Lanchester E.P. Primary School

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



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well - welcome back to the old-style letter! Due to the Microsoft issues today, this letter is using good old word and saved to the website! Nothing will beat us…

I would like to start by saying a huge thanks to The Friends of the School for their wonderful organisation of the discos for the children this week. The children seemed to thoroughly enjoy their hour of games, dancing and chips! The DJ was great, the atmosphere excellent and the children's enjoyment and behaviour was probably the best I have seen at our school.

I do not think anyone quite realises the hours of organisation that goes on behind the scenes to organise these events and we really are so fortunate to have such a committed, dedicated and effective Friends of the School. Thank you so much to the committee and all our volunteers for ensuring these discos were such a great success.

It was just unfortunate that the road closure occurred at the same time as drop offs and pick-ups. However, again, the children were so patient waiting for their adult to collect them - they really are a credit to you all.

You will see from this newsletter, we are starting to gear up towards our Christmas events. We try to keep school routines normal for as long as possible which does make the final week of term rather busy. But with only 5 weeks left, there is an awful lot to fit in! It certainly is a wonderful time of the year to work in a school.

GENERAL INFORMATION

COATS IN SCHOOL

As you will all have noticed, the temperature seems to have dropped significantly since being back at school this term. However, there are still a large number of children coming into school without a coat. Please make sure your child brings their coat into school every day as it is imperative to help keep them warm and keep those winter illnesses at bay. From next week, parents and carers of children who do not bring a coat into school will be contacted by text message to ask you to bring one in. Thank you.

WINTER WONDERLAND

Winter Wonderland Tickets will be on sale from today at 4.00pm. To order, you will need to go to: https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/winter-wonderland-26 as all orders for tickets will need to be placed online.

During the day, the children will all be taken to visit Winter Wonderland with their classes as part of our Christmas festivities. However, we are opening it up to the public on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th December, from 4.00 - 7.00pm (last entry will be at 6.15pm). Please click on the link above or use the QR code on the poster below to buy tickets. Each person attending will need a ticket.



Friends of the School Christmas Shop

Reminder: you have until Friday 20th November to order and pay for your child to visit the Friends of the School Christmas Shop. Please note that this deadline is final, as there is a great deal of organisation and preparation that needs to happen before the shop opens. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept any late orders. Orders can be placed by visiting: https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/friends-of-lanchester-ep-christmas-shop. If you have any problems or questions, please email the Friends on: friendsoflanchesterep@gmail.com Thank you!

The Big Question

This week's Big Question has been 'How do you learn to show respect?' Once again, this has provoked lots of discussion in class, and I'm sure many of you have heard all about this at home.

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.

DIARY DATES

Monday 16th November - Year 4 visit to Jorvik Viking Centre, York (7.15am-approx 4.00pm)

Year 4 will be visiting Jorvik Viking Centre on Monday. The children need to be in school by 7.15am and head straight to the Junior Hall door to be registered. They will then be travelling down to York and should be back for 4.00pm, but parents and carers will be updated on the ETA via text message. The children need to wear full school uniform and bring a packed lunch, drink and a coat.

Monday 16th November – Year 5 Basketball Festival at Maiden Castle (morning)

Our Year 5 children will be taking part in a Basketball Festival on Monday morning. They will need to wear their PE kits into school. They will be back in school for their normal lunch.

Monday 16th November & Tuesday 17th November – Book Fair Open for Sales (3.30-4.15pm)

The Scholastic bookfair will be open again for sales on Monday and Tuesday after school in the Junior Hall until 4.15pm. There are books for all ages in cabinets that parents and children can peruse and purchase. Our school receives up to 60% commission on all books sold. Payment can be made with either cash or card via the online QR code. Please note we do not have access to much change, so please try to bring in exact money, or pay via the QR code provided. The Y2-6 After School Club will be in Year 5 Classrooms until 4.15pm on these days.

Tuesday 17th November – Meeting for Shanghai Residential at 5.30pm

We are holding a meeting for all parents and carers of children travelling to Shanghai in March. At this meeting you will find out more about the itinerary, vaccinations required as well as the accommodation. We look forward to seeing you there and answering any questions you may have.

Positive Thinking

We are not a team because we work together.
We are a team because we respect, trust and care for each other.

As always, if there is anything at all you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Jane Davis

Head Teacher



