



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 17th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have been very proud of all children across the whole school this week. Year 6 have shown great resilience and commitment to doing their absolute best in their statutory tests which is all anyone can ask of them. However, the rest of the children have been very respectful too. Their routine has been slightly different with later playtimes and not being able to use some of our intervention rooms, but they have just taken it in their stride and shown how much they care about their buddies too! Great admiration for the whole school!

We have our third Turing visit taking place next week when staff and Y5 & Y6 children head off to Madrid for 5 days. I know they are going to have an amazing week and will enjoy so many wonderful activities during their time in Madrid, as well as visiting our partner school. This really is such an amazing opportunity for them all – the first flight for some too!

Walking Bus

We have been overwhelmed with the number of families who would like to use the Walking Bus next week which is wonderful! However, please note, only those who have completed the form can be part of this as we have based our adult: pupil ratios on the numbers who completed the form.

We look forward to meeting families in the Kings Head Car Park ready to leave at 8.25am each morning and again at 3.25pm after school. Please note, this is on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday only due to Wheels Day taking place on Wednesday. We will have our army of staff to meet your little people!

We will have high vis jackets for the children, and will be walking across the green and into school via the field gate. Please make sure your child is there on time and ready to set off from 8.25am as we will need to begin promptly. Also, please remember that your child will need to be walking – they cannot bring scooters/bikes. Watch out for us all heading to and from school and doing our small part to help reduce parking issues around school.

Fun and Fitness Week

Next week is our annual fun and fitness week. This is always a week that the children thoroughly enjoy and I am sure it is going to be another highly enjoyable one for everyone. We ask that the children come to school in their PE kit for the whole week. Please note that we would like their PE kits to be worn this year as they will be doing a lot of activities in their different teams. The itinerary for the week is below but please remember that we will still be doing Maths and English next week too!

Monday Carousel of Activities including: Skip2BeFit, Inflatable Obstacle Course

Tuesday Forest Schools Day – each year group will spend time in the Forest

Wednesday Wheels Day – all children can bring a wheeled-item into school for the day. Children **MUST** have a helmet for bikes/scooters/go karts. They will not be allowed to ride them on school premises without them. Please do not send them into school with roller skates, rollerblades or hoverboards as they will not be allowed to use them.
Early years will also have a soft play bus in school.

Wednesday Year 5 Cycle Ride

Thursday House Games

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.

Incidents Along the Lines

You may have seen in the media that there have been a number of unpleasant incidents along the Lanchester valley railway path. Please be aware of this and take extra care/ask your children to avoid walking in this area whilst police work to identify the offender.

Attendance

Reception	97.7%
Year 1	96.9%
Year 2	99.8%
Year 3	96.2%
Year 4	99.3%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	99.5%

LJG Sports Coaching Holiday & Football Camps

LJG Sports Coaching will be hosting both a Holiday Camp and a Football Camp in school during the May half term holiday. The dates are: Tuesday 28th May – Thursday 30th May. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Graham via LJGsportscoaching@gmail.com.

The booking forms for the half term activities in school can be found via these links:

holiday camp: <https://forms.gle/zyaDFVRENbeHL8Gx5>

football camp: <https://forms.gle/cCnefCVinRXhg6F9>

Diary Dates for Next Week

Monday 20th May 2024 – Turing Trip Departs

The cars will depart at 7am from the Junior Car Park on Monday morning. Please arrive just before 7am.

Monday 20th May 2024 – Carousel of Activities

The children will be taking part in activities all day. PE kits will be needed for everyone.

Tuesday 21st May 2024 – Forest Schools Day

All children will be spending time in the Forest at some point during the day on Tuesday. Please make sure your child is wearing appropriate footwear and clothing for the day. Obviously this may vary according to the weather conditions!

Wednesday 22nd May 2024 – Wheels Day

All children are asked to bring a wheeled item to school for the day whether it be a bike, scooter, pram, pushchair etc. Please do not send them into school with roller skates, rollerblades or hoverboards as they will not be allowed to use them as these are just too dangerous. For any 'rideable' item, they will need to bring a helmet, as they will not be allowed to use them without one. Nursery children will leave theirs on the Nursery yard and Reception children in front of their wooden fence. Year 1 and 2 children will bring theirs through the field gate and leave theirs on the Infant Yard while Year 3 and 4 children will wheel theirs through and leave theirs on the Junior Yard. Year 5 are to leave their bikes on the MUGA and Year 6 against the wall of the Y3 classrooms past the field gate and down the side of the MUGA.

Wednesday 22nd May 2024 – Jungle Soft Play Bus for Early Years

Early years are looking forward to having The Jungle Soft Play Bus in school on Wednesday. This is a slightly different way for our children to get active, with multiple levels, tunnels and ball pits it provides a safe and

stimulating environment for children to explore, climb, slide, and play. What a great way for our youngest children to safely exert their boundless energy – we cannot wait!

Wednesday 22nd May 2024 – Year 5 Cycle Ride

Year 5 are to leave their bikes on the MUGA so they are easily accessible for their ride. Thank you to those parents and carers who have offered to help and come along on the ride. We are aiming to leave at 9.30am and will return to school no later than 2pm. Please check that bikes are in a good working order over the weekend with well-inflated tyres and brakes that are in good working order.

