



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 3rd May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to enjoy some slightly better weather this week and see the children playing on the field. The term is marching on quite quickly – it is hard to believe we are half way through it already! We have welcomed our partner school from Tamworth this week. Their Year 5 cohort all enjoyed 5* hall floor comfort last night after a day at Durham Cathedral and the Angel of the North. Some of our digital leaders have joined them for the two days and it is great to have such strong links with the school.

Staff News

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Lydon had her baby last week. Zara was born last Monday weighing a very healthy 7lb 10oz and both mother and daughter are doing well. I am sure she will be bringing her into school at some point to meet everyone!

Scooters, Cycling and Helmets

It is great to see so many children enjoying riding their bikes and scooters now the better weather is coming. However, I would like to remind parents and carers that helmets are essential when riding them to and from school. I realise helmets are an additional expense for you all, but they really do save children's lives. Even on scooters, children can pick up great speed and accidents happen so quickly and easily. Please consider purchasing that piece of life-saving equipment and buying a helmet. Thank you.

Healthy Schools

We have been reviewing our healthy schools policy along with considering what food is being served at breakfast club. The children currently receive brioche and croissants, but in line with trying to be a healthy school, this will stop after May half term. After that we will return to serving cereal and toast in a bid to encourage healthy eating for all. Please also remember that chocolate and sweets are not permitted in packed lunches either. Thank you.

Nails

There appears to be a number of older girls in school with false or acrylic nails and nail art. These are not appropriate for school and are a health and safety issue. False nails can be trapped or ripped off when moving around and playing in school and can also cause issues for other children too from scratches etc. It is for these reasons that they are not permitted in school. Thank you for your support with this matter.

School Dog – Woody

I am sure your children may have mentioned that Woody is starting to come into school slightly more regularly in order to acclimatise him to the school environment, the number of children and the noise that they bring with them! He will not be doing any work with individual children until he is fully trained and at that point, the risk assessments and more information will be shared with you. It is anticipated that he will have his assessment before the summer holidays though.

However, I am delighted to say that he is doing really well with his training and is beginning to go into classrooms and has even just stood in the doorway of an assembly with 400 children! He has his safe space in my office and you may see us both in school on an evening or weekend in the school field and playground which is the next part of school he needs to acclimatise to.

Food Bank

Thank you all so much for your generous donations for the Quebec Community Fridge. Once again, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

We have talked with the children this week and they have suggested that we keep this as a permanent 'Donation Station' which can be kept stocked during the whole year. Members of the School Council have asked if they can oversee this so watch this space for more information in future weeks.

Attendance

Reception	97.8%
Year 1	98%
Year 2	97.4%
Year 3	97.5%
Year 4	95.8%
Year 5	94.2%
Year 6	98.8%

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.

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 6th May – May Day Bank Holiday

Please do not forget that school is closed on Monday for the May Bank Holiday.

Tuesday 7th May - Montreal Meeting at 6pm

There is a meeting at 6pm in school for parents, carers and children who are going on the Turing visit to Montreal next month. At the meeting, you will find out about the itinerary, kit list and further information about this amazing week!

Saturday 11th May 10 am – 12 noon – Open Morning in Nursery

We are holding an Open Morning on Saturday morning for anyone interested in applying for a place in our Nursery. Staff will be here between 10am and 12 noon to show you around and answer any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you and your children on Saturday! Bring them along and have a good morning playing in Nursery!

SEND News

SENDIASS are running monthly drop in sessions for parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities in all County Durham Family Hubs.

They can offer advice and support if you:

- have questions about your child's educational needs
- would like more information or support in relation to SEND
- need help with transfer arrangements, or paperwork, regarding the choice of your child's next education setting

The next session at Stanley Family Hub is on Wednesday 22nd May from 12:45pm to 2:45pm.

For more information visit : [Durham SEND Information Advice and Support Service \(SENDIASS\) drop-in sessions - Durham County Council](#)

Early Years News

Can we please ask our Nursery parents to check the uniform their child is bringing home? We are missing a number of clearly named jumpers and cardigans and we think they may have been picked up by the wrong children. Please also ensure that everything your child wears for Nursery (including shoes) is clearly labelled with their name as otherwise we cannot reunite clothes with their owner!

