



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 18th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a privilege to be able to spend time in every single classroom across the school this week. I really have been so impressed with the wonderful behaviour and attitude of our children. They are engaged, happy, concentrating, having fun, but learning at the same time. It has left me feeling exceptionally proud of our whole school community.

It is hard to believe that we only have one week left before our half-term break. We have been back to school for seven weeks and I have to say that I think the children have been the happiest and most settled in a very long time. Our Reception children are just a joy to be around and I find it hard to believe the great progress they have made in such a short length of time. Long may it all continue.

Staff News

Many of you will recall that Miss Charlotte Martin started her maternity leave last December when she gave birth to her first baby. She has recently informed us that she will not be returning to work and is taking a career break to be with her son. Miss Martin has been with us for over six years since qualifying as a teacher and has been a very valued member of staff, teaching mainly in Early Years and Key Stage 1. We are very sorry to be losing her but know she will thoroughly enjoy being at home with her baby. We wish her all the best and hope that when the time is right, she may return to us again at some point in the future.

No Extra-Curricular Activities Next Week

Please remember that we have no extra-curricular activities next week due to the parent/carer meetings taking place. Wrap Around Care will be on as usual, but no other after school activities. Thank you.

Year 6 Nasal Flu Spray

Unfortunately, the Immunisation Team who were in school on Wednesday ran out of time so were unable to see the Year 6 children. We are waiting for them to reschedule, and will let parents know as soon as we have the new date.

Teatime Club

Please remember that we are starting our wrap around care until 6pm after half term. This does need to be booked in advance. Please book via Arbor. Sessions also need to be paid for in advance. This club is £12 and includes a light tea of a sandwich, healthy snack and drink.

Friends of the School Autumn Disco - Thursday 7 November

Please do not forget that the deadline to buy tickets (£2) for our Autumn Disco is **Friday 25 October at 12pm**. Refreshments are included (hot dog/juice). The Reception Disco is 2:15pm - 3pm, KS1 Disco is 3:15pm - 4:15pm and the KS2 Disco is 4:30pm-6pm. This year, we are asking for song requests - please comment on our post via Friends at Lanchester EP Primary Facebook group and we will pass it to our DJ. We look forward to a fun afternoon/evening!

Children in Reception and KS1 can bring their party clothes with them to school ready for their disco. Staff will help them change just prior to their disco starting. The children will leave the disco via their usual pick up points with their class teacher.

Children in KS2 will enter the disco via the main hall double doors where The Friends volunteers will check them in. If your child is attending After School club, they can bring in their party clothes and make their way

into the hall at 4:30pm. Collection will be at 6pm. Children in Years 5&6 will be released via the main hall double doors and those in Year 3&4 by the main entrance.

The Friends of Lanchester EP Christmas Shop IS BACK!

For many years we have run a very successful Christmas Shop for the children in school. This is definitely one of our favourite events to run - the excitement and joy as gifts are chosen is magical. Each class will visit the shop at an allocated time in the run up to Christmas to choose a gift that has been ordered via parents/carers on our Christmas Shop ordering system. They will then come home that day with their wrapped and labelled goodies to pop under the tree, ready to surprise their loved ones!

This event is open to all year groups (including nursery) – gifts will be priced at £2 each. The Christmas shop ordering system will open from **Monday 4th November**. We will send out more information about how orders can be made on this date.

Poppy Appeal

Once again we will be supporting the Royal British Legion's poppy appeal and will be selling items in school during the day for donations on the week beginning 4th November. Please send in your donations on the following days for your child to get an item – please note, we do have a limited supply of items, so will be limiting children to 1 item each at first. Once we have been round all the classes, whatever is left will be available to get from the School Office.

Day	Year Groups
Monday 4 th November	Reception & Year 2
Tuesday 5 th November	Year 1, Year 4 & Year 6
Wednesday 6 th November	Year 3 & Year 5

Parking

It seems to be a few weeks since I have mentioned parking issues in the village but this week I have received a complaint about parking along Victoria Terrace. Cars are being parked right across the footpath, blocking the footpath resulting in parents and children having to walk on the road. Obviously, this is really dangerous. Please park considerately with a thought for pedestrians and especially parents with young children and buggies.

