



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Friday 7th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week in school with Tiny Tweeties working with Reception children, Early Years and Key Stage 1 Harvest Festival, our special space-themed lunch yesterday and lots of sport taking place too. As I sit looking out of my office window, the trees are just starting to turn colour and the hot, balmy days of summer appear long gone.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and carers who brought their children to All Saints' Church on Sunday to lead their Harvest Service – they were superb – all so confident, self-assured and very well-spoken. Well done to the children and thank you to the parents!

It was lovely to see so many of you at the phonics workshops – I do hope you found them useful. If there are any parents who could not attend, the presentation can be found on our website in the curriculum section- Early Readers & Phonics - link: [Lanchester EP Primary School - Early Reading and Phonics](#)

We are so sorry that the meeting about India had to be postponed at such short notice. This was due to illness and just could not be helped – there seem to be so many bugs going round at the moment! However, we have re-arranged the meeting to take place on Thursday 13th October at 6.30pm. It will be in person, but we will also email a Zoom link to make it as easy as possible for as many parents as possible.

Confirmation for Years 5 & 6

All parents of Year 5 & 6 children have been emailed a letter from Revd Sutherland about the forthcoming Confirmation Classes and special service led by Bishop Sarah on Sunday 20th November at Leadgate. Please note that a response is needed by Monday 10th October and also that the correct phone number for Revd Stephen Martin is: 509730. Thank you.

New Appointments

We are delighted to have made three new appointments this half term. Mrs Gemma Scott started as our additional lunchtime supervisory assistant this week. We welcome her to the team and know that she will be a great addition to our school. We also interviewed for two cleaners this week. We are really pleased to be able to offer Mrs Oksana Pavliuk and Mr Philip Hobbs the jobs working with our great team. Again, we are thrilled to welcome them on board and know that they too will make great team members of our school. They will be starting with us after the October half term holiday.

Morning Snacks

We would just like to remind you of our policy of children only bringing healthy snacks to school for a morning playtime. There seem to be an increasing number of children bringing crisps, sweets and chocolate into school. These are not permitted. Fruit is the perfect option for a morning playtime. Please remember however, that all children in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a piece of fruit free of charge due to a government scheme. If your child brings a piece of fruit for morning playtime, it does need to be stored separately from their packed lunch as they are not allowed to access their packed lunches until dinnertime. Thank you for your support in this matter.

ParentPay Accounts

Please continue to monitor your child's ParentPay account for any dinner money, wrap around care or trip payment requests. We have lowered the minimum top-up to £1 for dinner money to help where we can with household budgeting. If you are experiencing any difficulties in keeping up with payments, please do not ignore the reminders but get in touch with Miss N Rippon (n.rippon@lanchesterep.net) or Mrs Davis to discuss how we may be able to help. We fully understand the pressures that households are facing where costs seem to be rising non-stop - we really do want to help you if we can. Any correspondence will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence and any help given will be discreet.

Henry Dancer Days

Two of our children will be taking part in the Great North Junior Run this weekend and are raising money for a charity very close to our hearts – Henry Dancer Days. If you would like to make a donation to support both Kate and Ben, as well as a very worthwhile cause, please click on the link to make your donation. Thank you.

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Gowan-](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Gowan-Family1?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_transactional--donation_received--_nth_donation&utm_content=f271cb63-df34-490c-b186-37e2ab579386&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postoffice&utm_term=1664908910821)

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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

Here is the attendance for last week – we do celebrate good attendance in our Achievement Assembly every Friday morning and the children are always keen to be the best!

Year Group	Attendance Percentage	
	Week Beginning 26 th September	Week Beginning 3 rd October
Reception	93.9%	94.3%
Year 1	94.2%	96.5%
Year 2	95.9%	96.5%
Year 3	97.1%	98.6%
Year 4	94.4%	97%
Year 5	95.8%	98%
Year 6	95.8%	96.5%

Christmas Fundraising

For our Christmas fundraising this year, every child will create a piece of artwork which can be transferred onto a festive hanging decoration, fridge magnet or coaster. These artwork prints will make a lovely Christmas keepsake for friends and family members years to come and the children really enjoy creating their designs. More information about how to purchase these items will be sent separately.