All adults and children MUST have a helmet, packed lunch and plenty of fluids in a backpack. Any children not going on the bike ride will stay in school and have a 'normal' wheels day.

Thursday 23rd May 2024 – House Games

Children from all year groups will be taking part in some house games during the day.

Friday 24th May 2024 – SCHOOL CLOSED

Please do not forget that school is closed on Friday 24th May. We re-open for children on Tuesday 4th June.

SEND News

The Durham Local Offer website contains a wealth of information to help parents and carers, especially parents and carers of children with additional needs. You can find information about different groups, charities and organisations that run all across County Durham. This may be especially useful for parents who are looking for activities to support their families during the school holidays and the website is constantly updated with new information from different organisations. The website can be found by [clicking here](#).

Mr McLoughlin

Early Years News

Nursery have been busy exploring sunflowers again this week and have shared some wonderful information that they have found out at home. Thank you for support with this. Mrs Davis has been helping everyone to plant a seed to bring home - we look forward to hearing about how they grow. The children are very confident in talking about what they need to do to care for their sunflowers as they grow and will no doubt tell you all about it.

We are really looking forward to Fun & Fitness Week! Please check the weather in the morning for possible temperature and rain changes. Make sure your Reception child has their PE hoodie and raincoat just in case. Nursery children are also welcome to come dressed in their sports gear ready to be active. Please remember that even though children are not in uniform, their clothes still need to be clearly labelled with their name and they will still need their spare bag of clothes in school in case of accidents.

Nursery Opening Times

Please remember that Nursery doors are open from 8.45am and close at 9.00am. Please make sure you get your child into Nursery on time as we seem to have a large number of children arriving after this time at the moment. This is often very unsettling for those who are late, as they have to be brought through to Nursery past the Reception classes with adults they don't know well. It also means they are missing key parts of the Nursery day. This is especially important for those children moving into Reception in September, who will need to get used to coming into school on time.

Nursery & Reception Roker Beach Trips

Adult places for the Roker Beach trip are filling up really quickly, so we will be shutting the form on Wednesday 22nd May. We will also be shutting the form on Wednesday 22nd May for Nursery children, so if you do not fill the form in by then, we will assume your child is not attending the trip, and will book buses accordingly. Please make sure if you haven't filled in the form, you do so by Wednesday 22nd May as we will not be able to accept any late bookings.

Playgroup for New Nursery Children

We have had a great response to our free playgroup for children due to start Nursery this September. We have decided that we will be able to offer an alternative session on Fridays 1:30pm - 2:30pm starting on 14th June. Playgroup will run for four weeks on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, with the final sessions being 2nd and 5th July, and will be led by members of next year's Nursery Staff. Each session will have time for the children to get to know each other and will incorporate singing and stories.

We will be inviting the children who will remain in Nursery to join us for these sessions so that they can meet some of their new friends. If you have not yet signed up, here is the link to the amended form with the additional Friday session as an option <https://forms.office.com/e/P2LwTmspZ5>

If you have already completed the form but would prefer to attend the Friday sessions, please email Miss Butler (s.butler@lanchesterep.net), otherwise we will assume that you are still coming to sessions on Tuesdays.

Miss Butler

Key Stage One News

There have been lots of exciting things happening in Key Stage 1 this week. Year 1 have had lots of visitors from Year 6 who have been helping us with our work whilst they are not sitting their SATS. The children have really enjoyed having the older children with us in the class, especially the help with writing and spelling in English. In Maths we have been looking at money and learning about the value of different coins and notes.

Year 2 have been growing cress and beans in class and watching and measuring them as they grow. They have also started to learn Hockey in PE and designed posters about the importance of Hand Washing in PSHE.



We are all looking forward to Fun and Fitness week, next week. Wednesday is wheels day and the children can bring in bikes, prams, pushchairs and scooters. Remember, children must bring a helmet to be able to use their wheels in school.

Key Stage Two News

Our Year 6 children have been amazing this week as they have tackled their SATs assessments – they have all been stars! The children have worked incredibly hard and have pulled together 4 years of learning in maths and English. They have identified determiners and relative clauses in their grammar test, answered questions about tenrecs (you may need to ask them what they are) and leopards in their reading comprehension and have multiplied and divided fractions in maths! The dedication, resilience and enthusiasm shown by every child has been incredible and we all so proud of their efforts. They are ready for their well-deserved bacon sandwiches and today, followed by a restful weekend.

The children across Key Stage 2 have been superb with their behaviour, patience and support during the tests. They have moved around school in silence and have waited patiently for break times as the Year 6s worked. Everyone in Year 6 would like to say a huge thank you!

We would also like to thank our parents for supporting the children this week – the children have arrived at school calm and ready for the challenges of the day!

Madrid Visit

Next week, four staff and six children will be visiting Madrid on our next Turing visit. They will be spending time with students from our partner school on Tuesday and Wednesday. They will also have the opportunity

to visit Real Madrid's stadium, sample tapas and enjoy the thrills of the Warner Brothers' theme park. We look forward to sharing our exploits with you when we return home.

