



Lancaster 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



11th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all so much for your amazing generosity for our Harvest Festival Celebrations this week – I hope you have seen the photos of the magnificent displays at the front of the hall on Twitter. We will be asking our newly appointed school council members to help deliver it all to local foodbanks next week.

Thanks also to all those parents and carers who came to the Maths Information Sessions this week – I do hope you found them useful. The presentation has been uploaded to our website for those unable to attend.

Parents' Evening Appointments

Parents' evening appointments for Reception - Year 6 are available to be booked on Arbor from today (**Friday 11th October**) at 3.30pm. Alternatively, you can get in touch with the Office and we can book them in for you. Appointments can be booked via Arbor *up until Sunday 20th October*. Appointments take place on Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd October, from 3.30 - 6.00pm in the Junior Hall.

Nursery parents' evening appointments can also be booked on Arbor from today. These appointments are available with either your child's key worker, or the Nursery teacher. Appointments can be made with your child's key worker which will take place in Nursery on Monday 21st & Wednesday 23rd October from 3.30 – 4.30pm. In addition to these times, Miss Butler will also be available in the School Hall on Monday 21st from 4.50 – 6.00pm, and on Tuesday 22nd from 3.30 – 6.00pm.

Individual & Sibling Photographs - Free Delivery Deadline

If you would like to order school photographs with free delivery to the school, you will need to do this by **Wednesday 16th October**. Any orders placed after this date will incur a delivery charge.

Thank you very much for all the feedback, suggestions and comments received. These will be communicated to Tempest so that next time the individual photographs can more accurately reflect what parents want.

Christmas Fundraiser Info

This term we have organised our annual design-your-own Christmas gifts project with www.SchoolPrintWorld.co.uk to raise funds for the school. Next week you will receive a postcard with your child's design and a code for you to use on the website to buy their design printed on a range of items.

Head Girl/Boy and Prefects

At a recent Senior Leadership Meeting we discussed giving more responsibility to some of our pupils. We have a range of leaders across school for different purposes and more will be introduced in the coming weeks. However, we have made the decision that we would like to appoint Head Girl and Boy and Deputy Head Girl and Boy and have some prefects too. These will all be made from Year 6. Application forms will be given to the children next week and successful applicants will be invited to an interview with the SLT Team.

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 Information

Durham SEND Information Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) is a statutory service supporting parents/carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and children and young people with SEND. They provide confidential, impartial support and advice for parents/carers, children and young people up to 25 years old in relation to special educational needs and disability, and operate at 'arm's length' from the council.

SENDIASS runs monthly drop-in sessions in local Family Hubs, which may be helpful if you have questions about your child's educational needs, would like more information or support in relation to SEND or need help with transfer arrangements, or paperwork, regarding the choice of your child's next education setting.

You don't need to go to the Family Hub closest to where you live, you can go to whichever session suits you and your family best. The nearest sessions to Lanchester are in Consett and Stanley. To find out more and for upcoming dates of the local drop-in sessions, please [click here](#).

Applying for School Places for September 2025 - Reception & Secondary School

Applications for **Secondary School** places close on *31st October 2024*. To apply, visit [Secondary school places - Durham County Council](#). Applications for Primary School places close on *15th January 2025*. To apply, please visit [Primary school places - Durham County Council](#).

Attendance

Year Group	Current Week Attendance Percentage	Attendance Percentage to Date	Year Group	Current Week Attendance Percentage	Attendance Percentage to Date
Reception	94.1%	95.1%	Year 1	97.8%	97.3%
Year 2	97.8%	97.7%	Year 3	98.4%	98.3%
Year 4	98.2%	97.7%	Year 5	98.7%	98.4%
Year 6	97.5%	96.6%	Whole School	97.5%	97.3%

Diary Dates for Next Week

Monday & Tuesday 14th and 15th October 2024 – Captain Chemistry

We are delighted to be welcoming Captain Chemistry back to school for the first time this year. On Monday he will be working with Year 5 followed by Year 4 on Tuesday. Watch out on Twitter for the amazing work that he does with them all!

Wednesday 16th October 2024 – WannaTeachPE?

