



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 2 – Friday 20th April 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

The summer weather is finally with us and the children are loving being able to play on the school field. Let's hope it lasts!

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who accompanied Year 1 on their visit to Durham Castle on Tuesday this week. This was a great trip which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Stanley Coaches were profusely apologetic about the bus turning up late – they took full responsibility for their error. However, it certainly did not spoil the children's day!

Village Litter Pick - Saturday 21st April – 10.00 am -12.30 pm

Lanchester Partnership have organised another littler pick up and are hoping that lots of families will get involved. Interested groups can gather on the village green from 10am to collect their bin bags and instructions. I am sure this will be another very successful event.

Sunday 22nd April - Erasmus+ Visit to Milazzo, Sicily

Miss Jackson, Mrs Sharron Davis and Mrs Race are accompanying four of our Year 5 girls – Alicia Walton, Gemma Ross, Maddy Punshon and Francesca Steele to Milazzo, Sicily to visit our partner school. During their time there, they will be learning more about how each of the eight countries learn to write as well as experiencing some of the Italian culture. A visit to Palermo and Mount Etna will be something I am sure they won't forget in a hurry!

Monday 23rd April – Year 5 Football Team Match

Our football team are competing in a match on Monday 23rd April at Blackhill St Mary's RCVA School. Children taking part all know who they are. Good luck to all.

Wednesday 25th April – Class Photographs

All classes will have their class photograph taken on Wednesday. We have commissioned a new photographer this time, so hopefully we should see some good results and the prices should be more reasonable. When the photographs come back, please let us know what you think. Please make sure your children are sent into school in smart uniform.

Wednesday 25th April – Year 5 Football Team Match

Our football team are competing in a match on Wednesday 25th April at Tanfield Lea Primary School. I am sure they will thoroughly enjoy representing our school again.

Thursday 26th April – Girls Football Team

Our Girls Football Team has a play-off competition for the top 4 teams in the league. This will take place at Greenland Primary School and they will be playing against Greenland, Shotley Bridge and Leadgate schools. The top two teams from this play-off will go forward to the Girls County semi-final.

Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) News

Stories for Nursery and Reception classes next week include 'The Little Red Hen', 'The Sheep who Hatched an Egg', 'The Ugly Duckling', 'Handa's Hen' and 'One Duck Stuck'. As you might guess from our stories, we are thinking about new life as we finally welcome spring to Lanchester. We will be having some very special visitors in the Foundation Stage over the next two weeks. We hope they will be a lovely surprise for the children and for you too. Without giving anything away, please let us know if your child has an allergy which means they shouldn't handle chicks and we will ensure that they do not come into contact with any of our visitors. If any Reception parents want to pop into Nursery to have a look at our new arrivals, they should be making an appearance from Tuesday onwards. We are also hoping to welcome a baby goose and a newly

hatched duckling into Nursery on Monday afternoon. Again, please let us know if your child should not handle them.

Thanks for all your photographs of numbers in the environment. If anyone else would like to go on a number hunt, we would still love to see your photographs. We would especially like to make a display for our Nursery Home Corner using children's house numbers, so if you would be willing to send in a photo of your child beside their front door, that would be fantastic! As an aside, if anybody has any spare door numbers in their garage or shed, we are looking to get some to make an outdoor number line. Can you help?

With the very welcome change in the weather, can we please remind everyone that children will still need their wellies in school for outdoor play. We are especially enjoying the mud kitchen at the moment and will be increasingly exploring the water area outside. For children to comfortably access these areas, wellies are a must. Please ensure your child has a clearly named pair in school and that they are back beside their coat peg at the end of the day so that they are easy for them to locate when they are needed. Thank you!

Juice Fund

Once again, we are asking for a small contribution this half term of £3.00 (50p per week) towards our fund for juice and biscuits that the children enjoy every Friday afternoon. They do look forward to this social time with their class but it also does help our school funds. We make significant contributions during the year to a number of additional activities and events for the children including additional resources for the classrooms. Please complete the form below along with your £3.00 donation. Thank you. Payment can now also be made on ParentPay.

As usual, if there is anything at all that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me at school or by email: j.davis@lanchesterep.net. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jane Davis
Head Teacher

School Juice Fund

I enclose £3 for the Juice Fund for this half term.

Name of child: _____

Signature: _____