



# 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 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has brought our long-awaited Ofsted inspection which was well overdue. We had not been inspected since September 2018 and have been expecting it at any time this academic year. With only a day's notice, it has meant planning of residentials and trips has been a slight challenge. Last week I took all my Ofsted notes and paperwork to Dubai and they have been to the desert, up the Burj Kalifa and all around Dubai – just in case the phone call came last week! The difference a week makes! The report will be published in due course but it does take a while for it to be written, checked and then published.

I would like to express enormous thanks to the whole school community for the amazing support we have all received this week. We have been overwhelmed with the number of emails, messages, cards, biscuits/cake and positivity sent our way from so many. The inspector commented on the huge number of families who responded to ParentView and added written comments too – all of which were overwhelmingly positive too. We are so grateful that so many of you took the time to respond and comment. Huge thanks to each and every one of you.

We have had another busy week with lots taking place. Dan Smith, the author who visited on Tuesday was quite inspirational. Year 1 had an amazing day in Newcastle to help kick start their topic of Bright Lights, Big City. We have had another good turn out to our Maths in Action lessons and World Book Day was just wonderful. The children were so excited coming into school in their outfits and pyjamas – you did them all proud once again – thank you! We also have 25 PGCE students on site from Durham University today enjoying a Forest Schools Session run by our staff. This is a great opportunity for tomorrow's teachers to see the great impact Forest Schools has on children.

### **Maternity Leave in Reception**

I am sure many of you are aware of Mrs Lydon's forthcoming maternity leave which is planned to start after the Easter holidays. Mrs Riddell will be taking over the teaching of the class for the remainder of the year which is very good continuity for the children who already know her well.

### **Jewellery and PE Uniform**

Please remember that jewellery is not permitted to be worn in school – this is simply for health and safety reasons. I would also like to remind parents and carers that shorts and leggings are not allowed to be worn. Shorts on their own are fine, trousers/leggings on their own are fine but not a combination worn at the same time. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Mothering Sunday Service**

All Saints' Church have a special service at 10.30am on Sunday morning to which you are all invited. This is a service for everyone, led by many of our children with Messy Church and Sunday School also taking part. There will be refreshments and treats following the service too.

### **Reception – Year 6 Parents' Evening Appointments**

Booking for parents' evenings is still open on Arbor, and will close for booking on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Appointments can also be made via the school office. This year, parents' evenings are taking place in the final week of term on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30pm until 6pm. Please note that on these

days, after school club will take place in the Nursery, and there will be no extra-curricular activities that week either.

### **Attendance**

<b>Reception</b>	94.7%
<b>Year 1</b>	95.4%
<b>Year 2</b>	95.1%
<b>Year 3</b>	96.2%
<b>Year 4</b>	96.9%
<b>Year 5</b>	96.8%
<b>Year 6</b>	95.0%

### **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 over both weeks of the Easter holidays. The dates are: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April. To book online, please use the following forms:

[Football Camp Form](#)

[Holiday Camp Form](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Graham via [LJGsportscoaching@gmail.com](mailto:LJGsportscoaching@gmail.com).

### **Diary Dates for Next Week**

#### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March at All Saints' Church at 10.30m**

A special service will be held led by many children from our school.

#### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Reception Maths in Action Lesson at 9.00am**

Please come to the main office just before 9.00am and we will take you to the classroom for a 9.00am start. The session will last around 15-20 minutes and gives you an insight into how Maths is taught in Reception.

#### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 Maths in Action Lesson at 9am**

Please come to the main office just before 9am and we will take you to the classroom for a 9am start. The session will last around 15-20 minutes and gives you an insight into how Maths is taught in Year 1.

#### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 Parents' Meeting at 6pm**

We are holding a meeting for all Year 6 parents on Tuesday at 6pm in the main hall where we will be sharing more information about their forthcoming statutory tests. We hope this will help to give parents and carers more of an insight into the organisation of the week as well as sharing suggestions of ways to help their children in the coming weeks.

#### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 Maths in Action Lesson at 9am**

Please come to the main office just before 9.00am and we will take you to the classroom for a 9.00am start. The session will last around 15-20 minutes and gives you an insight into how Maths is taught in Year 2.

#### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Parents' Meeting at 6pm**

The Year 4 residential to Seahouses is quickly approaching and we are holding a meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm in the main hall to share the kit list and finalised itinerary. The powerpoint and information will be shared with any families unable to attend.

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 at All Saints' Church**

Our Year 3 children will be visiting All Saints' Church as part of this term's R.E. work.

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Parents' Meeting at 6pm**

The Year 3 residential to Birdoswald is at the start of next term and we are holding a meeting on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm in the main hall to share the kit list and finalised itinerary. The powerpoint and information will be shared with any families unable to attend.

### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day**

We will be supporting Red Nose Day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March and are asking all children to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a donation for this worthy cause.

### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Shakespeare Performance of Hamlet**

Our Shakespeare Club are performing Hamlet at Bishop Auckland Town Hall on Friday afternoon at 1pm. I am sure parents and carers will be very proud of their children and I am sure they are looking forward to seeing them in their element!

### **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Ski Residential**

Our annual ski residential leaves at 4.15am in the early hours of Saturday morning. Please note that the bus will be leaving St Bede's school due to the unsociable hours. More information will be shared with the parents of those children going skiing next week about this. I am sure they will all have an amazing week – the snow certainly looks great at the moment!

### **SEND News**

In the Autumn term, we conducted our first termly SEND questionnaire for parents and carers. This was very useful for school staff to understand parent and carer views about our SEND provision and how parents and carers feel about the support their children receive.

We would now like to invite parents and carers of children with SEN Support Plans and EHCPs to complete this term's SEND questionnaire by clicking [here](#). It should take no more than 5 minutes to complete. Thank you for your ongoing support.

### **Early Years News**

This week has been another busy one in EYFS with shop and library visits for Reception, a lovely muddy visit to the forest for Nursery, the excitement of World Book Day and Reception Stay and Play sessions. We have all enjoyed exploring the book 'Here We Are' as part of the World Book Day celebrations.

Our Nursery children have been learning about the importance of washing their hands properly. You might like to support them at home by encouraging them to sing this song as they wash their hands:

*Twinkle twinkle little star, Look how clean my two hands are.*

*Soap and water, wash and scrub, Get those germs off rub-a-dub.*

*Twinkle twinkle little star, Look how clean my two hands are.*

Next week's work in Nursery is planned to build on the current interest in Superheroes. We have already been talking about how we are all superheroes and have special skills and attributes. We will be basing next week's work around the core book Supertato, so expect all kinds of superhero veggie-based shenanigans! If your child would like to bring a vegetable into Nursery next week to turn into a Superhero of their very own, they are very welcome. Please make sure that it is in a bag marked clearly with their name and give it to a member of staff so that we don't find any Evil Peas lurking in strange places at the end of the week! If you don't know the story already, here is one of our favourite versions from CBeebies Bedtime Stories [https://youtu.be/AMoSTMw\\_L1o?si=IJ6MHUJIMyE1nkbN](https://youtu.be/AMoSTMw_L1o?si=IJ6MHUJIMyE1nkbN)

**Miss Butler**

### **Key Stage One News**

What a fabulous week we have had in KS1. On Tuesday Year 1 got to visit the Bright lights of Newcastle on their trip to discover the sights and sounds of the city. The children had a fantastic day and we are so proud of how they managed to walk so far and see so much during the day. Big thanks to Mr Bailey and Mrs Riddell

who had to step in at the last minute to lead the trip. Mr Bailey made an excellent tour guide and the children have learnt lots.

