



# 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 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope your children enjoyed their long weekend – it is always very welcome with the long, dark days closing in. But, with just three weeks of the term left, we are all well into the swing of preparations for the festive season.

It was lovely seeing so many of you last week at the Christmas Lights Switch On – it is always such a wonderfully festive celebration. I am sure you will also agree that the decorated windows form our Art Leaders in Hanley & Sons have been a great success! I am also delighted to tell you that the Year 5 girls who made bracelets for Henry Dancer Days made over £240 which is just terrific! Well done to them all for that. We have our Enterprise Week in school next week – a great time when our children make Christmas gifts to sell at the Christmas Fair. It is also fun for them all to see how much profit each year group can make – with some quiet competition amongst the staff too, of course!

Our Christmas Fair takes place on Friday from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. It is based in the Junior Hall and some of the classrooms just off the hall. We are also looking forward to a visit from Santa Claus as well who has promised us that he will spare a couple of hours out of his busy schedule just for our children. Thank you all for your very generous donations today too – we really appreciate your support.

## Winter Household Fund Vouchers

The winter household fund vouchers have been sent from the school office to all eligible families this week via the primary email address we hold on file. Please check your junk/spam mail if you have not received a voucher to your inbox. If you have not received your voucher, please contact the school office no later than **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December** so that this can be followed up before we break up for Christmas. Please remember, vouchers must be redeemed within three months or by the expiry date on the voucher.

## This Week's Big Question

This week's Big Question has been, '**What is the most beautiful thing in your life?**' What a question to ask a child! Once again, we have had some very interesting and thoughtful discussions – please ask your child this when you see them. You will be very surprised with what they say!

## 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 (%)	to Date (%)	Year Group	Current Week (%)	to Date (%)
Reception	92.6%	95.2%	Year 4	93.4%	95.7%
Year 1	86.5%	95.7%	Year 5	96.8%	98%
Year 2	96.1%	98%	Year 6	96.8%	96.7%
Year 3	98.8%	97.7%	Whole School	93.8%	96.7%

## **Nativity Tickets**

This year we have decided that to avoid parents and carers missing out on getting nativity tickets by the cut-off date, each family will get one free nativity ticket per performance. These will have been sent home with your child this week. You will then be able to purchase extra tickets for the nativities via Arbor. Additional tickets will cost £2 each and will go on sale on Arbor from **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November**. Limits will be as follows due to the capacity of the hall/church.

<b>Nursery 3 Year Old Room Nativity</b>	<b>3 extra tickets per performance</b>
<b>Reception Nativity</b>	<b>2 extra tickets per performance</b>
<b>Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity</b>	<b>1 extra ticket per performance</b>
<b>Year 3, 4 &amp; 5 Christingle and Carol Service</b>	<b>1 extra ticket per performance</b>
<b>Year 6 Nativity</b>	<b>1 extra ticket per performance</b>

Tickets purchased on Arbor will be sent home with your child.

## **Raffle Tickets**

Raffle tickets have been sent home with your child this week for our Christmas Fair Raffle. Each ticket is £1.00 and all the money raised goes back into school. Once you have filled these in please send them into school with the correct change. If you would like any more raffle tickets to sell to family and friends, spares can be collected from the School Office. We will let you know in due course what gorgeous goodies are up for grabs.

## **Diary Dates for Next Week**

### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – The Littlest Elf Theatre Performance**

We are delighted to be welcoming back Bigfoot Arts Education who will perform 'The Littlest Elf' for all children in both the 2-year-old and 3-year-old rooms, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on Wednesday. This is always a lovely production for the children and I know they will have a wonderful time watching this!

### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Dubai Residential Meeting at 5.30pm**

We are looking forward to meeting parents and carers of those children going to Dubai in March next year. At the meeting, we will share the itinerary, show you photos from previous visits and talk through everything you will need to know in preparation to them going. Please come to the hall door or Main Reception where a member of staff will meet you.

### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6 at Theatre Royal for Aladdin**

Year 6 have a lovely day planned for them this week when they go to Newcastle, visit Fenwick's Window, have lunch at Zizzi's followed the pantomime at The Theatre Royal. This is one of the highlights of life in Year 6 and I know they are all really looking forward to going. They are to come to school in uniform, and will return for around 5pm. We will update you with the ETA via 'X'.

### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Girls' Football League Matches**

Some of our KS2 children will take part in the girls' football match will take place at Consett FC on Thursday evening. If your child has been selected to play, you will receive an email on Monday with more information.

### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fair 3.30pm – 5.30pm**

I am sure that our Christmas Fair is going to be as popular as ever with so many festive stalls and games. We will be serving refreshments, including hot dogs, hot and cold drinks with festive treats in one of the classrooms. In another classroom we will have tombolas, bottle stall and raffle whilst in another we will have some of the children's enterprise products. In the hall, we will have games, stalls and KS2 enterprise goods

and last, but by no means least, Santa Claus will be in the Reading Shed with his elves helping! Come along, help to raise lots of money for the school whilst also having some family fun.

**Positive Thinking**

*I love how Advent reminds us of what is important  
and prepares us for what is to come.*

As usual, if there is anything at all that you would like to talk about, please do not hesitate to contact us. Hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes,

*Jane Davis*

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Head Teacher