



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 21st June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today is the longest day of the year and finally, we are able to enjoy some decent weather. The children are loving being able to play on the field and are certainly making the most of it!

I would like to thank The Friends of the School for organising such a wonderful camp out on the school field last Friday. Thankfully, the weather was beautiful and we were able to enjoy the first blue skies of the month! It was a lovely atmosphere with children playing out until late, adults socialising, and a lovely camp fire too.

This week has been another typically busy week. Year 4 had a great trip to Tynemouth Aquarium and Wheels Day was a resounding success. We were also very proud of those Year 6 children who managed their 15-mile bike ride with ease, showing great resilience and determination. We would also like to thank all the parents and carers who came on the cycle ride and provided great support for the children. It is appreciated. We are also very aware of the upheaval Wheels Day will have caused you all at home and would like to thank you for making sure your child had their wheeled item in school. They all certainly enjoyed themselves and, thankfully, the weather stayed dry for us too!

Our Year 5&6 children have enjoyed the most amazing week in Montreal. They have packed so much into their time there and endured hot and humid temperatures. Staff say every single child has made the most of everything they have done each day. However, it is unfortunate that their flight from Montreal was delayed by 13 hours resulting in them missing their connection from London to Newcastle. They are due back tonight, 30 hours after they should have landed at Newcastle Airport. However, they were treated to a day of sightseeing in London and have certainly made the most of the delay! I am sure pupils and staff alike will be pleased to finally sleep in their own beds tonight though – before Year 5 unpack, wash and re-pack to head off to PGL on Sunday morning!

Bake Off Success

Our Bake off was a huge success last Friday. Thank you to everyone who joined us, to the governors who judged all of the amazing bakes, the choir who sang so beautifully and all of the local businesses who donated the prizes. We raised an amazing £210.58 and we have decided to buy some much needed books, games, pens and pencils for the 'warm space' at Lanchester Community cafe. Thank you again.

Mrs Moran and the Fairtrade/Rota Kids Groups

Woodwind and Brass Concert and Lessons

We have some real talent in school and were treated to a super concert on Thursday morning. The progress these children have made this year has been tremendous and we are very proud of them all. This has caused quite a bit of interest amongst many pupils. If your child is Y2 – Y5 and interested in having instrumental lessons in school, please complete this form: <https://www.durhammusic.org.uk/sign-up>

Walking Bus Sign Up

We will be holding another Walking Bus this week on Tuesday and Thursday. Please complete this online form by Monday 24th June at 4pm if you would like your child to be part of this again: [Walking Bus Sign Up](#).

Etika Sample Jumpers

Etika has dropped in some sample sizes of their jumpers and hoodies for your child to try on in preparation for ordering uniform for September. They are in touch with their manufacturer to get some larger sizes

made available (the current largest size is Junior), and we will let you know once they have them available. Please feel free to come and try on the samples at the office with your child.

Year 6 Outstanding Arrears

As our Year 6 children approach their final weeks with us at Lanchester EP, can we politely ask that you check your Arbor account regularly over the coming weeks to ensure that any outstanding balances are cleared for dinner money, wrap around care and school trips? If you pay for your childcare using vouchers or tax-free child care, please ensure these payments are made before Monday 1st July to cover until the end of term. This allows us time to process them and attribute them to your Arbor account. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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.

Consent for Professional Class Photographs

You will have received an email earlier this week about consent for your child to be included in the professional class photographs, which will be taken on Friday 28th June. We have looked at the Information Commissioners Office guidance on class photographs, which argues that schools should give parents the option to opt out. Please fill in the consent on your child's Arbor account (if you cannot see the consent as something that needs to be done, that means this has already been filled in). If you do not fill in the consent by the day before the photographs are taken, we will assume that you want your child to be included in the photographs. If you decline consent, then your child will not have their photo taken on Friday with their class. If you are unsure how to do this on Arbor, then please email the school office to inform us that you do not want your child's photograph taken, and we will add it to their Arbor account for you.

Free or Reduced Personalised Clothing Labels

We are excited to be able to offer all children going into Reception and Year 1 for next academic year 12 free personalised clothing labels. These will be pre-printed with your child's name, and will be sent into school for you to collect on the first day back in September. Please let us know if you do not want these by emailing school.office@lanchesterep.net by Monday 24th June, as we will need to send names to the company for printing.

We are also able to offer anyone from the current Year 1 - Year 5 the 12 personalised clothing labels for £1.00 instead of the normal £4.00 cost. This will be added to your child's Arbor account to purchase, but this will need to be ordered and paid for on Arbor by Wednesday 26th June so that we can send a list to the company - again, these can be collected on the first day back in September.

