



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Friday 18th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weather this week may have made it seem rather miserable and dreary outside, but I can tell you that it certainly has not been like that in school at all! The children continue to be a ray of sunshine in school, with their positivity and enthusiasm being quite uplifting for us all.

The Year 5/6 boys football team have been wonderful ambassadors for our school this week, winning the league with some remarkable performances in their last 3 games. However, what is more important to note is their great sportsmanship and attitude to the game – let's hope the England team follow their example over the coming weeks.

Year 5 had a great experience on Thursday with their WW2 day in school. Their costumes were amazing and they all bought into the spirit of the day, as did the staff, with Mrs Tate even being mistaken for a schoolchild by some visitors!

It is wonderful to see the children supporting Children in Need today- they are all so spotty and colourful and I am sure we will raise lots of money for such a good charity too.

The photographs took some time to complete on Wednesday but hopefully you will be pleased with your child's photograph when you receive it. They should be with you shortly. For anyone who was absent on this day, don't worry – the photographers have agreed to come back in January; we will let you know as soon as we have a firm date for this.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you all so much for your wonderful donations to the Poppy Appeal over the last 2 weeks. We have raised a magnificent total of £506.68 which is the most we have ever taken. This is particularly amazing bearing in mind the current financial climate. Thank you all so much for such wonderful generosity.

Road Safety Stars

This is a letter from children who are very passionate about child safety. We want to make the village as safe as it can be for children travelling to school.

How many of you drive to school? If you do, think about these questions...

- Do you abide by the rules for parking and speed limits?
- Do you think about other children more than being late for work or school?

If you answered yes to these, well done. If you answered no, then think about this: **it's better to lose a minute in life than to lose a life in a minute.** We can all make a difference to keep the roads and paths safer for everyone.

Winter Wonderland – Sold Out

We have now sold over 300 tickets for Winter Wonderland and bookings are now closed. We apologise for any disappointment this may cause but cannot sell any further tickets for the community event.

Christmas Nativities

Information about tickets for all nativities will be on next week's letter. For the Key Stage 2 service held in Church on Tuesday 20th December, Y3 will lead the Christingle and Year 6 will be leading the nativity with Years 3, 4 & 5 singing.

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 Information

Week Beg. 7 th November	Attendance
Reception	96.8%
Year 1	95.0%
Year 2	98.5%
Year 3	99.2%
Year 4	96.0%
Year 5	98.7%
Year 6	97.1%

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Reception	93.0%
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Year 5	93.2%
Year 6	99.2%

Friends of the School Christmas Shop

The Friends of the School Christmas Shop is now open. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to choose gifts for parents, carers and siblings in school and take them home fully wrapped to give to their loved ones. Each gift costs £2 and the children can choose their gift at the Christmas Shop in school which will be held during the week of Winter Wonderland. Once the children have chosen the gifts they would like, they take them home, all wrapped, with the labels on, ready to give at Christmas. If you would like your child to take part in this special Christmas shop, please complete the form here and follow instructions given for payment and ordering: <https://form.jotform.com/223056980275359?fbclid=IwAR2jTRrAofe-814pCiVzFnANCNg4JPPI-mbWMIEFtemn9Cvk9VxbjldalTo>

Diary Dates for Next Week

Sunday 20th November 2022 – Confirmation and Baptism Service at 6pm

This very special service will take place at 6pm on Sunday 20th November at Leadgate St Ives' Church. All are welcome to attend to support those children in school who are making their next, very important step in their Christian faith. It is some time since we have had been able to hold such a service and I know there will be a packed church for such a special occasion.

Scholastic Book Fair - Junior Hall Monday - Friday 3.15 – 4.00pm

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be in school next week. The books will be on sale to parents & children in the Junior Hall from 3.15pm - 4 pm on Monday - Friday and children will be taken to look at the books during school time as well. We will also hold a Coffee Afternoon on Friday 25th from 2.15pm in the Junior Hall. You will receive a leaflet attachment with this newsletter detailing some of the books available. There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone. If you can't make it to our Book Fair, try our Gift Vouchers available at www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents. This year, you can pay by cash, or online via [Parent payments - Scholastic Book Fairs](#). If you are paying in cash, please try to have change. Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get free books for our school library!

Monday 21st November 2022 – 10.30am

The Road Safety Team from the Local Authority will be leading assembly for our children. They will also be working with our Road Safety Stars and working with us to help make the roads safer around our school.

World Cup

Children in school will be given the opportunity to watch England's opening match on Monday whilst also completing some work on British Values.

Tuesday 22nd November 2022 – 6pm – Meeting for Ski Trip

This meeting will be held in the Junior Hall. We will be sharing the itinerary for the week and showing some photographs of previous ski trips so the children know what to expect during their week away skiing.

Wednesday 23rd November 2022 – Year 1 Trip

Our Year 1 children will be visiting the Centre for Life on Wednesday 23rd November for the day as part of this half term's topic work. Thank you very much to those parents and carers who have volunteered to go on this trip with us. We have restricted numbers due to the size of the bus for this trip. All children should come to school in their school uniform and with a packed lunch. We will return in time for the end of the school day.

Thursday 24th November 2022 – Meeting for Erasmus+ Trip to Hungary at 6pm

This meeting will be held in Mr Adamson's classroom. Please come to the Main Entrance of school to gain access to the building. The organisation and itinerary for the week will be shared at the meeting.

Friday 25th November 2022 – Year 6 Trip

Year 6 will be visiting Beamish Museum on Friday. They will need a packed lunch and should come to school in full uniform. They will be enjoying a traditional Victorian class lesson during the day.

Friday 25th November 2022 – Coffee Afternoon at 2.15pm

We will be holding a coffee afternoon on Friday from 2.15pm until 4pm, which will give parents & carers the opportunity to have a look around the book fair and to socialise with other families. These are always very well attended and it's a lovely way for the school community to get to know each other better. Please note, children cannot be taken out of class early to go to the Coffee Afternoon.

Early Years News

Reception Visit – 26th January 2023

Reception will be visiting the Laing Art Gallery on Thursday 26th January. Further details of the trip will be with you next week. We will be asking for some volunteers to help support the children on the day, so if you think that you might be interested please put the date in your diary.

Autumn Treasure Hunt Thanks

Thank you for supporting your child to complete their Autumn Treasure Hunt. The children who participated are very proud of their efforts and this has generated lots of conversation. All funds raised will go towards developing our outdoor music area.

Applications for Reception School Places

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 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>

Advance Notices

School Closed

Please do not forget that the school is closed for teaching purposes on Monday 28th November 2022 for a teacher training day. Thank you.

Holiday Club Dates – December

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

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 ljgsportscoaching@gmail.com for more information. Please note, children must be 4 years old to attend.

Positive Thinking

*It does not matter how long you are spending on the earth, how much money you have gathered,
or how much attention you have received.*

It is the amount of positive vibration you have radiated in life that matters.

Best Wishes,

Jane Davis

Mrs Jane Davis
Head Teacher