On Wednesday morning we have Mr Ben Holden coming to school to deliver a whole school motivational assembly to all children from Year 1- Year 6. He will also be introducing our Year 4 children to American Football as part of their 'Road Trip to America' topic. Year 4 will need to come into school in their PE kits for this session. I am sure they will all enjoy this wonderful experience!

Wednesday 16th October 2024 – Flu Immunisations

These will take place during the day on Wednesday. If you need to change your consent for any reason, please call the Immunisation Team on 0333 3583 397, option 3, then option 2.

Thursday 17th October 2024 – Boys' Football Team at Consett Football Club

The boys' football team will once again be playing at Consett Football Club – parents of those involved will receive a separate email once the team has been finalised.

Friday 18th October 2024 – 4PT Swimming

Mr Taylor's Year 4 class will begin their swimming lessons this week. They will need to bring their swimming kits into school and will have an early lunch before going to the Louisa Centre. They will be back for the end of the school day. Mr Taylor's class will therefore have their PE days in school from the 18th October to the 22nd November (their last swimming session) on Tuesdays & Fridays. Mr Adamson's class will need to be in their PE kits on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Early Years, KS1 and KS2 News

We will send out this news as a separate document for ease of locating important information. Please make sure you read this as it will contain some important information for all year groups. Thank you.

Positive Thinking

***A child's mental health is just as important as their physical health
and deserves the same quality of support.***

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

Best Wishes,

Jane Davis

Head Teacher

DIARY DATES

Monday 14 th October	All Day	Captain Chemistry with Year 5
Tuesday 15 th October	All Day	Captain Chemistry with Year 4
Wednesday 16 th October	All Day	Flu Immunisations
Thursday 17 th October	3.45 – 5pm	Boys' Football Team at Consett Football Club
Monday 21 st October	3.30pm – 6pm	Parent/Carer Meetings
Tuesday 22 nd October	3.30pm – 6pm	Parent/Carer Meetings
Wednesday 23 rd October	All Day	5MS to Ushaw College for Matisse Workshop
Wednesday 23 rd October	Afternoon	Year 2 at Sports Festival
Thursday 24 th October	3.45 – 5pm	Boys' Football Team at Consett Football Club
Friday 25 th October	5.15pm	School Closes for Half-Term Holiday
<i>Holiday Club: Monday 28th October – Thursday 31st October in School</i>		
Monday 4 th November	7.30am	School Re-Opens
<i>Monday 4th November</i>	<i>All Day</i>	<i>Year 2 Arctic & Antarctic Workshops in School</i>
<i>Tuesday 5th November</i>	<i>All Day</i>	<i>Year 4 Outdoor Viking Workshop in School</i>
<i>Wednesday 6th November</i>	<i>All Day</i>	<i>Year 3 Graffiti All Stars Workshop in School</i>
Thursday 7 th November	2.15pm – 3pm	Reception Disco
Thursday 7 th November	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Year 1 and Year 2 Disco
Thursday 7 th November	3.45 – 5pm	Boys' Football Team at Consett Academy
Thursday 7 th November	4.30pm – 6pm	Year 3 – Year 6 Disco
Tuesday 12 th November	All Day	Reception at The Laing Art Gallery
Tuesday 12 th November	3.30pm – 4.30pm	SEND Support Plans Reviewed with Parents
Wednesday 13 th November	Afternoon	Year 5 & Year 6 at Louisa Centre – Indoor Athletics
Thursday 21 st November	1.30pm	Senior Choir Concert at Community Centre
<i>Friday 22nd November</i>	<i>6.00pm</i>	<i>SCHOOL CLOSSES</i>
<i>Monday 25th November</i>	<i>All Day</i>	<i>School Closed for Staff Training Day</i>
Week Beg. Monday 2 nd December	All Week	Enterprise Week
Thursday 5 th December	All Day	Year 6 at Newcastle and Theatre Royal for Pantomime
Friday 6 th December	3.15pm – 5pm	Christmas Fair
Wednesday 11 th December	10am	Nursery Nativity Celebration
Wednesday 11 th December	2pm	Nursery Nativity Celebration
Thursday 12 th December	10am	Reception Nativity
Thursday 12 th December	2pm	Reception Nativity
Friday 13 th December	Lunchtime	Christmas Dinner
Friday 13 th December	All Day	Winter Wonderland Day for Year 1 – Year 6
Monday 16 th December	10am	KS1 Nativity
Monday 16 th December	2pm	KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 17 th December	2pm	Year 6 Christmas Play
Tuesday 17 th December	6pm	Year 6 Christmas Play
Tuesday 17 th December	All Day	Nursery and Reception Winter Wonderland Day
Wednesday 18 th December	All Day	Nursery and Reception Party Day
Wednesday 18 th December	Morning	Year 1 Party
Wednesday 18 th December	All Day	The Littlest Elf Performance for EYFS and Year 1
Wednesday 18 th December	Afternoon	Year 2 Party
Thursday 19 th December	9.30am	KS1 Christmas Service
Thursday 19 th December	Morning	Year 3 Party