World Book Day was also a highlight of the week and the whole key stage loved taking part. This year the theme was "Reading your own way". We celebrated reading in different ways hence the reading challenge to send in pictures reading in interesting places. I was completely overwhelmed with the response and have received over 420 pictures so far! It was wonderful to see all the children dressed up, what fabulously creative costumes, thank you parents for all your time, creativity and hard work!

Throughout the day the children read in lots of different ways but a really special moment was watching the children read with their buddies in Year 5 and Year 6 at the end of the day. The older children in school listened to the younger children read and then read to the KS1 children and it was wonderful to see them helping each other and having fun together.

### **Key Stage Two News**

It has been such a busy start to the half term! We are only at the end of the second week and yet there have been so many exciting things going on in school. We have been lucky enough to have children experiencing very different parts of the world over the last few weeks. Fourteen pupils visited either Dubai or India either side of half term and another group will be heading to the scenery and snow of the French Alps on our annual ski residential. These are amazing memories for staff and children that will last a lifetime. We are very lucky at Lanchester EP.

### **World Book Day**

The Key Stage 2 children had a wonderful World Book Day yesterday. We had some amazing costumes and relaxed children in their pyjamas! It was great to see everyone dressed up. The children enjoyed the fun activities based around reading and their work on 'Here We Are – Notes for Living on Planet Earth.' Each class produced some amazing work – particularly their book character wooden spoons! A great day was had by all.

### **Positive Thinking**

***The strength of the team is each individual member.***

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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 Spring 2

Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	10.30am	Mothering Sunday Service in All Saints' Church
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	9am	Reception Maths in Action Lesson for Parents
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	9am	Year 1 Maths in Action Lesson for Parents
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Year 6 Parent Information Session on SATs</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	9am	Year 2 Maths in Action Lesson for Parents
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	<b>3.30pm</b>	<b>Boys Football at Meadowfield</b>
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Y4 Parents meeting for Seahouses residential</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>Y3 at All Saints' Church for RE</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Y3 Parents meeting for Birdoswald residential</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Red Nose Day – Non Uniform Day</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	<b>1pm</b>	<b>Performance of Hamlet in Bishop Auckland Town Hall</b>
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	4am	Year 4 – 6 Ski Trip Leaves School
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>County Durham Tag Rugby Finals, Consett Rugby Club</b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	All Day	Reception at Northumberland Zoo
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	3.30pm	Boys Football at Meadowfield
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2024	Afternoon	Year 4 – 6 Ski Trip Returns
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	3.30pm-6pm	Parents' Evening
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	<b>1.30pm</b>	<b>Nursery Stay and Play Session</b>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	3.30pm-6pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Afternoon	Easter Service in All Saints Church
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Morning	Easter Egg Decorating Competition
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Nursery Stay and Play Session</b>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	2.30pm	Coffee Afternoon
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	5.15pm	School Closes for Easter Holiday
<b>LJG Sports Coaching Holiday &amp; Football Camp in School Tuesday 2nd – Thursday 4th April and Tuesday 9th – Thursday 11th April 2024</b>		
<b>KS2 Statutory Assessment Tests - Week Beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>		
<b>Year 4 Multiplication Check - Week Beginning Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024</b>		
<b>Year 1 &amp; Year 2 Phonics Screening Check - Week Beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b>		

### School Holidays 2023 – 2024

Holiday	Last Day at School	Re-open for Teaching
Spring Half Term	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Easter Holiday	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
May Day	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Summer Half Term	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
Summer Holiday	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>

### School Holidays 2024 – 2025

Holiday	Last Day at School	Re-open for Teaching
		Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Autumn Half Term	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
<b><i>Long Weekend</i></b>	<b><i>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024</i></b>	<b><i>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024</i></b>
Christmas Holiday	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Spring Half Term	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2025
Easter Holiday	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
May Day	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
<b><i>Summer Half Term</i></b>	<b><i>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025</i></b>	<b><i>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025</i></b>
Summer Holiday	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025