Attendance

Reception	99.4%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	96.2%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	96.5%
Year 5	96.1%
Year 6	97.5%

Diary Dates for Next Week

Sunday 23rd June 2024 – Year 5 Residential to PGL at 7.45am

Our Year 5 cohort are all heading off to PGL Caythorpe Court, Lincolnshire at 8am on Sunday morning. Please arrive for 7.45am so that the bus can leave promptly. Don't forget that the children need a packed lunch for

Sunday. Please also note that the weather forecast looks good for next week so a sunhat and sun cream will be essential too. I am sure they will have a wonderful time and it is great that so many of them are going!

Monday 24th June 2024 – Year 6 at The Big Debate

Some of our Year 6 children will be taking part in this Big Debate on Monday at County Hall in Durham. Parents and Carers have been informed of those children who are going with more details of the event too. This is another great opportunity for some of our children to listen to debates from others around some popular, contentious topics!

Monday 24th June 2024 - Consett Academy Transition Day for Pupils with SEND 10am – 2pm

Parents of pupils have been informed if their child is going to this transition day on Monday. It is from 10am until 2pm and parents/carers are to drop off and pick up at Consett Academy. These children are not expected in our school on this day. Please note that lunch will be provided for the pupils. This will be an invaluable opportunity for these children to spend time at Consett Academy and be shown around prior to their full transition days later in the week. If you have any questions about this day, please contact the Academy.

Wednesday 26th June 2024 and Thursday 27th June – Year 6 at Consett Academy for Transition Days

All children who are going to Consett Academy will be attending their transition days on Wednesday & Thursday. They are to come to our school as normal and a bus will be sent to collect them at 9am. Please do not be late as the bus will not wait for any latecomers as it is also picking up at one other school. Again, parents and carers should have received this information. Please remember that lunch is provided for the children at the Academy for the transition days.

Thursday 27th June 2024 – Year 6 at St Bede's for Transition Day

Our Year 6 children are visiting St Bede's on Thursday 26th June for their transition day. It is parents' responsibility to get your children to St Bede's for this transition day. Please note, our school staff will not be accompanying them on this day and they will be greeted by staff from St Bede's at 8.45am outside the main entrance. They will be there all day until 3.15pm and again, parents are to make arrangements for their children at the end of the school day.

All Class and Year 6 Leavers Photographs – Friday 28th June.

Don't forget our class and Year 6 Leavers photographs will be taken on Friday 28th June. All children will need to wear school uniform into school for this, and Year 6 children will need to bring their leavers' hoodies as well.

Friday 28th June 2024 – Year 4 Ukelele Concert at 2.30pm

Come and join us on Friday afternoon at 2.30pm for a concert with our wonderful Year 4 ukelele players! They have worked so hard in their Music lessons this year and would love to share with you their talents. This will take place in the Junior Hall. If you want to attend, please fill in [this form](#) as that way we can make sure we have enough chairs for everyone!

Early Years News

It has been wonderful to meet so many of our children for Nursery 2024/25 at Lanchester Little 'Uns on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. We hope that these sessions will help with the transition process. Thanks for all who have completed [this form](#) about home visits in the first week back in September. If you haven't yet done this, please do so by 1st July so that we can organise and send out dates for visits to Nursery and starting dates.

Our current Nursery children are very excited about moving up to Reception in September. We have started to pop into Reception regularly to get used to the environment and have been getting to know the new staff. You may be wondering if there is anything you can do to support this transition and help to get your child ready for school. This is a useful guide that you may like to look through to give you some support and reassurance about the move: [Preparing for school](#). Attached to the end of this letter are some useful tips on developing your child's listening skills, which are crucial for the first days in school - and beyond!

There is also a new diary date for a meeting about transition arrangements from Reception to Year 1. This will be held in school on Thursday 11th July at 6pm in school.

If anyone is clearing out, we would be grateful for any children's socks in Nursery and Reception. Please remember to return any socks borrowed from us. Thanks!

Miss Butler

Key Stage One News

It has been another busy and fun-filled week in KS1. Following our brilliant trip to Raby castle last Friday, the children have been completing some excellent writing about what they saw and learnt at the Castle. The writing seemed to focus particularly around the Octagon room which was full of gold ornaments and a precious chandelier and also playing in the Plotters Forest which was everyone's highlight.

Both Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed wheels day this week and the chance to ride our bikes and scooters in school. Lots of fun was had by all as we enjoyed playing together.



Year 2 have also been really enjoying their DT project this week making wooden beach huts as part of their topic 'Beachcombers'. They have developed lots of skills including measuring, cutting using a saw and joining pieces of wood to make a structure. Look out for the finished product on X soon!!

