



# LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been quite a week in the life of our country and one which I am sure will stay with us all for the rest of our lives. Our children are certainly living through some key historical events. The death of our greatly admired and respected Queen is a great loss to our country and this week we have been helping the children to reflect on the life and achievements of our longest serving monarch. We do intend to work together as a whole school to create some lasting memorial to the Queen but this will be decided in due course over the forthcoming weeks and months.

Obviously, as communicated earlier in the week, the school is closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September for the Bank Holiday and we will be spending some time after the funeral, continuing to support the children to manage their feelings and emotions as we know many of them have struggled a little this week.

## **Meet the Staff - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – Reception to Year 6**

We are looking forward to meeting you all on Tuesday evening. Please remember that we have one session in person at 3.30pm. Please collect your child at the end of the school day and then come round to the Main Entrance of school. We will then open the doors to you all after ensuring we have all the children in After School Club. This will be followed by a session on Zoom at 4.15pm. We will record those sessions and upload them to eSchools and the website on Wednesday. These sessions give you the opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and teaching assistant in person and also find out more about their daily routines and classroom environment.

## **Cleaner Vacancies**

We were unable to fill the Cleaner Supervisor post which was advertised in August so have now changed the roles and are hoping to appoint two 16 hour cleaners. The job description, advert and application form are on our website but if you have any questions about these roles, please email: [n.rippon@lanchesterep.net](mailto:n.rippon@lanchesterep.net) for further information. The closing date is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 4pm.

## **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**

Good school attendance is crucial to academic success. Our Attendance Officer analyses the attendance of every single child in school and as soon as attendance starts to dip below 95%, then this could result in a phone call or visit. This year, we are sharing the attendance of every year group on a weekly basis as it is really important that parents and carers are aware of the attendance across school too.

	Attendance
Reception	95.4%
Year 1	99.2%
Year 2	96.5%
Year 3	95.6%
Year 4	97.3%
Year 5	98.5%
Year 6	96.7%

### **Lanchester 2.5km Fun Run**

This takes place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September and is a great event for both adults and children. Entries close this Sunday, 18th September, for the fun run - don't miss out - enter now! It takes place at Burnhopeside Hall and the 2.5km course opens for registrations at 9.30am with the mass start at 10am. If you prefer to avoid the crowds start at any time after 10am until 11:30am. You can do as many laps of the course as you wish but the course will close at 12pm. Car parking will be limited, costs £2.50 per car and must be pre-booked using the entry form. Pedestrian and cycling access will be available from Malton. Confirmation of your entry and final details will be sent out a week or two before the run by email. Any questions please contact us: [thelanchesterpartnership@gmail.com](mailto:thelanchesterpartnership@gmail.com)

### **Moette – Uniform Supplier**

Please read the statement below from Moette in light of the recent issues they have faced with online payments:

*I am writing from Moette Ltd to try and reassure you all that we are sorting out the fraudulent activity that has been happening on our website.*

*We have launched an independent investigation with Visa Europe who will advise how this has happened and more importantly the next steps to take. We have, unfortunately, been a target at the end of 2021 and we followed every step we were asked to do by Visa Europe and the external web developers and thought that our site was safe and secure. When we were first alerted, we again contacted Visa Europe and Opayo (Sagepay) to ask for independent reports to be carried out. In addition, our external web developers are working hard to find out how this has happened and more importantly putting it right. It would appear that not all customers are having their card used fraudulently, a small percentage have.*

*As a small family run business, we are devastated that this has happened to us twice in such a short period of time and can only apologise to you all, especially those who have had to sort new cards out after they have been fraudulently used elsewhere. We have worked hard over the years to build our reputation up and it is soul destroying to see that fraudsters are ruining this.*

*In the short term, should you need to order uniform, please:*

- 1. Visit us in Langley Park – we can accept cash or card*
- 2. Email us on [sales@moette.co.uk](mailto:sales@moette.co.uk) with your order and include a telephone number for us to call you back to take payment*
- 3. Call us on 0191 3735995 and place your order over the phone*

*In addition to all of the above, we are also looking at an alternative payment platform and also a complete new website – these things however take time.*

*As soon as this matter is resolved, we will let you know using this newsletter.*

*Once again, please accept our apologies for the inconvenience this has caused some of you – I know how frustrating it is as it has happened to me personally before.*

*The Directors @ Moette Ltd*

### **Educational Visits**

We have had two very successful educational visits this week. Year 2 were very fortunate with the weather on Monday when they went to Hartlepool Maritime Museum. They had a wonderful day and their behaviour and attitude was first class and commented upon by the staff at the museum. A great start for them.

This was then followed by a visit to TTS in Nottingham by four of our digital leaders. It was a pleasure to spend the day with them and they were wonderful ambassadors for our school. They were tasked with trialling one of their newest pieces of equipment – Oti-Bot – their latest robot, which they thoroughly enjoyed!

### **Naming and Labelling Uniform**

Can we please ask you all to check all sweatshirts and cardigans your child brings home? We are trying our very best to send children home with the right uniform but we are still missing items despite all the checks we are doing. Please let us know if you are sending back an item that does not belong to your child so that we can give it back to the owner. If you have not labelled your child's uniform, please do so.

### **Help Needed**

We are – as always! – looking to develop our Early Years outdoor area. We would like some more tyres to be able to section off areas and set up digging and planting areas. If anyone can help us out with this, we would be very grateful. We would be especially interested in large tractor tyres.

The staff would also like to add to the resources for our outdoor stage area, so if anyone has an old microphone they no longer need, we could put it to good use – it doesn't need to work. Thank you!

### **Space Week Special Menu**

This year we will be celebrating Space Week in School from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. There will be a special lunch on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October** for all children in school and we will be inviting those on packed lunch to join those on school meals in sampling the interplanetary space food, prepared by our very own Kitchen Aliens (we have been told they come in peace). There will be a letter sent out today, along with an online form to fill in your child's menu choice for the day. Choices need to be back by **22<sup>nd</sup> September** so ET can phone home for supplies!

### **Nasal Flu Vaccination**

Please look out for this letter which will be emailed out today. The NHS are offering this to all children from Reception to Year 6 in school and there is an online form to be completed. Please note that we are unable to access this form for you or to add your child's name to any list. The form **MUST** be completed by a parent or carer in advance. Thank you.

## **Early Years News**

We will be holding an Open Morning for all prospective Reception children and parents on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November** between 10am and 12 noon. This will give you the opportunity to come along and talk to the staff whilst also seeing a little more of our Reception and KS1 environments.

Choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will ever make for your child so I am also more than happy to show any prospective parents around school during the school day. Please just email the School Office or myself and we will get back to you with some suggested days and times.

Applications for Reception School Places are now open and it closes on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023. It is essential that you apply within these timescales as late applications are not guaranteed a school place. We are full in Reception this year with a waiting list so it really is essential that you apply for a school place on time.

Please follow this link to apply for a school place: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2189/Apply-now-for-a-primary-school-place-deadline-15-January-2023>

## **Key Stage 1 News**

Mr Innes would like to say a massive well done to all the Year 1 and Year 2 children for such a fantastic start to the year. They have all settled in really well and are working hard in class. Year 1 have made the adjustment to KS1 superbly well and the staff are very impressed by their behaviour, independence and attitude to learning. Long may this last!

On a practical note, please note that Year 1 PE has changed date since the parents evening in July - PE days are now Monday and Friday for Year 1.

We only have wellies for about half the children in Year 1 & 2. If parents could please bring wellies in for the children to keep in school, that would be great.

There are very few Year 1 and Year 2 who have signed up for Cool Milk this year. This is just a reminder if you want your child to have milk, please take the following steps:

1. Register your child as [www.coolmilk.com/register](http://www.coolmilk.com/register).
2. Milk for children over 5 costs about £18.00 per term, and can be paid for straight away via the website.
3. If payment for milk is made by 5pm on Tuesday, your child will receive their milk from the following Monday.

There is no obligation for you to sign your child up for milk, but we do have a number of children who have been asking to have milk but don't understand why they cannot have it. Fruit is still provided free of charge to pupils in Year 1 & 2 every day.

### **Year 1 Forest School After School Club Information**

Please note that Forest School club will be dismissed from the **Field Gate** at 4.30pm from now on. Hopefully this will allow for quicker and more efficient dismissal of children. If your child is attending Forest School Club please could you ensure they have wellies in school as they will need them for future sessions.