Dates for Next Week

Sunday 9th October – Erasmus+ Visit to Latvia

Imogen, Ella, Grace and Molly along with Miss Butler and Mrs Moralee fly to Riga, Latvia on Sunday evening for their forthcoming week in our partner school, Cesvaine Secondary School. I know they will have an amazing week there and they will enjoy sharing their experiences with us all on their return.

Tuesday 11th October – Year 1 Trip to The Hancock Museum

Our Year 1 children are really looking forward to their visit to the Hancock Museum on Tuesday. All children are to come to school in their school uniform and with a packed lunch. They will return in time for the end of the school day.

Wednesday 12th October – Accelerated Reading Workshops at 8.45am and 6pm

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our workshops next week where we can talk to you in a little more detail about Accelerated Reader. These will take place in the Junior Hall at 8.45am and again at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you there. Entry will be through the Junior Hall Door. The PowerPoint presentation will be uploaded to the website after the sessions for anyone who is unable to make it in person.

Thursday 13th October – Friends of the School Meeting at 5.45pm

The Friends of the School are meeting in school at 5.45pm on Thursday 13th October. Please feel free to come along and have a chat and perhaps share some ideas for social and fundraising events you would like to have this year.

Thursday 13th October – India Meeting at 6.30pm

We are sorry for the short notice in postponing the India meeting last week but it just could not be helped. However, we are pleased that we have managed to rearrange the meeting for 6.30pm on Thursday 13th October. Mrs Veena Soni will be there as well as the staff going on the trip and we hope to be able to answer all your questions!

Sports Events

It has been a real treat for me being to go along and see the girls competing at Consett Football Club as well as watching our Year 2 boys on Tuesday night at Greenland Primary School. I hope to join the boys team next week as well as the cross country team!

Monday after school: Girls Football at Consett Football Club

Wednesday afternoon school: KS2 Boys Football at Consett Football Club

Thursday after school: KS2 Cross Country at Delves Lane Primary School

Bookings Open for Reception – Year 6 Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening appointments can be booked via your eSchools log in (new Reception parents were texted these last week), or by phoning or emailing the school office on school.office@lanchesterep.net. Booking will close on Monday 17th October at 8.00am and any bookings after this will need to be made via the school office.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Next week is the final week for our extra-curricular activities. There will be none during the final week of term due to the Parents' Evenings taking place. Wrap Around Care will take place as normal during the final week of the half term.

Early Years News

The children in Nursery and Reception are very much enjoying exploring the seasonal changes as the weather is cooling and the days are getting shorter. Many of the children have had Forest School sessions this week and much fun has been had exploring this exciting natural environment. The children have also been delighted to share with us the Autumn treasures they have found on their way to school. These provide us with so many opportunities for rich conversations and vocabulary development. We would love to hear about any Autumn walks you might take with your child – if you share them via Evidence Me, we can talk about them in school too.

Moving forward, we are planning for Reception children to enjoy time in the forest every Thursday. We have waterproofs and wellies in school, so they don't need anything extra bringing to school, but it might be a good idea to dress them in comfortable grey or black joggers/leggings on Thursdays (rather than skirts/dresses or grey school trousers) to help them feel comfortable when they are in the forest.

Reception had the experience of joining with Year One for their Harvest Festival on Wednesday. They sang a song and recited a poem that they have been learning. We were so impressed by their listening skills in the hall! Year One sang the Harvest Samba for us and helped out with Miss Butler's retelling of The Little Red Hen. Great work from all of you!

Thanks for your donations of flowers this week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the textures and scents of the different flowers and they have very much enhanced our creative areas indoors and mud kitchen area outside. Please continue to think of us when you have flowers that you are about to throw away!