Finally, I would like to say a huge well done to all the children who sat their phonics screening check in the last couple of weeks. The children worked so hard throughout the weeks and did themselves proud!

Mr Innes

Key Stage Two News

We are at the end of another busy week and there has been so much going on in Key Stage 2. Everyone enjoyed 'Wheels Day' and had fun on their bikes, go-karts, scooters, whilst Year 3 enjoyed a day with Nick the Chef creating a range of healthy delights. Year 4 visited the Tynemouth Aquarium as part of their Blue Abyss topic and we also had a group of Year 5 and 6 children enjoying the thrills of Montreal – visiting a Biosphere, a Science Museum and practising their French skills. There is never a quiet week at Lankester EP.

We only have four more weeks left before the end of the summer term and we still have many more exciting activities planned. Our Year 5 children head to Lincolnshire this Sunday to PGL at Caythorpe Court. They will take part in a range of adventures on land and water to inspire, challenge and motivate them. The children will take part in a wide range of activities including raft building, abseiling and climbing.

The following week, Year 6 will sail from Cairnryan and travel to Belfast to enjoy a week in Northern Ireland. During the week the children will visit the Giant's Causeway, spend time at the Splash inflatable waterpark and visit the coastal town of Portrush. Our accommodation for the week is the Greenhill YMCA, Newcastle; a site that sits below the largest mountain in Northern Ireland.

We are sure that the children will have amazing experiences on both visits and create memories that will last for a lifetime.

Mr Andrew Knighton

Other Up-Coming Events/Information

LJG Sports Coaching Holiday & Football Camp Dates

LJG Sports Coaching will be hosting Holiday & Football Camps at Lanchester EP Primary School during the first two weeks of the Summer Holidays. Holiday Camp will be running from Monday 22nd July – Friday 2nd August, and Football Camp will be taking place on 23rd – 25th July and 30th July – 1st August. In addition to this, Mr Graham will also be running Holiday Camp at Consett Rugby Club from Monday 5th – Friday 16th August. To sign up for any of these dates, please use the following links:

[Holiday Camp](#)

[Football Camp](#)

New Diary Dates

Please refer to the Diary Dates for an up-to-date and comprehensive list of all the activities that are on this half term, including some new dates.

Positive Thinking

Every day you have a choice.

You can focus on all the many reasons why you should be angry and sad.

Or....you can focus on all the many reasons why you should be grateful and happy.

Choose wisely.

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

Best Wishes,

Jane Davis

Mrs Jane Davis
(Head Teacher)



Lanchester Endowed Parochial Primary School



DIARY DATES for Summer

Sunday 23 rd June 2024	8am	Year 5 Leave for PGL Residential
Monday 24 th June 2024	All Day	Consett Academy Transition Day for SEND Pupils
Tuesday 25 th June 2024	All Day	Consett Academy Transition Day for SEND Pupils
Wednesday 26 th June 2024	Afternoon	Year 5 Return from PGL Residential
Wednesday 26 th June 2024	All Day	Year 6 at Consett Academy – Transition Day
Thursday 27 th June 2024	All Day	Year 6 at Consett Academy – Transition Day
Thursday 27 th June 2024	All Day	Year 6 at St Bede’s – Transition Day
Thursday 27 th June 2024	9.15am-11.15am	New Reception Induction Morning (those from other Nurseries)
Friday 28 th June 2024	All Day	Class & Year 6 Leavers Photos
Friday 28 th June 2024	2.30pm	Year 4 Ukulele Concert in School
Monday 1 st July 2024	Early Morning	Year 6 Depart for Northern Ireland Residential
Tuesday 2 nd July 2024	All Day	Year 5 Cycle Ride
Thursday 4 th July 2024	9.15am-11.15am	New Reception Induction Morning (those from other Nurseries)
Friday 5 th July 2024	All Day	Non Uniform Day in exchange for a gift for the Summer Fair
Saturday 6 th July 2024	Early Morning	Year 6 Return from Northern Ireland Residential
Week Beg. Monday 8 th July 2024	All Week	Olympics Week
Monday 8 th July 2024	All Day	Performance at Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford
Monday 8 th July 2024	All Day	House Sports Events (postponed from Fun & Fitness Week)
Tuesday 9 th July 2024	All Day	Year 6 at Wolsingham School – Transition Day
Tuesday 9 th July 2024	All Day	Children return home from Stratford
Tuesday 9 th July 2024	All Day	RJB & Nursery am, MTW & Owls Trip to Roker Beach
Wednesday 10 th July 2024	All Day	Year 6 at Wolsingham School – Transition Day
Wednesday 10 th July 2024	9.30am	Reception Sports Day
Wednesday 10 th July 2024	9.30am	Key Stage 1 Sports Day
Wednesday 10 th July 2024	1.30pm	Key Stage 2 Sports Day
Thursday 11 th July 2024	All Day	Year 5 Beamish Visit
Thursday 11 th July 2024	All Day	RHL, Nursery pm, WTF & Rabbits Trip to Roker Beach
Thursday 11th July 2024	6pm	Reception to Year 1 Transition Meeting
Friday 12 th July 2024	3.30pm – 6pm	Summer Fair and BBQ
Monday 15 th July 2024	9.30am – 11.15am	Induction Morning for All New Reception children
Monday 15 th July 2024	Morning	Moving Up Day for Whole School
Monday 15 th July 2024	3.30pm – 5pm	Parents’ Evening Drop Ins
Monday 15 th July 2024	6.30pm – 9pm	Year 6 Social Evening
Tuesday 16 th July 2024	2.30pm	Teddy Bear’s Picnic for New Reception Starters, including current Nursery moving to Reception.
Tuesday 16 th July 2024	6pm	Musical Concert in School
Wednesday 17 th July 2024	Morning & Afternoon	Nursery Celebrations
Thursday 18 th July 2024	1.30pm	Year 6 Leavers’ Service in All Saints Church
Friday 19 th July 2024	10am	Year 6 Leavers’ Extravaganza Assembly

