



# 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 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Senior Leadership Team, along with one of our parent governors, recently interviewed some of our Year 6 children who applied and were shortlisted for the position of Head Boy and Head Girl. I have to say that we all felt quite humbled by the confidence and resilience of these children to be able to sit in front of 5 adults and answer some quite challenging questions – one which they had in advance and others which were just asked then and there. This is such an important skill which we hope will help them in future when they start applying for jobs, possibly in just a few years' time. However, they made our job exceptionally difficult because they were all so eloquent and articulate. We were so impressed with the quality of their responses along with their ideas for plans for the school.

I am delighted to inform you however, that Betsey and James are our new Head Girl and Head Boy along with Eleanor and Jackson who are our Deputy Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy. The other children will be our Prefects with specific duties assigned to them.

### **Friends of the School Christmas Shop**

Please remember that orders are now open for the Christmas Shop. All orders must be in by Friday 22nd November, so if you'd like your child to visit the Christmas shop during December, please make sure you place your order this week. Orders can be placed by visiting: <https://forms.gle/Bvg65DT6ZY3W4SCw9>  
If you have any problems or questions, please email the Friends on: [friendsoflanchesterep@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoflanchesterep@gmail.com)

### **Stay and Play Sessions**

It has been lovely to see so many parents and carers in school this week in our Early Years for our Stay and Play sessions. It is a real privilege for us to be able to give you just a small glimpse into your child's daily lives with us! I hope you will agree how happy they are in school – and what a lovely environment they have!

### **Year 6 Indoor Athletics**

Last week our Year 5 & 6 boys football team won the league and this week our Year 6 Indoor Athletics Team won the Derwentside competition and will go forward to the County competition in the spring term. We are thrilled with their success, but once again, it must be said that their attitude and sportsmanship was simply superb. We have so much to celebrate and be proud of!

### **Parent Suggestion Box**

It was mentioned recently that it might be appropriate to have a Parent Suggestion Box somewhere central for parents and carers to make suggestions about how to improve our school further. We always ask for suggestions at the end of the summer term, but obviously, many suggestions are made during the year itself. This suggestion box is located in the main entrance by the window to the office. Please pop any suggestions in there that you may have. Whilst we may not be able to put everything into place, you have always had some really useful ideas for us! Please keep them coming!

### **School Closed – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Please remember that school is closed on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November to all pupils due to staff training. School will re-open on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

### **Woodland Worship – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm**

We would like to introduce some Worship in the Forest and thought the final Sunday afternoon of the term would be a perfect time to hold our first session. Children must be accompanied by an adult and all attending need to have strong footwear with appropriate warm clothing. We will start the session with hot drinks by the fire, followed by activities in the woodland, before coming back together to sing, share readings and prayers. This should be a very special hour! However, places will be limited. If you would like to book a place (and please do not book unless you are absolutely sure you will be attending) please complete the form here: [Woodland Worship Attendance](#). Thank you.

### **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 Percentage	Attendance Percentage to Date
Reception	97.6%	95.0%
Year 1	94.4%	96.9%
Year 2	97.2%	97.7%
Year 3	96.1%	97.4%
Year 4	97.8%	97.9%
Year 5	98.1%	98.3%
Year 6	98.2%	97.2%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>97.1%</b>	<b>97.2%</b>

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

#### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 5.30pm – Meeting for Dubai Trip**

We will meet on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 5.30pm for everyone going on the residential to Dubai next year. We will share photographs and the planned itinerary as well as being able to answer any questions you or your child may have about the trip.

#### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November - Choir Performing at Community Centre at 1.30pm**

Our senior choir will be performing at the Community Centre at 1.30pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November. I know they will thoroughly enjoy this experience, as will their audience!

### **Positive Thinking**

***When little people are overwhelmed by big emotions,  
it is our job to share our calm, not join their chaos.***

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)