Lanchester Garden Centre

Some of you may have seen the recent Facebook Post from Lanchester Garden Centre who were giving away baskets of seeds. We were fortunate enough to be one of the ten lucky schools randomly picked to receive these! I will be going to collect these next week and we will then be talking to the School Council to decide how and where to use them. A big thank you to Lanchester Garden Centre for this – we are thrilled!

Head Boy and Head Girl Applications

Year 6 have been told about the application process for these roles. We are giving them a proper real-life experience by sharing a Job Description for the role and going through a proper application process. The deadline for them to apply is Friday 25th October and shortlisting will take place on Monday 4th November before the formal interviews on Friday 8th November. We have also talked to them about the disappointment of going for a job and not being offered it – another life-skill for us all.

Once these appointments have been made, then we will appoint prefects.

Parent Governor Ballot

We have had three parents express an interest in this role and therefore this is now going to a parental ballot. The voting form can be accessed via this link: [Parent Governor Ballot](#). Please read all the information carefully about the three candidates and cast your vote by Friday 25th October at 12 noon when the voting will close. Being a governor is a very important role so please take the time to cast your vote. Thank you.

SEND News

Class teachers are currently busy reviewing SEN Support Plans to reflect the progress that many children have made with their outcomes since the plans were last reviewed in June. We would like to invite parents and carers of children with SEN Support Plans to make an appointment to go through the reviewed plans

with their child's class teacher on Tuesday 12th November. Teachers will have appointments from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. If you would like to make an appointment, please email your child's class teacher by Friday 1st November and they will get back to you by Tuesday 5th November with an appointment time. If you are unsure whether your child has an SEN Support Plan, please contact Mr McLoughlin on: s.mcloughlin@lanchesterep.net.

Rainy Day Playtime Games

Unfortunately, we have had more indoor playtimes than usual this half term and it has made us realise that we need to update our Indoor Playtime Boxes in school. If any of you are having a sort out over half term and have any board games or activities that are in a good condition and would be suitable for use in classrooms on a rainy day, please send them into the School Office. We are working with the Friends of the School to update these boxes but thought if any families had any their children have outgrown, then please send them in! Thank you.

Christmas Fundraiser Info

The deadline for placing an order for the Christmas Fundraiser is **Sunday 20th October**. You should all have received your child's design on a postcard with a code to order their item. Orders are due to be delivered into school at the beginning of December.

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	Attendance to Date	Year Group	Current Week Attendance	Attendance to Date
Reception	95.2%	95.1%	Year 4	98.6%	97.8%
Year 1	97.6%	97.3%	Year 5	98.9%	98.5%
Year 2	97.8%	97.7%	Year 6	98.5%	96.9%
Year 3	94.9%	97.8%	Whole School	97.4%	97.3%

Diary Dates for Next Week

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd October – Nursery – Y6 Parent/Carer Meetings: 3.30pm – 6pm

Please enter school through the Main Entrance. However, please note that we will not be able to allow parents and carers to enter school until 3.30pm. This is simply because we need to allow some time for children to get to After School Club safely and teachers will have been working all day and need a short break before starting the meetings. Feel free to spend some time in your child's classroom looking at their work. Please note, the appointments are for 10 minutes and most teachers have back-to-back appointments, therefore, it is essential they keep to time!

For **Nursery** parent/carer meetings, on Monday 21st October these will be held in the Nursery with key workers from 3.30 – 4.30pm. From 4.50pm, the appointments will be in the main hall with Miss Butler. On Tuesday 22nd October, all appointments for Nursery will be in the main hall with Miss Butler. There will also be key worker appointments on Wednesday 23rd October in Nursery from 3.30 – 4.30pm.

Wednesday 23rd October – Year 2 at Sports Festival

Year 2 will be attending an Autumn sports festival, organised by Durham & Chester-le-Street School Sports Partnership. This event will take place at the Louisa Centre in the afternoon – children will be taken by coach to the venue after their lunch, and will be back into school for normal school finishing time. Children in Year 2 will need to come into school in their PE kits, ready for a fabulous festival of fitness and fun!

