



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 4th April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful week we have had – our school has had a real buzz to it again this week. We have welcomed 9 different schools for their Tri-Golf day with Year 6 showing their true colours and being wonderful sports leaders for the day. Early Years have had a visit from the fire brigade with a fire engine which they thoroughly enjoyed. This was followed by some of our parents bringing their tractor and lambs into school to the great delight of all. They are now thoroughly enjoying their sports festival – what a great way to end their week.

Year 4 had a wonderful walk around the old steelworks site followed by a tremendous few days in Northumberland, and once again, have been great ambassadors for our school. It is always so refreshing when both members of the public and the staff of the centres we visit compliment the children on their behaviour and good manners. The weather couldn't have been any better either – a perfect few days. It was also Woody's first residential and both he and the children had a great time together.

It is the turn of Year 3 next week and I know they are all excited and slightly nervous for their first residential. But I know that they too will have a great few days!

This Week's Big Question

This week's Big Question has been *'Is Waiting Always Difficult?'* Ask your children about this over the weekend!

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.

SEND News

Class teachers are currently reviewing SEN Support Plans and EHCP termly plans for children across school. The latest versions of these plans will be emailed to parents and carers in the first week of the summer term for you to see what progress has been made against previous targets. If you would like to discuss your child's plan with their class teacher, you will be able to make an appointment to speak to them once the reviewed plans have been issued.

We will review these plans again before the end of the summer term before children move to their new year groups in September.

Suncream and Sun hats

As the weather has finally begun to look up, it is imperative that you put sun cream on your child before they come into school in a morning. In Reception and Nursery, we do have sun cream which we can use to top this up during the day. If you have not given us suncream consent for your child in Nursery/Reception, then please provide your child's teacher with suncream for your child that is clearly labelled. You may also want to send your child in with a sun hat, especially for those in Reception and Nursery who spend large amounts of the day outside. If you do send them in with a sun hat, please make sure this is clearly named.

School Menu

Reminder: the school menu will change after the holidays. You must make any changes to the Summer menu on your Arbor account by **Sunday 6th March** to ensure the kitchen can place the food orders.

Lost Property

Once again, lost property has built up outside the school office with numerous jumpers, PE hoodies and even a few coats with no names on. If you think your child is missing anything, please check the lost property by the end of next week. Anything unclaimed will be placed in the clothing bank. Thank you.

Extra-Curricular Activity Clubs

Reminder: no extra-curricular activity clubs are on in the last week of term. The only after school club provision next week is the wrap around care provision.

Attendance

Year Group	Current Week Attendance Percentage (%)	Attendance Percentage to Date (%)	Year Group	Current Week Attendance Percentage (%)	Attendance Percentage to Date (%)
Reception	93.7	94.1	Year 4	97.3	97.4
Year 1	96.5	96.1	Year 5	99.6	97.6
Year 2	95.2	96.5	Year 6	99.2	96.7
Year 3	93.9	97.1	Whole School	96.5	96.5

Diary Dates for Next Week

Monday 7th April – Mrs Coyle’s Class at Birdoswald

Mrs Coyle’s class are to come to school for normal school time on Monday morning. I am sure they will be very excited but probably have a few nerves too. They will be leaving school around 9.30am so will have plenty time once they arrive.

Tuesday 8th April – Miss Watt’s Class at Birdoswald

Miss Watt’s class will be following exactly the same timetable as Mrs Coyle’s class – just a day later!

Tuesday 8th April – Year 6 Boys’ Football Competition

Our Year 6 Boys’ Football Team have a competition at Meadowfield in Durham competing against the best teams in Derwentside, Durham and Chester-le-Street. We know they will show their great sportsmanship and do their very best.

Wednesday 9th April – Year 2 at Whitehouse Farm

Year 2 have their visit to Whitehouse Farm which will bring this term’s topic of Scrumdiddlyumptious to a close. Children will need to come to school in normal school uniform and will need a packed lunch for the day. We are always so grateful to our parent helpers for these trips – we could not run them without you! Thank you.

Wednesday 9th April - Meeting for Year 4 Parents re Multiplication Check at 5.30pm

We are holding a meeting for all Year 4 parents so we can explain the Multiplication Check that all Year 4 children will be taking in June this year. We hope it will be a useful session with tips around how you can help support your child at home with this too.

Thursday 10th April – Easter Services in School and Church

On Thursday, our Year 5 children will be leading our annual KS2 Service in All Saints’ Church. At the same time, Early Years and KS1 will enjoy their Easter celebrations in school. Unfortunately, due to lack of space, no parents or carers will be able to attend these celebrations.

Thursday 10th April – Class Photos for Reception – Year 6

Children in Reception - Year 6 will be having their class photographs on **Thursday 10th April**. Please make sure your child comes into school in full smart uniform (not PE Kits) for the day. We have some children who do not have consent for group photographs to be taken. We also have a few parents/carers who have yet to fill in this consent. Please do so via your Arbor account. If you have previously consented to have your

child's class photograph taken but no longer want them to have this done, please contact the School Office by **Wednesday 9th April** and we will change this for you.

Friday 11th April - Easter Crown/Bonnet Making

On Friday morning the children will be decorating bonnets or crowns in class during the morning. Materials will be provided in school, but as usual, if children wish to bring in their own items to decorate their crowns and bonnets, then that is perfectly acceptable too.

Friday 11th April – Coffee Afternoon and Easter Parade

We will be holding a Coffee Afternoon from 2.30pm on Friday with an Easter Parade of bonnets and crowns through the hall from 2.45pm. Come along and join in the end of term fun with us all!

Extra-Curricular Clubs for After Easter

Clubs for after Easter will be emailed out on Monday next week. They will begin on Tuesday 6th May and will not run during the last week of the half term. Because Summer 1 is such a short half term, LJG Sports Coaching Clubs will continue in Summer 2, so will run for 7 weeks in total, at a cost of £10.

Creative Kitchen will be on for Year 5 on a Monday. It will run for 8 weeks, so will begin the first day back after the holiday. It will not run on the week of the Year 5 residential, or on the last week of the summer term. Booking information for this has been sent out separately, as it is done directly through Creative Kitchen.

Positive Thinking

A person who feels appreciated will always do more than is expected.

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

Please remember that we break up for the Easter holidays on Friday 11th April and return to school on Monday 28th April. We hope you all have a lovely break – let's hope the weather continues to be kind to us all!

Best Wishes,

Jane Davis

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Head Teacher