Wednesday 4 th September 2024	7.30am	New Academic Year Begins
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School Holidays 2023 – 2024

Holiday	Last Day at School	Re-open for Teaching
Summer Holiday	Friday 19 th July 2024	Wednesday 4th September 2024

School Holidays 2024 – 2025

Holiday	Last Day at School	Re-open for Teaching
		Wednesday 4 th September 2024
Autumn Half Term	Friday 25 th October 2024	Monday 4 th November 2024
Long Weekend	Friday 22 nd November 2024	Tuesday 26 th November 2024
Christmas Holiday	Friday 20 th December 2024	Monday 6 th January 2025
Spring Half Term	Friday 21 st February 2025	Monday 3 rd March 2025
Easter Holiday	Friday 11 th April 2025	Monday 28 th April 2025
May Day	Friday 2 nd May 2025	Tuesday 6 th May 2025
Summer Half Term	Thursday 22 nd May 2025	Monday 2 nd June 2025
Summer Holiday	Friday 18 th July 2025	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025

#READYFORSCHOOL

LISTEN & LEARN

Great pupils are great listeners. School involves a lot of listening - to their teacher and other adults - so practising good listening skills before your child starts school will help them get off to a great start.

If your child attends a childcare or preschool setting, they're probably already used to listening to and taking instruction from other adults. Other good opportunities include attending a sports or dance class or story sessions at your local library.



GET STARTED



GOOD LISTENERS

Encourage listening skills by being a good listener yourself - so give your child plenty of opportunity to talk to you. Chat about their play or their day and ask for their views.

ON THE SAME LEVEL

When you are talking to your child - make eye contact. Get down to their level whenever possible.

ATTENTION PLEASE

Minimise distractions by turning off TVs and stereos and ignoring phones and computers - especially during meals, stories, baths and bedtime.

LISTENING SKILLS

DO YOU RECALL?

When you finish reading a book or watching a TV programme together, ask your child if they can recall the storyline.

WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

Make up a joint story, where you say one sentence, your child gives the next, and you keep alternating.

MEMORY GAMES

Play games such as 'I Spy' or 'I Went to the Shops and I Bought...' to boost memory as well as listening skills.



LISTENING GAMES



SIMON SAYS

Play 'Simon Says' – try replacing 'Simon' with your child's favourite toy or character.

WHAT CAN YOU HEAR?

Ask your child to close their eyes for one minute and list everything they can hear: a clock ticking, birdsong, cars...

TRAFFIC LIGHTS

In the game 'Traffic Lights', you say a colour and children do an action. Once they've mastered red for stop and green for go, introduce new colours and actions, such as orange for turn around and blue for touch the ground.

DELIBERATE MISTAKES

Get nursery rhymes deliberately wrong – "Humpty Dumpty sat on the sofa" or "Jack and Jill went up the escalator". Children love to spot the mistake and put it right.

TOP TIPS



LISTENING TRAINING

Sometimes your child may seem not to hear you – probably because they're completely absorbed in what they're doing and don't want it to end. If this often happens with your child, call them by name and give them a five-minute countdown to playtime ending. If they get angry or frustrated, discuss their feelings with them. It's all good practice for having to stick to an adult-led routine at school.

SHARING CONCERNS

If you suspect there may be a genuine issue with your child's hearing, have a chat with their childcare worker, preschool teacher or health visitor. If they share your concerns, go and see your GP so the issue can be investigated before they start school.