



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 2 – Friday 13th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great week we have had in school – the children have been just so settled and happy – long may it continue!

Monday 16th September 2019 – Girls Football Match

Our girls football team fixtures start this week and they play at Greenland Primary School in Stanley straight after school on Monday night. Letters have been given to those girls involved.

Tuesday 17th September at 4.00pm and 4.30pm – Meet the Teacher (Reception – Year 6 only)

This has become a regular event and one which is welcomed by many parents. On Tuesday 17th September, straight after school, you will have the opportunity to get to know your child's new class teacher a little better and attend our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions after school. The meetings will last for about 15-20 minutes and take place in the classrooms. The teachers will be sharing information about the timetable and topics for their class, as well as giving you the chance to see your child's classroom and ask any questions you might have. The meetings take place at 4.00pm and 4.30 pm – that way, if you have children in different classes, you will still be able to meet both of their teachers. We look forward to welcoming you all in school on Tuesday.

Tuesday 17th September at 3.45pm and 4.45pm - New Curriculum Meetings

On the same evening as our Meet the Teacher sessions, we will have two sessions where we will tell you a little more about the new curriculum in Years 1-6 this year. We have made some small changes to our teaching approach to the foundation subjects which will be explained in more detail at these meetings. These will be held in the Junior Hall.

Tuesday 17th September – Meeting for Year 5 & 6 Parents - Residentials

PGL, Dalguise for Year 5 & 6

This year, the children in Years 5 & 6 will all have the opportunity to go on two residentials. In July 2020, from 6th – 10th July, we will be taking children from both Year 5 & 6 to PGL Outdoor Adventure Centre in Dalguise, Perthshire. This is always our most popular residential when the children have the opportunity to enjoy a wide range of outdoor activities including abseiling, kayaking, raft building, mountain biking, zip wire and many more.

Tamworth for Year 5

Year 5 are being given the opportunity to visit the National Space Centre in Leicester, Cadbury World in Birmingham and sleeping over in our partner school in Tamworth. This takes place on Thursday & Friday 17th – 18th October 2019.

Ford Castle for Year 6

Our annual Year 6 two night residential to Ford Castle takes place from Wednesday 26th to Friday 28th February 2020. This is always a wonderful opportunity for our Year 6 children to enjoy some special time together as well as experiencing what it is like to sleep in a real castle!

If you would like to find out more information about all of these residentials, please come along to the meeting at 6pm on Tuesday 17th September when more information will be shared. Thank you.

Wednesday 18th September – Girls Netball Tournament at Durham High School

Our netballers are taking part in their first tournament for the year at Durham High School. It is a competition for Year 5 children and is during the day. All children who are participating have been given a letter. They need break time snacks and plenty of fluids. Children will return to school in time for the end of the school day. Your child will be given a separate letter regarding this if they are involved.

Wednesday 18th September – Boys Year 5&6 Football League

The boys Year 5 & 6 Football League starts on Wednesday night at Tanfield Lea Primary School. The boys involved have been given a letter and I am sure they are all looking forward to their fixtures!

Foundation Stage News (Nursery and Reception)

We would like to invite you to our Foundation Stage Stay and Play sessions this year. These are for families of all our Nursery and Reception children. They usually take place from 9.00am - 11.00am and 12.45pm - 2.45pm and allow you to spend time in our setting, exploring themed activities with your child and finding out about what we do and why we do it. To allow you to plan for these, here are the dates for this academic year:

- Wednesday 16th October - Autumn Stay and Play
- Wednesday 26th February - Lent Stay and Play
- Wednesday 1st April - Easter Stay and Play
- Wednesday 17th June - Dad's Day Stay and Play
- Wednesday 8th July - Summer Celebration Stay and Play

Reception parents and carers should receive a letter today to inform them which teacher will be their Key Worker this year. We have thought very hard about this and have tried our best to take into account their needs and interests. Please be assured that the children will continue to work with all staff in our Foundation Stage Unit and will get daily opportunities to mix with the other children. Children joining us in Nursery will be assigned a Key Worker and a Family Group as soon as possible when we have had a little time to get to know them.

Can we please remind everyone that every child should have a bag of spare clothes with them at school in case they need to change. Although we do have spares, we only have a limited supply and we are extremely short of socks. If anyone could donate spare socks, we would be very grateful! Please bring any donations to Nursery.

Reception to Year 6 Flu Vaccine – Consent Deadline 27th September.

All children from Reception to Year 6 should have received a letter from the NHS regarding the flu vaccine offered to all pupils in this age group. To give your consent for your child to have the vaccine, which will be given in school on **14th November**, please go to www.hdft.nhs.uk/electronic-consent – you will be asked for the school name: **Lanchester EP** and the unique code: **131168**. If you have any questions or do not have internet access to complete the form, please do not hesitate to contact the immunisation team on: 03000 032554. Consent must be completed by **27th September 2019**. Your child will not be given the vaccine if you do not fill in the consent.

Labelling of School Uniform.

We have already had a number of jumpers, cardigans and coats which have been mislaid across school. Whilst every effort is made to reunite your child with their clothing, this is not possible if the clothing is not clearly named. We already have piles of unnamed clothing beginning to be collected around school. Please if you have not already done so put your child's name on all items of their uniform.

Applying for a Reception place 2020.

For children born between **1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016**, you need to complete an application, stating which primary school you would like your child to attend. You still need to apply even if you have an older child attending the same school, and **even if you attend Nursery at Lanchester EP you must still apply for a Reception place**. Each year we have a number of children who miss out on a place in our Reception because parents have forgotten to apply for a place. **The deadline for applications is midnight on Wednesday, 15 January 2020.**

Applications must be made via <http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>.

If you are unable to apply online, please download the form from:

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2189/Apply-for-a-primary-place-deadline-15-January>.

Please note, we have been advised by Durham County Council that we should not send in forms on behalf of parents.

Applying for a Secondary School place 2020.

For children born between **1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009**, you need to complete an application, stating which secondary school you would like your child to attend. **The deadline for secondary school applications is midnight on Thursday 31 October 2019.** Once again, it is very important to apply for a secondary school place by the deadline, as a late application greatly reduces your chances of getting a place at your preferred school. Applications must be made via **<http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>**.

If you are unable to apply online, please download the form from:

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2192/Apply-for-a-secondary-place-deadline-31-October>.

Please note, we have been advised by Durham County Council that we should not send in forms on behalf of parents.

Foundation Stage Open Evening and Morning

We will be holding an Open Evening for prospective Reception parents on Monday 11th November at 6pm and Saturday 16th November from 10am until 12.00pm. We would warmly welcome all parents to come along and have a taste of our wonderful Early Years environment.

As usual, if there is anything at all that you would like to talk about, or that is concerning you, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. We are here to help you and your child.

Yours sincerely,

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