Thursday 19 th December	All Day	Nursery Winter Wonderland Day
Thursday 19 th December	Afternoon	Year 4 Party
Friday 20 th December	9.30am	Mrs Coyle's Class & Year 4 Christingle and Service
Friday 20 th December	11am	Miss Watt's Class & Year 5 Christingle and Service
Friday 20 th December	Morning	Year 6 Party
Friday 20 th December	Afternoon	Year 5 Party
Friday 20 th December	6pm	School Closes for Christmas Holiday
Christmas Holiday		
Monday 6 th January 2025	7.30am	School Re-Opens
Monday 20 th January	All Day	Blue Monday organised by Friends of the School
Thursday 30 th January	3.45 – 5pm	Girls' Football Team at Consett Academy
Thursday 6 th February	3.45 – 5pm	Girls' Football Team at Consett Academy
Thursday 13 th February	3.45 – 5pm	Girls' Football Team at Consett Academy
Monday 17 th February	3.30pm – 6pm	Parent/Carer Meetings
Tuesday 18 th February	3.30pm – 6pm	Parent/Carer Meetings
Thursday 20 th February	3.45 – 5pm	Girls' Football Team at Consett Academy
Friday 21st February	All Day	Year 2 Trip to Centre for Life
Friday 21 st February	6pm	School Closes for Half Term Holiday
Half-Term Holiday		
Saturday 1 st March	Early!	Ski Residential Departs from Newcastle Airport
Tuesday 1 st April	Overnight	Mr Adamson's Class at Seahouses
Wednesday 2 nd April	Overnight	Mr Taylor's Class at Seahouses
Friday 4 th April	All Day	Dare to be Different Day - Friends of the School
Monday 7 th April	Overnight	Mrs Coyle's Class at Birdoswald
Tuesday 8 th April	Overnight	Miss Watt's Class at Birdoswald
Thursday 10 th April	1.30pm	Easter Service
Friday 11 th April	6pm	School Closes for Easter Holidays
Easter Holiday		
Monday 28 th April	7.30am	School Opens
Week Beg. Monday 12 th May	All Week	Year 6 Statutory Tests
Week Beg. Monday 19 th May	All Week	Fun and Fitness Week
Thursday 22 nd May	6pm	School Closes
Half Term Holiday		
Monday 2 nd June	7.30am	School Re-Opens
Week Beg. Monday 9 th June	All Week	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Wednesday 11th June	All Day	Year 3 Trip to Jarrow Hall
Friday 13 th June	Overnight	Overnight Camp in School Field for Families - Friends
Sunday 15 th – Wednesday 18 th June	3 Nights	Year 5 PGL Residential
Week Beg. 23 rd June	All Week	Year 6 Northern Ireland Residential
Thursday 10 th July	Afternoon & Evening	KS2 Musical in Consett Empire Theatre
Friday 18 th July	6pm	School Closes for Summer Holidays
Statutory Test Dates		
Monday 12 th May – Friday 16 th May – Year 6 Statutory Tests		
Week Beginning Monday 2 nd June – Year 4 Times Tables Multiplication Check		
Monday 9 th June – Friday 13 th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening		