Wednesday 23rd October – Mr Stephenson’s Class at Ushaw College

All children from Mr Stephenson’s class need to bring a packed lunch and wear normal school uniform for their day at Ushaw College on Wednesday.

Thursday 24th October – County Cross Country Event

We are thrilled that our Cross Country teams did exceptionally well last week and have qualified for the County Competition on Thursday 24th October. Our Year 3&4 Girls and Boys teams along with our Year 5&6 Boys teams have all qualified and will be competing again at East College, Peterlee on Thursday morning. Parents and Carers will be emailed further information by email today regarding the event.

Thursday 24th October – Year 5/6 Boys Football League

The final games of the half term take place on Thursday after school at Consett Football Club.

School Closed for Half-Term Break

Please remember that our final day for this half-term is Friday 25th October and school re-opens on Monday 4th November. We hope the children enjoy a well-earned break and you manage to enjoy some special family time together.

Holiday Club & Football Camp in School at Half Term

LJG Sports Coaching will be hosting a holiday club and football camp in school during the October half term, from Monday 28th October to Thursday 31st October. If you would like to book a place, please follow these links:

Holiday club: <https://forms.gle/aMWPM3BqNWp8kY1n9>

Football camp: <https://forms.gle/33cqt421Mvjs8Hz46>

Positive Thinking

The happiest people forgive, forget, love, help, care, smile.

The happiest people are the givers, not the takers.

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)

DIARY DATES

Monday 21 st October	3.30pm – 6pm	Parent/Carer Meetings
Tuesday 22 nd October	3.30pm – 6pm	Parent/Carer Meetings
Wednesday 23 rd October	All Day	5MS to Ushaw College for Matisse Workshop
Wednesday 23 rd October	Afternoon	Year 2 at Sports Festival
Thursday 24th October	Morning	KS2 Cross Country County Finals at Peterlee
Thursday 24 th October	3.45 – 5pm	Boys' Football Team at Consett Football Club
Friday 25 th October	5.15pm	School Closes for Half-Term Holiday
<i>Half Term Holiday</i>		
<i>Holiday Club: Monday 28th October – Thursday 31st October in School</i>		
Monday 4 th November	7.30am	School Re-Opens
Monday 4 th November	All Day	Year 2 Arctic & Antarctic Workshops in School
Tuesday 5 th November	All Day	Year 4 Outdoor Viking Workshop in School
Wednesday 6 th November	All Day	Year 3 Graffiti All Stars Workshop in School
Thursday 7 th November	2.15pm – 3pm	Reception Disco
Thursday 7 th November	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Year 1 and Year 2 Disco
Thursday 7 th November	3.45 – 5pm	Boys' Football Team at Consett Academy
Thursday 7 th November	4.30pm – 6pm	Year 3 – Year 6 Disco
Tuesday 12 th November	All Day	Reception at The Laing Art Gallery
Tuesday 12 th November	3.30pm – 4.30pm	SEND Support Plans Reviewed with Parents
Wednesday 13 th November	Afternoon	Year 5 & Year 6 at Louisa Centre – Indoor Athletics
Thursday 21 st November	1.30pm	Senior Choir Concert at Community Centre
<i>Friday 22nd November</i>	<i>6.00pm</i>	<i>SCHOOL CLOSSES</i>
<i>Monday 25th November</i>	<i>All Day</i>	<i>School Closed for Staff Training Day</i>
Week Beg. Monday 2 nd December	All Week	Enterprise Week
Thursday 5 th December	All Day	Year 6 at Newcastle and Theatre Royal for Pantomime
Friday 6 th December	3.15pm – 5pm	Christmas Fair
Wednesday 11 th December	10am	Nursery Nativity Celebration
Wednesday 11 th December	2pm	Nursery Nativity Celebration
Thursday 12 th December	10am	Reception Nativity
Thursday 12 th December	2pm	Reception Nativity
Friday 13 th December	Lunchtime	Christmas Dinner
Friday 13 th December	All Day	Winter Wonderland Day for Year 1 – Year 6
Monday 16 th December	10am	KS1 Nativity
Monday 16 th December	2pm	KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 17 th December	2pm	Year 6 Christmas Play
Tuesday 17 th December	6pm	Year 6 Christmas Play
Tuesday 17 th December	All Day	Nursery and Reception Winter Wonderland Day
Wednesday 18 th December	All Day	Nursery and Reception Party Day
Wednesday 18 th December	Morning	Year 1 Party
Wednesday 18 th December	All Day	The Littlest Elf Performance for EYFS and Year 1
Wednesday 18 th December	Afternoon	Year 2 Party
Thursday 19 th December	9.30am	KS1 Christmas Service
Thursday 19 th December	Morning	Year 3 Party
Thursday 19 th December	All Day	Nursery Winter Wonderland Day
Thursday 19 th December	Afternoon	Year 4 Party
Friday 20 th December	9.30am	Mrs Coyle's Class & Year 4 Christingle and Service