Applications for Reception School Places are now open and close on Sunday 15th 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

don't forget that children who attend our Nursery do not automatically transfer up to Reception so you must put in an application if you would like your child to continue with us.

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



It is hard to believe it is already Week 5 of the Half Term! The children have been working so hard and we are already seeing some fantastic progress in the children's work. The staff are so impressed with how the children are working! The teachers in Year 1 and 2 are particularly pleased with the quality of the writing the children are producing.

Year 1 have been writing some dinosaur fact files and Year 2 have been writing stories about Pirate Tom. The children are very excited for you to come and look at their work on parents' evening!

On Wednesday, Year one enjoyed their Harvest Festival with Reception. There were songs, poems, stories and prayers. There was a wonderful atmosphere as we said 'Thank you to God for all the wonderful things we have.' The children very kindly brought in tins of food which will be donated to the Local Foodbank. Thank you again for your generosity, I know the donations will be greatly received.

Sadly, next week (12th October) will be the last Family Forest School Session. We have had a wonderful time over the last 4 weeks and the staff have loved getting to know the children and the parents. We have done lots of activities including cooking, den building, slack lining and forest crafts. Forest School club will take a break over the winter but will look to return in the summer term when hopefully we can enjoy the forest in some better weather!!

Finally, just a reminder that Year 1 have their trip to the Hancock Museum next Tuesday (11th October) The children will need a packed lunch and a drink with them. The children should come to school in their normal school uniform.



Key Stage 2 News

Can we remind parents that homework is handed out on a Thursday and is to be returned to your child's teacher the following Wednesday? One piece of homework will be written and one computer based. A small number of children have had difficulty accessing eSchools or Purple Mash at home. If this is the case, please let the class teacher know and we will reset the children's passwords for them.

Finally, we have had a number of items of lost property over the last few weeks. Please put your child's name in all pieces of clothing - we have lots of blue jumpers and they all look the same! Items of lost property that cannot be reunited with their owner during the week will be moved to the lost property in the main office for parents to look through.

Advance Notices

Fair Trade Hot Choc Friday – Friday 21st October

Mrs Moran and the Fair Trade Steering Group will be holding a Hot Choc Friday on the final Friday afternoon of the half term. Children are welcome to bring in 50p for a hot chocolate treat during the afternoon session.

Holiday Club Dates – October & December

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

24th – 26th October

21st – 22nd 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 for more information. Please note, children must be 4 years old to attend.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 11 th October	Year 1 at The Hancock Museum
Wednesday 12 th October	Accelerated Reader Parent Workshops at 8.45am and 6pm
Thursday 13 th October	Friends of the School Meeting at 5.45pm
Thursday 13 th October	India Meeting
Tuesday 18 th October	Parents' Evening in School
Wednesday 19 th October	Fire Brigade with Year 5 & Year 6 – Fire Safety Talk
Thursday 20 th October	Year 6 at Newcastle Mosque
Thursday 20 th October	Parents' Evening in School
Monday 7 th November	Year 4 trip to Jorvik – early drop off to school required
Thurs. 10 th & Fri. 11 th November	Year 5 at National Space Centre, Cadbury World and Birchwood School
Sunday 20 th November	Confirmation Service at Leadgate St Ives Church–time to be confirmed
Wednesday 23 rd November	Year 1 visit Centre for Life
Tuesday 13 th December	Year 6 visit to Tyne Theatre
Monday 12 th -Friday 16 th December	Erasmus+ Visit to Ajka, Hungary

Positive Thinking

Life is too short!

Grudges are a waste of happiness.

Laugh when you can, apologise when you should and let go of what you can't change.

Love deeply and forgive quickly.

Life is too short to be unhappy!!!

Please do not ever hesitate to get in touch if there is anything at all that you would like to talk about or discuss.

Best Wishes,

Jane Davis

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Head Teacher