Mr Andrew Knighton

Other Up-Coming Events/Information

Class and Year 6 Leavers Photographs – Change of Date: Friday 28th June.

Class and Year 6 Leavers photographs will be taken on Friday 28th June – please note this is a change of date from the previous newsletter due to the choir trip on the 21st June. This year we will be reverting back to the group photos rather than the style we have had during the last few years, which were introduced due to the large number of Covid absences we had, meaning that we could add individual photos on for anyone who was not in school on the day so that people weren't left out. Thankfully, this won't be an issue anymore (fingers crossed!).

Overnight Camp

The Friends of the School are organising another Overnight Camp on the School Field on Friday 14th June. This is always a really popular event with spaces being taken very quickly. Information and a booking form has been emailed to all parents/carers, along with a new QR code that was sent to you all on Wednesday 15th May.

Positive Thinking

***You will never have this day with your children again.
Tomorrow they will be a little bit bigger than they are today.
This day is a gift.
Breathe and notice.
Smell and touch them.
Study their faces and little feet and pay attention.
Relish the charms of the present.
Enjoy today.
It will be over before you know it.***

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

Monday 6th May 2024	ALL DAY	SCHOOL CLOSED - May Bank Holiday
Week Beg. 20 th May 2024	All Week	Year 5 & 6 Turing Visit to Madrid
Week Beg. 20 th May 2024	All Week	Fun and Fitness Week
Monday 20 th May 2024	All Day	Carousel of Activities including Skip to Be Fit and Inflatable Obstacle Course
Tuesday 21st May 2024	All Day	Forest Schools Day for Whole School
Wednesday 22nd May 2024	All Day	Forest Schools Day for Whole School
Wednesday 22 nd May 2024	All Day	Wheels Day
Wednesday 22 nd May 2024	All Day	Year 5 Cycle Ride
Wednesday 22 nd May 2024	All Day	Jungle Play Bus for Nursery
Thursday 23rd May 2024	All Day	House Games, Competitions and Cross Country
FRIDAY 24th May and MONDAY 3rd June – School Closed for Staff Training		
Holiday Club on Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th May 2024		
Tuesday 4 th June 2024	7.30am	School Re-Opens
Tuesday 4 th June 2024	All Day	Year 5 & 6 Athletics Competition
Tuesday 4 th June 2024	All Week	Year 4 Multiplication Check
Tuesday 4 th June 2024	All Day	Year 5 & Year 6 Athletics Competition
Thursday 6 th June 2024	All Day	Year 6 Cycle Ride
Thursday 6 th June 2024	All Day	Captain Chemistry in School
Friday 7 th June 2024	All Day	Captain Chemistry in School
Friday 7 th June 2024	All Day	Year 3 at Jarrow Hall
Monday 10 th June 2024	All Week	Year 1 Phonics Check
Monday 10 th June 2024	All Day	Year 5 & 6 Boys' Football League Event
Monday 10 th June 2024	6pm	New Reception Starters Parent Meeting
Tuesday 11 th June 2024	All Day	Year 6 at Forbidden Corner, North Yorkshire
Wednesday 12 th June 2024	10.30am	Year 6 Leavers' Service at Durham Cathedral
Wednesday 12 th June 2024	Evening	Turing Trip to Montreal for Y5 & Y6
Friday 14 th June 2024	All Day	Year 1 at Raby Castle
Friday 14 th June 2024	Afternoon	Concert, Fair Trade Bake Off and Coffee Afternoon
Friday 14 th June 2024	Overnight	Overnight Camp in School Field
Monday 17 th June 2024	All Day	Year 4 at Tynemouth Aquarium
Wednesday 19 th June 2024	Afternoon	Montreal Trip Return Home
Friday 21 st June 2024	Afternoon	The Magic Flute and Royal Opera House Performance with Choir
Sunday 23 rd June 2024	Morning	Year 5 Leave for PGL Residential
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	9.15-11.15	New Reception Induction Morning (those from other Nurseries)
Friday 28th 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
Saturday 6 th July 2024	Early Morning	Year 6 Return from Northern Ireland Residential
Thursday 4 th July 2024	9.15-11.15	New Reception Induction Morning (those from other Nurseries)
Monday 8 th July 2024	All Day	Performance at Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford
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	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	RHL, Nursery pm, WTF & Rabbits Trip to Roker Beach
Friday 12 th July 2024	3.30pm – 6pm	Summer Fair and BBQ
Monday 15 th July 2024	9.30 – 11.15am	Induction Morning for All New Reception children
Monday 15th 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	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
Year 4 Multiplication Check - Week Beginning Tuesday 4th June 2024		
Year 1 & Year 2 Phonics Screening Check - Week Beginning Monday 10th June 2024		

School Holidays 2023 – 2024		
Holiday	Last Day at School	Re-open for Teaching
May Day	Friday 3 rd May 2024	Tuesday 7 th May 2024
Summer Half Term	Thursday 23 rd May 2024	Tuesday 4 th June 2024
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