Reception & Nursery Roker Beach Trips

Thank you for all the offers to help on our EYFS beach trips in July. We very much appreciate all offers of support, as without enough volunteers we would not be able to run these trips safely. For those of you with children in Reception, please fill in this online form: [Reception Beach Trip Volunteers](#). This form needs to be filled in by Sunday 16th June and then the charge will be added to your child's Arbor account.

For those of you with children in Nursery, please follow the link below to let us know if your child is attending the trip and the names of any adult volunteers. We have asked that the form be filled in by Sunday 16th June and then a charge will be added to their child's account for the places: [Nursery Roker Beach Trip](#). It is important that you complete the form, even if you have let staff know that you can volunteer, as it allows us to keep all the information together in one place. Please note that there will be no Nursery session for afternoon children on 9th July or for morning children on 11th July as their full trip day will cover two sessions.

Playgroup for Nursery September Starters

We are excited to be relaunching our free playgroup, Lanchester Little 'Uns, starting on 11th June. This is initially for children who will be joining our Nursery in September of this year. The playgroup will be held on Tuesday afternoons between 1:30pm and 2:30pm and children attending must be accompanied by an adult. If you think that you would be interested in attending, please let us know via [this form](#). Please note this is an outdoor playgroup and will be held in the grassed area adjoining the EYFS outdoor playground. Remember that we also have our EYFS Open Day coming up on Saturday 11th May between 10am and 12noon when you can come to look around our Nursery and Reception classrooms and outdoor areas with your child.

Miss Butler

Key Stage One News

This week it is beginning to feel like summer might actually be on the way and with some warmer weather the children have loved learning outside. Both Year 1 and 2 are exploring our local environment in Geography this half term. Year 1 enjoyed exploring the school grounds this week and making maps of our school. Year 2 have been exploring the village and loved watching drone footage of Lanchester from above. Year 1 are also very excited as next Wednesday we will be walking down the railway line to Dora's wood to explore a local woodland.

We have also been doing some fantastic writing this week. Year 1 have been writing character descriptions based on Hansel and Gretel and Year 2 have been writing their own versions of Jim and the Beanstalk.



Key Stage Two News

This week, Year 4 went to the former site of the Consett Steelworks as part of their Might Metals topic. The children were guided around Consett by Mr Moran and learnt about how the location has changed since the Steelworks was in full operation. We were presented with images that allowed the children to visualise

where previous buildings were situated. Additionally, we discussed the rules and regulations set in Blackhill Park by the Steelworks and were even lucky enough to hold a piece of Consett tapped iron. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this learning walk and the children have gained a lot of knowledge regarding the local history and geography of our area.



Other Up-Coming Events/Information

Year 5 Bike Ride – Wednesday 22nd May

We are often inundated with requests from parents/carers to be able to volunteer on their child's bike ride, as it really is a lovely day out. However, we do understand that a number of our children do not have access to a bike, or are unable to ride one. Therefore, please fill in this online form firstly to let us know if your child will be taking part in the bike ride, and secondly to let us know of any volunteers who would like to accompany them: [Year 5 Bike Ride](#). The cut-off date for the form is Friday 17th May.

Class and Year 6 Leavers Photographs – Friday 21st June.

Class and Year 6 Leavers photographs will be taken on Friday 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!).

Positive Thinking

***Let your smile change the world
But don't let the world change your smile.***

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
Tuesday 7 th May 2024	6pm	Montreal Meeting for Parents and Carers
Saturday 11 th May 2024	10 – 12 noon	Open Morning for Prospective Nursery Families
Week Beg. 13 th May 2024	Monday - Thursday	Year 6 Statutory Tests
Friday 17 th May 2024	Lunchtime	Celebratory Pizza Lunch for Year 6
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 21 st May 2024	All Day	House Games, Competitions and Cross Country
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 23 rd May 2024	All Day	Forest Schools Day for Whole School
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 21st June 2024	All Day	Class & Year 6 Leavers Photos
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 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	<i>New Reception Induction Morning (those from other Nurseries)</i>
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	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

KS2 Statutory Assessment Tests - Week Beginning Monday 13th May 2024

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 22nd November 2024	Tuesday 26th 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 25 th April 2025
May Day	Friday 2 nd May 2025	Tuesday 6 th May 2025
Summer Half Term	Thursday 22nd May 2025	Monday 2nd June 2025
Summer Holiday	Friday 18 th July 2025	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025