Friday 20 th December	11am	Miss Watt's Class & Year 5 Christingle and Service
Friday 20 th December	Morning	Year 6 Party
Friday 20 th December	Afternoon	Year 5 Party
Friday 20 th December	6pm	School Closes for Christmas Holiday
<i>Christmas Holiday</i>		
Monday 6 th January 2025	7.30am	School Re-Opens
Monday 20 th January	All Day	Blue Monday organised by Friends of the School
Thursday 30 th January	3.45 – 5pm	Girls' Football Team at Consett Academy
Thursday 6 th February	3.45 – 5pm	Girls' Football Team at Consett Academy
Thursday 13 th February	3.45 – 5pm	Girls' Football Team at Consett Academy
Monday 17 th February	3.30pm – 6pm	Parent/Carer Meetings
Tuesday 18 th February	3.30pm – 6pm	Parent/Carer Meetings
Thursday 20 th February	3.45 – 5pm	Girls' Football Team at Consett Academy
Friday 21 st February	All Day	Year 2 Trip to Centre for Life
Friday 21 st February	6pm	School Closes for Half Term Holiday
<i>Half-Term Holiday</i>		
Saturday 1 st March	Early!	Ski Residential Departs from Newcastle Airport
Tuesday 1 st April	Overnight	Mr Adamson's Class at Seahouses
Wednesday 2 nd April	Overnight	Mr Taylor's Class at Seahouses
Friday 4 th April	All Day	Dare to be Different Day - Friends of the School
Monday 7 th April	Overnight	Mrs Coyle's Class at Birdoswald
Tuesday 8 th April	Overnight	Miss Watt's Class at Birdoswald
Wednesday 9th April	All Day	Year 2 Trip to Whitehouse Farm
Thursday 10 th April	1.30pm	Easter Service
Friday 11 th April	6pm	School Closes for Easter Holidays
<i>Easter Holiday</i>		
Monday 28 th April	7.30am	School Opens
Week Beg. Monday 12 th May	All Week	Year 6 Statutory Tests
Week Beg. Monday 19 th May	All Week	Fun and Fitness Week
Thursday 22 nd May	6pm	School Closes
<i>Half Term Holiday</i>		
Monday 2 nd June	7.30am	School Re-Opens
Thursday 5th June	All Day	Year 4 Trip to Tynemouth Aquarium
Week Beg. Monday 9 th June	All Week	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Wednesday 11th June	All Day	Year 3 Trip to Jarrow Hall
Friday 13 th June	Overnight	Overnight Camp in School Field for Families - Friends
Sunday 15 th – Wednesday 18 th June	3 Nights	Year 5 PGL Residential
Week Beg. 23 rd June	All Week	Year 6 Northern Ireland Residential
Tuesday 1st July	All Day	Year 2 Trip to St Mary's Lighthouse
Thursday 10 th July	Afternoon & Evening	KS2 Musical in Consett Empire Theatre
Friday 18 th July	6pm	School Closes for Summer Holidays
Statutory Test Dates		
Monday 12 th May – Friday 16 th May – Year 6 Statutory Tests		
Week Beginning Monday 2 nd June – Year 4 Times Tables Multiplication Check		
Monday 9 th June – Friday 13 th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening		