



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



Tuesday 14th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

A number of years ago we introduced an overnight visit for our Year 4 children linked to work being studied in the Humanities curriculum. Obviously this is now an established tradition in school and once again, we are delighted to be able to offer our children the opportunity to go on an overnight visit to Alnwick Castle, Alnwick Gardens and to stay overnight at Seahouses, Northumberland. This is to support this term's work on Harry Potter in English and the History of Medicine in Humanities.

During the two days there, the children will visit Alnwick Gardens, spend time looking round and they will also have a conducted tour of the Poison Gardens. The following day they will visit Alnwick Castle for a workshop entitled: The Wizard Earl of Northumberland. They will also spend time looking round the castle and have a guided tour and hopefully they will then have time to spend some time on the beach – weather permitting!

The two days are fully catered and the children will stay in Seahouses hostel. The Hostel is run by a Christian foundation within the Diocese of Newcastle. Standing beside St Paul's Church at the edge of the village, the Hostel was converted in 1989 from a girls' school and the farm outbuildings of a former vicarage. An extensive renovation and new build was completed in 2017. It specialises in accommodating children and youth groups and is the perfect venue for an overnight stay.

The cost of the overnight residential which includes transport, food, accommodation and workshops is £85 per pupil and £40 for children who are eligible for Free School Meals. Bearing in mind the entrance costs for both Alnwick Castle and Gardens, this is very good value!

We have booked the accommodation for two consecutive evenings and the children will be going up in their classes. Miss Jackson's class will go on Wednesday 17th April 2024 and return on Thursday 18th April 2024 and Mr Adamson's class will go from Thursday 18th April 2023 and return on Friday 19th April 2024.

As you can imagine, it is quite a challenge to organise these residentials due to the numbers involved and the accommodation has a capacity that we cannot exceed. Therefore, it is absolutely essential that deposits are paid before the deadline and it is quite possible that we will be unable to accept any late requests.

If you would like your child to participate in this overnight visit, please give permission and pay the non-refundable deposit of £20 (£10 for children eligible for free school meals) on Arbor no later than Friday 5th January 2024. The remainder will be due no later than Monday 6th March 2024. However, please remember that payments can be made via Arbor towards the cost of the visit at any time.

A meeting will be held in the new year with further information about this visit. Meanwhile, if you have any further questions about this visit, please just contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Davis

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Head Teacher