



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 10th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are approaching that time of year which is really tough for children and young people everywhere as they approach their exams and tests. Our Year 6 children sit their statutory tests next week which test their ability in Maths and English. I think it is really important for us all to remember that these children are 10 and 11 years old and that these tests only assess a very limited amount of their knowledge.

We are very proud of each and every one of our Year 6 children and know they all possess a wide range of talents between them. Some excel at Maths and English and will perform well in the tests. The talents of others may lie in the football pitch, cricket pitch, netball court, acting, languages or playing a musical instrument. They all perform so well in many different areas which are not being tested but that does not mean that they are not talented because we know they are. Every single one of them. We need to celebrate them all. First and foremost, however, is the fact that they are kind, caring and compassionate individuals who look out for each other. That is the most important talent we prioritise in school. I always tell them at the start of Year 6 that the most important thing to us is that they leave us at the end of the year as good citizens and I am proud to say we are well on target for that to happen!

We will have fun with them next week. Yes – they do have to sit the tests. But we will make sure that they have a party-style breakfast, 'play' with Nursery, Reception and Year 1, enjoy the lovely weather for extended periods outside and finish the week in style with a pizza party and their leavers' hoodies. I hope that, once again, as every Year 6 cohort has said in the past, that next week will be their best week in the school year! Only then will I feel that we have been successful in our jobs.

Year 6 Breakfasts

We would like Year 6 to join us at 8.15am every morning next week to enjoy their special SATs breakfasts. They have put their orders in for what they would like and have a feast of breakfasts waiting for them! They are to come through the Junior Hall Door and head straight down to the Year 6 classrooms at 8.15am. Please do not arrive prior to that as we won't be ready for them! Anyone requiring Breakfast club prior to 8.15am will be taken down to class at 8.15am with the rest of their friends. Thank you.

Walk to School Week and Walking Bus

It is National Walk to School Week during our Fun and Fitness Week – week beginning Monday 20th May and we are hoping to play our small part in encouraging as many children as possible do try to Walk to School. We have an increasing number of children coming to school on cycles or scooters which is also great!

During Fun and Fitness Week, from Monday 20th May to Thursday 23rd May, staff from school will operate a Walking Bus from and to The Kings Head. A Walking Bus is where children walk to school together from a given point.

Staff will meet parents and children in the car park at The Kings Head at 8.25am. We will then walk the children along to school. We will do the same at the end of the school day, leaving school at home time and meeting parents at The Kings Head Car Park at 3.25pm.

On Monday, an online form will be sent out to all parents which we ask you to complete to let us know which day/s you would like your child to be part of the Walking Bus. We can only have children whose parents have completed the form as we have ratios of adults to children that we must follow.

If you have any questions about this, please just ask the School Office or myself. Let's hope this is a success!

Parking and Road Safety

We are never going to solve the problem of parking and the number of cars in the village at key points of the day. However, what we can do, hopefully, is educate people on road safety and how to help keep all of us safe – especially our children.

- Double Yellow Lines are there for a reason. Please follow the law and do not park on them.
- Performing a 3-point turn in the middle of the road at the busiest time of the day is not a good idea.
- Driving onto the path is just dangerous.
- It is not necessary to park as close to school as possible. Please consider using the Social Club or Kings Head Car Parks who are both more than happy for you to park there.

Service at All Saints' Church

There is a special service at 10.30am on Sunday morning at All Saints' Church with scratch drama by Sunday School and Messy Church. However, they need more volunteers as a number of children are unable to attend. Therefore, all children would be very welcome to go along and form part of the drama for the service. If your child would like to take part, either email Revd Lesley to let her know, or just turn up at 10am for the rehearsal prior to the service.

Attendance

Reception	99%
Year 1	97.9%
Year 2	99.7%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	95.4%
Year 5	95.4%
Year 6	97.4%

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

Saturday 11th May – Early Years Open Morning 10-12 noon

We hope to see lots of you at our Open Morning tomorrow morning from 10am until 12 noon. Our Nursery will be open for you to come and have a look round, allowing your child to play while you talk to the staff who will be on hand to answer all your questions. Our Reception classes will also be open to showcase our Early Years, so if your child is moving into Reception and wants to explore their new classrooms, please bring them along for a morning of play and fun in our lovely Early Years.

SEND News

After half-term, class teachers will be reviewing SEN Support Plans and EHCP Termly Plans for the final time this academic year. Parents and carers will be able to meet with class teachers after school on Monday 10th June to review children's progress and to finalise their support plans. We hope that parents and carers of children with SEND will be able to attend on this date. Information about booking a meeting slot will follow closer to the time.

Mr McLoughlin

Early Years News

This week in Nursery, we are trying to become Sunflower Experts and find out as much as we can about sunflowers. We have been thinking about what we already know and how to find out more. The children's challenge now is to find out something new about sunflowers to share with us in Nursery. Maybe they could take a trip to the library or they could be supported to use <https://www.kiddle.co/> which is a safe visual search engine for children to use. Can they find any pictures of sunflowers or any works of art including sunflowers? They might like to watch this time-lapse video of a sunflower growing from seed, which we are also sharing in Nursery: <https://youtu.be/x5mHzwEOpp4> We are really excited about this project and welcome any support from home to keep the enthusiasm going.

In Reception we have begun looking at the life cycles of butterflies and frogs. How funny that their babies look nothing like the adults! It reminds us of one of our favourite stories Monkey Puzzle, by Julia Donaldson, that we have been reading this month. We have been searching the woodland for both caterpillars and tadpoles to observe their changes over time. We hope to soon see butterflies and frogs.

Miss Butler

Key Stage One News

We have enjoyed another action packed week in Key Stage 1.



Year 1 have been out and about this week with a trip to Dora's Wood. We spotted lots of plants and wildlife and saw the beautiful blossom trees by the river. We have also been exploring shadows in science. Drawing round our shadows in the sun and making shadow puppets with torches.

We are sending phonics words home to practise every week. Please read these with your children to give them practise reading real and nonsense words. **Just 5 minutes practise a day will make a massive difference!**



Year 2 have been loving their new class book 'The Boy who Grew Dragons' and they have been writing some excellent descriptions of dragons. They have also been experimenting with growing cress in different locations around their classroom to see which will germinate first.

Key Stage Two News

It has been a very busy few weeks in school – especially for our Year 6 children who have been working incredibly hard in preparation for their SATs next week. Every one of them has been superb and are more than ready for the assessments next week.

The timetable for the week is as follows:

Date	Test
Monday 13 May 2024	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 14 May 2024	English reading
Wednesday 15 May 2024	Maths papers 1 and 2
Thursday 16 May 2024	Maths paper 3



The children are most excited about their 'SATs breakfast' in school every morning – we have taken orders from the children for croissants, pain au chocolate, muffins, fruit, yoghurts and a range of juices. At the end of the week, everyone will celebrate with bacon sandwiches and a Domino's Pizza extravaganza next Friday.

I am sure you will all join us in wishing our Year 6 children the very best of luck for next week!
Mr Knighton

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.

Overnight Camp – Friday 14th June.

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 will be emailed to you very soon. Please look out for this in your inbox. I am sure it will be another wonderful social evening for us all!

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

***Everybody is a genius.
But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree,
it will spend its whole life believing that it is stupid.***

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

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 21 st 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	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	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 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