



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 10th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an interesting start to 2025 we have had this week! On Sunday night, I was worried about the weather forecast and the possibility of more snow. That was quickly forgotten about by 6.21am on Monday morning when it was discovered that in fact, water was our issue! We must think positively though because if this pipe had burst earlier in the weekend, the flooding would have been so much worse.

However, we often talk about what a wonderful community our school is and this fact was proven on Monday morning. The staff were brilliant in dealing so swiftly with the problem – our cleaning team worked exceptionally hard to deal with the worst of the issue before most of you were probably awake! The offers of help and support from so many of you were also greatly appreciated. Kindness goes such a long way and we are so grateful to be on the receiving end of so much of it from you so regularly.

I am also exceptionally grateful that the Local Authority have agreed to cover the cost of all repairs. This is obviously a huge relief as school budgets have been so tight for the last few years. Anyway – onwards and upwards for the rest of the year!

India

It is hard to believe that this time next week, 10 children and 3 adults will have arrived in Delhi, India for a trip of a lifetime! It just seems to have come around so quickly! This really will be an incredible trip for all involved – it will be worth looking out for daily round ups on 'X' when they are there. What is even better is that our partner school hope to bring some of their children to our school here in Lanchester at the end of May. It will be a real privilege to return their amazing hospitality.

Mr McLoughlin, Miss Butler and Mrs Moran are the staff accompanying the children. Next Thursday and Friday, Mrs Knighton will be covering for Miss Butler in Nursery. However, if any Nursery parents need to contact school, please do so either through the school office (school.office@lanchesterep.net) or Mr Innes (g.innes@lanchesterep.net). Miss Honan will be covering for Mr McLoughlin in his absence.

Attendance

Year Group	Current Week Attendance Percentage	Attendance Percentage to Date
Reception	97.8%	93.3%
Year 1	95.6%	95.6%
Year 2	97.5%	96.3%
Year 3	95.6%	97.2%
Year 4	98.1%	97.5%
Year 5	95.6%	97.3%
Year 6	95.9%	96.8%
Whole School	96.6%	96.3%

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.

SEND News

One week until the Neurodiversity Family Support drop in session at Consett Rugby Club. Everyone is welcome and the event is FREE! Come and meet professionals, other parents, share your views and grab a cuppa!

📍 Consett Rugby Club, Amethyst Park, Medomsley Road, Consett DH8 6LU

📅 Thursday 16th January

🕒 10-12.30pm

Onsite parking available and public transport links within walking distance. Message us for if you need more information or email info@investinginchildren.net

End of School and After School Club

We are having an increasing issue with children being collected later and later from school, and children staying on the school site after collection and letting their children play on the school field. We thought that it would be good to clarify and standardise our procedures so that you know what to expect. Children should be collected from school at 3.15pm. If they have not been collected from school by 3.25pm, they will be taken to after school club, and parent/carers will be notified by text message. The field gates will now also be shutting at 3.25pm, so children do need to be collected and taken straight from school.

Diary Dates for Next Week

Tuesday 14th January 2025 – Crazy Creatures with Year 1

We are very fortunate that Crazy Creatures were able to rearrange their visit to us as they were due to come last Tuesday when Year 1 were not in school. I know they will have an amazing morning learning about lots of different and unusual creatures.

Wednesday 15th January 2025 – Year 4 at Tanfield School

Year 4 are going to Tanfield Secondary School on Wednesday lunchtime for an afternoon of Team Building and Problem Solving activities. The bus will collect them at 12.10pm after an early lunch. They will return to school in time for the end of the school day.

Thursday 16th January 2025 – India Visit

Our group of Year 5 & Year 6 children head off to Delhi, India on Thursday lunchtime. I am sure the very long journey will be well worth it though! We look forward to hearing all about it.

Sunday 19th January 2025 – Woodland Worship at 2pm

Due to the winter viruses that were circulating at the end of last year, we postponed our Woodland Worship that was due to take place in the middle of December. This has been rearranged for Sunday 19th January at 2pm in our Woodland. Please complete this online form so we know how many to expect: [Woodland Worship Attendance](#). Please note, all children will need to be accompanied by an adult. Entry to the woodland will be through the Main Car Park and through the gate at the side of the MUGA. Thank you.

Positive Thinking

***Just a reminder that 75% of the time you'll get to spend with your children
is over by the time they turn 12.***

And 90% of your time with them is gone by the time they are 18.

So, SLOW DOWN, BE PRESENT.

And enjoy these short, sweet years. They will be over too soon.

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

Best Wishes,

Jane Davis

Mrs Jane Davis
(Head Teacher)