## **Key Stage 2 News**

It is the time of year when our Year 6 parents are thinking about their next stage. The application process is now open for secondary school applications and the deadline is Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please follow this link to apply for your child's secondary school place: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2192/Apply-now-for-a-secondary-school-place-deadline-31-October-2022>

It is essential that you apply in time as late applications are penalised. There are a number of open evenings coming up which are all detailed below. These are the only dates I am aware of at the moment:

- Consett Academy – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 5pm – 7pm with a Welcome from the Principal, Tom Urwin at 5.15pm and 6.15pm. All are welcome.
- St Bede's Academy – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 5.30pm – 7pm. Wherever possible, we request that Students attend with one Parent only. To register your intention to attend, please visit: <https://forms.office.com/r/X3zd4k2TFv>

### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Captain Chemistry with Year 4**

The children will be delighted to work with him again and will be spending their time looking at Digestion! I am sure they will tell you all about it!

### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 6pm - Meeting for Latvia Trip**

We will meet on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm to discuss the forthcoming residential for some of our Year 5 girls to Latvia. It will only take around half an hour. Please come through the Main Entrance for this meeting. Thank you.

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Captain Chemistry with Year 5**

The children will be spending a day studying Space – you can find out all about their day on Twitter!

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Stone Age Workshops for Year 3**

Year 3 will enjoy a virtual workshop over Zoom all about The Stone Age. This is the first time we have done this and I am sure it will be a great experience for them all.

### **Year 5 Overnight Residential to Birchwood**

This has been booked for Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and letters will be emailed next week with further information. The children will travel down early Thursday morning and visit Cadbury World on the Thursday, stay overnight at our partner school in Tamworth and then travel up to the National Space Centre on the Friday before returning home later that day. This is always a great trip for the children and one they really look forward to.

### **India Residential**

The flights have now been booked for this trip. They will fly from Newcastle on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and return the following weekend. We are having a meeting about this trip on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm over Zoom. Mrs Veena Soni, the consultant who will be leading the visit, will be present to talk to all parents and carers about the trip, itinerary and what to expect. Staff will also be at the meeting. Mr McLoughlin will lead this visit with Mr Adamson, Mrs Startup, Mrs Bailey, Miss Hawke and Mrs Soni accompanying the children as well. Just like the children, we draw names out of a hat to choose which staff will travel on these trips as well!

### **Dubai Residential**

Emails have been sent out this week to all parents and carers who applied for a place on this visit. I realise we have had some disappointed children – what I have said to them is that we also have some very disappointed adults in school too whose names were not pulled out of the hat either. We had over 60 children applying for this visit but we can only take 24 children – it is hard. I will be leading this visit with Miss Jackson, Miss Corper, Mr Knighton, Mr Southern and Mr Bailey.

We hope to book the flights as soon as possible and it looks increasingly likely that we will fly on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February (half term week) and return on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023. However, I will confirm this once it is all booked. We will hold a meeting at the beginning of next half term about this visit but if you have any questions, please just ask.

## **Advance Notices**

### **Holiday Club Dates – October & December**

LJG Coaching will be running the holiday clubs in school on the following dates:

24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October

21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> December

If you would like to book onto any of these dates, please fill in the online form here: [Holiday Club Booking](#), or email [ljsportscoaching@gmail.com](mailto:ljsportscoaching@gmail.com) for more information. Please note, children must be 4 years old to attend.

### **Advance Diary Dates**

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Erasmus+ Visitors from Hungary, Spain & Germany arrive for the week
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest Festival in All Saints Church
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	School Walk from Seahouses to Bamburgh
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Children leading Harvest Service in All Saints Church
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Pet Blessing Service at 3pm on the Village Green
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Phonics Sessions at 8.45am and 6pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Meeting about Visit to India - 5pm on Zoon
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 at National Space Centre, Cadbury World and Birchwood School
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Confirmation Service at Leadgate St Ives Church–time to be confirmed
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> –Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Erasmus+ Visit to Ajka, Hungary

The half term newsletter will be with you next week with more information and dates.

### **Positive Thinking**

***Even in dark times, there is hope.  
Every ending has a new beginning.***

Best Wishes,

*Jane Davis*

Mrs Jane Davis  
Head Teacher