Mrs Grieve. Children can also bring no more than £10 spending money – loose change would be appreciated – please bring that in a named purse and give to Mr Taylor on the morning who will look after the money. Most of our Year 5 children are going on this visit with Mr Taylor, Mr Knighton, Mr Bailey, Mrs Grieve, Mrs Boyd and myself.

Please remember that no mobile phones or electronics are permitted for this residential. Instead, we are encouraging the children to bring a small card or travel game for the journey and to talk with each other!

We aim to return for 6.30pm on Friday 18th October but we will update you with the progress of our journey via Twitter. I know the children will have a wonderful two days and have a great experience!

Thursday 17th October – Year 4 Science Day with Captain Chemistry

Year 4 are bringing their 'Burps, Bottoms and Bile' to a close with a visit from Captain Chemistry who will be holding a series of workshops for them throughout the day. Please ask your child about this at the end of the day as I am sure they will have some wonderful information they will want to share with you all!

Early Years News

Thanks to all who attended our 'Beginning to Read' workshops last week. The presentation from the workshops is now on our school website in the Parent Information/Beginning to Read Section. Please ask a member of the teaching staff if you are unsure about anything. So far, the children in Reception have learned the letters s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d, o and g. Please support your child by asking them to show you the actions which accompany each sound we have done with them.

Many thanks to the parents who have offered to support our afternoon reading sessions. If those people could please send an email to the school office (school.office@lanchesterep.net) with the subject line **EYFS Reading Volunteer**, then a link to the online DBS application will be sent out to you to complete and submit. We will then contact you to bring in proof of identity to complete the process and invite you to a short training session.

This term has been very busy and we have found it impossible to plan in dates before half term for our Reception Transport trips. Please look out next week for further information on when these will be taking place.

We hope to set up a model making area in our Workshop over the next few weeks so we would appreciate donations of boxes, washed plastic pots and bottles and interesting waste that we could use along with ribbons, wool, buttons, wrapping paper etc. - the more variety the better!

Advance Notices

Parents' Evenings

Please do not forget our Parents' Evenings next week which take place on Monday 21st October and Wednesday 23rd October. (Please note – Mrs Grayson will be meeting parents on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October). Most appointment times have now been filled but please contact the Office if you have any issues in making an appointment to see your child's teacher.

Erasmus+ Meeting for Poland

A meeting for parents of children going to Poland on the Erasmus visit will take place at 6pm on Wednesday 23rd October.

School Closed on Friday 25th October and Holiday Club

Please do not forget that we finish for the half term break on Thursday 24th October as the staff have a training day on the Friday.

Mr Graham is running his ever popular holiday club in school on Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th October. To book your child's place please fill in the form attached to this email and return to the school office.

As usual, if there is anything at all that you would like to talk about, or that is concerning you, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. We are here to help you and your child.

Yours sincerely,

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