



## 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 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has brought about so many of those moments when it is important to just take time to be in the moment! Some of our children took part in the performance of 'Romeo and Juliet' on Monday afternoon. They were simply wonderful! I sat in the theatre, exceptionally proud of them all – their confidence, eloquence and enthusiasm was obvious to all and you could have heard a pin drop in that theatre.

Year 3 had a great time at Jarrow Hall, despite the interesting end to the day! The bus door would not close so they had to wait for a replacement bus, but they all just took it in their stride, as usual!

While our Open Evening for Reception new starters was taking place, we had staff and children at the Durham Dash at Beamish Museum on Wednesday. What a wonderful evening they had. The weather was perfect and our children were, once again, terrific ambassadors for our school. They were great sportspeople and we even managed to have some medals too. Sophie from Y4 came second in the running, while Imogen and Robert from Y3 both came third place in the field events. Remarkable achievements for them but we are very proud of everyone who took part.

#### **Overnight Camp Cancellation**

Unfortunately, due to the risk of severe thunderstorms overnight, the Friends of the School have made the very difficult decision to cancel the overnight camping aspect of tonight's event on the school field tonight. However, the evening will still be taking place as planned, just with no tents! They have said:

*'Bring your camping chairs, gazebos and picnic blankets and join us from 5:30pm for a relaxed evening with your school community. There'll be a catering van, tuck shop, and our ever-popular marshmallow station ready to go!*

*We know many of you — like us — were excited for the camping experience, but after considering the risks and how thunderstorms can affect children (and adults!), we feel this is the safest and kindest decision for all involved. We can't wait to see you all later for our newly branded **Lanchester EP Summer Festival!** Opening at 5:30pm and closing at a slightly later time of 10:30pm. If you have ordered breakfasts, we will provide you with them during the evening so you can take them home with you for a nice easy win tomorrow!'*

Whilst this is not what we hoped for or the night that was planned, it looks like it is still going to be a great event! Thank you so much to the Friends of the School for organising it all.

#### **Classes and Staffing for Next Year**

I am aware that it is that time of the year when parents start to think about the following year and what will be happening with staffing and classes. This is still being decided but we will let you know before the end of the month.

We will be making some changes to the current Reception, Year 2 and Year 4 classes, which happens each year. We will also be making changes to the current Year 5 classes.

#### **Teaching Assistant for Nursery 2-year olds**

We will be advertising for an additional teaching assistant to work with our 2-year olds due to such a positive response for places. Please let any family, friends or colleagues know to look out for this advert.

#### **Tickets for Yanomamo – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

Tickets will go on sale for our KS2 production of Yanomamo from 3pm today on Arbor. They will initially be limited to 2 tickets per family per performance until **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025**. From **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** any remaining tickets can be purchased on a first come first serve basis. The tickets will be £5 each and will be sent home with your child the day after purchase.

#### **LJG Sports Coaching Holiday & Football Camp**

LJG Sports Coaching will be holiday a Holiday & Football Camp during the first four weeks of the Summer holidays. The first two weeks will be held in school, whilst weeks 3 & 4 will be held at Consett Rugby Club. To book please click on the following links:

Holiday Camp: <https://forms.gle/1fHjbDMNXAJ184vF6>

Football Camp: <https://forms.gle/pzwRqvVhd9kqJ7Sa6>

### **Lanchester Methodist Church Summer Holiday Club**

Lanchester Methodist Church are holding a Summer Holiday Club from Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August from 10am – 12. 15pm. This is for ages between 4 – 11. There will be lots of activities such as games, crafts, stories, messy challenges, puppets and music. Please see the attached flyer of details about how to book a place.

### **Wrap Around Care for Year 1 children**

Please remember that from Monday, children in Year 1 will be accessing the main Breakfast and After School Club which takes place in the Junior Hall. Thank you.

### **Quebec Food Bank**

Thank you to all those families who donated food last week. It really is appreciated. We are continuing with our plea for more supplies as they continue to be very low. Any food and toiletries would be very gratefully received. Children can either bring them into school or they can be dropped in our donations box outside the main office. Thank you for your help and ongoing support with such a worthy cause.

