



# 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 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you all had a lovely half-term break last week which was even more enjoyable due to the lovely weather we had. It is the 7<sup>th</sup> November already and Christmas preparations are well underway!

I hope your children enjoyed the discos last night. A huge thank you must go to the Friends of the School who organised them and worked so hard in order to make them such a great success. Thank you to each and every one of them for their time and effort both last night and in the organisation of the whole evening. The children seemed to have a wonderful time and all three discos were a great success!

This week has, yet again, been another very proud one for the school. Today, we took a group of 10 Year 5 pupils to Villa Real Special School to perform to them. Their pupils loved the music and it was heart-warming to see them sing, dance and move along to the performances. Our children were incredible – their talents as well as their attitude and maturity.

Last night also saw our Year 5 & 6 Boys Football Team win the Derwentside Schools Football league! They played 10 matches, won 9 and drew 1 so narrowly beat Burnopfield Primary School by 1 point. This is a great achievement and will see them go through to the County Competition next. However, what makes us even prouder is the wonderful sportsmanship and attitude they all displayed.

### **Parent Governor Ballot**

Just before half-term we had a parental ballot for the vacant position of parent governor. I am delighted to inform you that Mr Scott McNicholas was the successful parent and is our new parent governor. It is wonderful that we always have so much interest in these positions and I would like to thank all three parents for putting themselves forward for this role.

### **Northern Echo Article**

An article in the Northern Echo was brought to my attention over the half-term break which featured the top 25 schools in Durham for their 2024 SAT results. I am delighted to inform you that we were ranked 21<sup>st</sup> in the county out of 224 primary schools. We are always proud of our children and their academic achievements and this really was a very pleasant surprise and something which we should be proud of.

### **Early Years Stay and Play Sessions**

If you have not yet signed up for a Stay and Play session for World Nursery Rhyme Week next week, we still have some spaces available. These sessions will run on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November after school between 3:30pm and 4:30pm for Nursery, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2pm-3pm for Mr Innes' Reception Class and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2pm-3pm for Mr Osmond's Reception Class. You can sign up [here](#).

### **SEND News**

Emotional regulation in children can sometimes be a challenge. Over the next few weeks, Durham Council's Educational Psychology Service is running workshops at local Family Hubs for parents and carers of children aged 3-11.

'Managing Big Emotions' will provide information on emotions, identify possible triggers and explore ways of supporting your children to regulate their 'big feelings'. There will be time for discussion and to ask questions.

Dates and times are available by [clicking here](#). Please contact 03000 261 111 to book a place.

## **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 |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Reception           | 96.2%                              | 94.7%                         |
| Year 1              | 98.4%                              | 97.2%                         |
| Year 2              | 97.2%                              | 97.7%                         |
| Year 3              | 97.2%                              | 97.5%                         |
| Year 4              | 97.8%                              | 97.9%                         |
| Year 5              | 98.3%                              | 98.2%                         |
| Year 6              | 99%                                | 97.1%                         |
| <b>Whole School</b> | <b>97.7%</b>                       | <b>97.2%</b>                  |

## **Diary Dates for Next Week**

### **Week Beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Anti-Bullying Week**

Next week is national anti-bullying week and we will be working with the children to ensure the values of kindness and respect continue to be instilled in all across our school.

### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Odd Socks Day**

Odd Socks Day is an opportunity for children to express themselves and demonstrate their uniqueness. It has become an important part of anti-bullying week and we hope that adults and children alike support this.

### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Reception at the Laing Art Gallery**

Our Reception children are looking forward to their day at the Laing Art Gallery on Tuesday. They should come to school as usual in their school uniform and with a packed lunch and drink. They will also need to bring an empty bag to bring the creations they make at the gallery home with them. They will return to school in time for the end of the school day.

### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Ski Meeting at 5.30pm**

The Ski Meeting will be held in school at 5.30pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. At the meeting, we will talk about the itinerary for the week as well as sharing the kit list and talking about the week itself.

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Year 5 Athletics**

Some of our Year 5 children will be representing the school on Wednesday at an Indoor Athletics Festival in the afternoon at The Louisa Centre. Parents and carers of those children participating will be emailed with further information.

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 Athletics**

There is also an Indoor Athletics Event for Year 6 children on Wednesday which is being held at Consett Leisure Centre. This will be a full day event so children will need a packed lunch, but parents and carers of those involved will be emailed with further information.

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Nursery Stay and Play Session**

This takes place from 3.30pm to 4.30pm in Nursery on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. There are still a few places left, so please sign up using the link [here](#).

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Meeting re India Residential at 5.30pm**

The India Meetings will be held in school at 5.30pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. At the meeting, Mr McLoughlin will share photographs from his recent visit to New Delhi and share the itinerary for the week.

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Stay and Play Session for Mr Innes' Class**

This takes place between 2pm and 3pm in Mr Innes' Class on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November. There are still a few places left, so please sign up using the link [here](#).

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Stay and Play Session for Mr Osmond's Class**

This takes place between 2pm and 3pm in Mr Osmond's Class on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. There are still a few places left, so please sign up using the link [here](#).

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Day**

On Friday, we will be joining in with the rest of the country and raising money for Comic Relief Day. We are encouraging everyone to come to school dressed in yellow and spots or non-uniform in exchange for at least £1 donation.

**Positive Thinking**

***Staying positive doesn't mean you have to be happy all the time.  
It means that even on hard days you know that there are better ones coming.***

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)