### **This Week's Big Question**

Our Big Question for this week has been: *'What do you think the Holy Spirit looks like?'* We have been celebrating Pentecost in Worship this week and once again, it has brought about some very interesting discussions!

### **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 (%)	Year Group	Current Week Attendance Percentage (%)	Attendance Percentage to Date (%)
<b>Reception</b>	96.2	94.4	<b>Year 4</b>	97.7	97.3
<b>Year 1</b>	97.5	96.2	<b>Year 5</b>	98.9	97.7
<b>Year 2</b>	96.9	96.5	<b>Year 6</b>	96.6	96.9
<b>Year 3</b>	94.9	96.9	<b>Whole School</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>96.6%</b>

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

#### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 Depart for PGL Caythorpe Court, Lincolnshire**

The bus will leave outside The Black Bull at 9am on Sunday morning so we would like children to arrive for 8.45am please. Please remember that all children will need a packed lunch and drink with them in a rucksack as they will have that as soon as they arrive at the centre. It looks like we have chosen another good week for the weather and I know they are all going to have the most amazing time!

Miss Jackson, Mr Stephenson, Mrs Chambers, Mrs Moran, Miss Johnson and Miss Groves are all accompanying the children. Unfortunately, due to a number of different reasons, I am no longer able to join the children but know they will all have the best time.

The Year 5 who are not going on the PGL trip are to come to school as normal and they will be greeted in their classroom for 3 days of creative/sporting activities. They will also have a wonderful few days!

#### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June – 3pm – 5pm Messy Church**

Messy Church on Sunday is at All Saints' Church and is entitled, Joseph the Dreamer! There will be stories, songs, games, crafts and a delicious messy tea! Please bring your children along to have some fun!

#### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June - Playgroup**

This is taking place again in our Nursery grounds on Monday from 1.30pm – 2.30pm for those who have signed up. We look forward to seeing you all again.

### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 PE with Consett Academy Staff**

Those Year 6 children who are transitioning to Consett Academy in September will enjoy a sports session with a member of staff from Consett Academy on Monday afternoon. It would be good if they could come to school in their PE kit for the day but do not worry if that is not possible.

### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 La Petite Crêperie**

We are very lucky to have a visit from 'La petite crêperie' on Tuesday! Year 4 designed their own crêpes for a competition organised by the North-East Festival of Languages in February. Sadly they didn't win, but as they have worked so hard in French this year Mrs Hamill has organised this special visit for them. They will learn about France and how to make crêpes before ordering them in French and eating them. Miam miam!

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Days**

Reception and Key Stage 1 Sports Day is at 9.30am on Thursday morning and KS2 Sports Day takes place at 1.30pm on Thursday afternoon. All are welcome to come along and enjoy this spectacle – please make your way through the field gate next to the Muga (All Weather Pitch). Let's hope the weather is kind to us and everyone is able to enjoy these events.

As usual, if there is time, we will have an adult race at the end of the Key Stage 2 Sports Day (and possible staff too!). However, this is dependent on there being enough time and we cannot be held responsible for any injuries!

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 at Raby Castle**

Year 1 will be heading off to Raby Castle for the day on Friday. The children will need to wear their school uniform and bring a packed lunch with plenty of fluids. Please remember to put sun cream on them in the morning too. They will be back for the end of the school day.

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Musicians performing at Villa Real School**

Some of our children will be visiting Villa Real Special School on Friday morning to perform some songs and music. You will have been emailed if your child is participating in this event. Mrs Knighton and Mrs Davis will transport the children to and from the school in cars.

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 Ukelele Concert at 2.30pm**

Year 4 will be demonstrating their ukelele skills in a concert to any interested parents and carers at 2.30pm on Friday afternoon. Please come along to the Junior Hall where you will be able to join us in the hall.

### **Positive Thinking**

***One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world***  
***Malala Yousafzai***

As always, if there is anything at all you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Wishes,

*Jane Davis*

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Head Teacher