



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 3 – Friday 24th November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of our Foundation Stage parents brave the awful weather this week to come along to our information session about our Learning Journals. I hope you found it useful. We have had another exciting week in school with a visit to Waterstone's Book Shop in the Metro Centre for some of our children as well as a visit from Carlton Books in London for some of Year 2 and our Digital Leaders. There is never a dull moment in our school that's for sure!

Thank you for your support for Children in Need Day – we managed to raise £282.18 last week which is a healthy amount to add to their fundraising.

Friends of the School Quiz and Bingo Night – Friday 24th November at 7pm.

This is taking place in the Junior Hall on Friday 24th November (tonight!) from 7pm until 10pm. Bring your own snacks and drinks for what will certainly be a fantastic night. There will also be a raffle and our marvellous parents have collected some brilliant prizes, including a hamper from Knitsley Farm Shop, a Crinions Steak Night Voucher and many more besides. Tickets are available to buy from the school office until 4pm, or just turn up and pay on the door – we look forward to seeing you all there!

Young Carers Assembly – Monday 27th November

All Year 1 – Year 6 children will be listening to a speaker from the Young Carers Society on Monday morning in assembly. This is a very important subject and one which I am sure the children will find very interesting.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at Alice in Wonderland – Wednesday 29th November

I am sure the children will be really looking forward to their visit to the theatre next Wednesday morning. It is essential that all children arrive in school promptly as we have to leave as soon as possible after 9am. They will return in time for their lunch in school as usual.

Years 3 - 6 at Alice in Wonderland – Thursday 30th November

Thursday morning sees the turn of our Key Stage 2 children going to the Northern Stage for Alice in Wonderland. Again, the bus will be leaving shortly after 9am so a prompt arrival at school is essential.

Friends of the School Meeting – Thursday 30th November at 5.30pm.

The Friends of the School are meeting in school at 5.30pm and would welcome existing and new members! They will be discussing their next event which is the Polar Express Pyjama Party on Thursday 14th December as well as future events for next year.

Pyjama Day – Friday 1st December

On Friday 1st December we are asking everyone in school – adults and children alike - to come to school dressed in their pyjamas in exchange for £1 donation. All donations will be split between the charity, 'Bethany's Wish' - a special fund within the Children's Cancer and Leukemia Group (CCLG), which funds vital research into Wilms tumours - as well as The Sick Children's Trust who provide free accommodation for families with children in hospital. This is in memory of Lucia Smith (the sister of Archie in Year 3). I am sure you will agree that this is an exceptionally worthwhile cause and one that is very close to our hearts. We are all looking forward to seeing the wide range of pyjamas people wear!

Shoeboxes – Deadline of Friday 1st December 2017

Thank you to everyone who has taken a shoe box to fill. Can we please have them all returned by Friday 1st December? Mr Graham now has some at Breakfast and After School Club for anyone who struggles to get into the Office during opening hours. Thank you!

Parent Governors

Thank you for your completed ballot papers which were returned to school. I can now confirm that Mr Garside was duly elected as your new parent governor and he will take up his place on the governing body as soon as all the paperwork is completed. Due to an additional parent also resigning during the voting process, we have also been able to offer an additional place to Mrs Deaville, who came second in the ballot. It is wonderful that we had so many parents keen to take on this voluntary and very important role – many schools struggle to fill their places and the fact that we had five parents willing to stand shows great commitment. Thanks to you all.

Health and Safety in the Nursery

Due to health and safety issues, we are going to have to ask that all pushchairs and buggies are left in the lobby of the Nursery. There are just too many adults and children trying to get in and out of Nursery at the same time and not enough room for pushchairs as well. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Foundation Stage News

In Nursery, our books for next week will be 'Leaf Man', 'Incy Wincey Spider', 'Open Very Carefully', 'The Smartest Giant in Town' and 'Kitchen Disco'. We don't have a song of the week because we will be spending lots of time singing our Christmas songs!

In Reception, the children have chosen new books for the classroom and they will be sharing them this week. Again, singing will start to be very festive. You will soon be hearing some fantastic tunes... You have been warned!

Thanks for your help in sorting out the Nursery cloakroom. Things are working much better now that we have sorted the pegs out. Please remember that backpacks take up too much space on pegs and make it very difficult for your child and those with adjacent coat pegs to hang up their coats. A drawstring bag is ideal and should be big enough to contain anything your child needs for school. Some of your children are finding it very difficult to get their coats hooked on to the pegs. A hair bobble looped through their coat loop makes this much easier and is a quick fix which really helps them to manage themselves. Anything which gives them confidence in their ability to do things for themselves is good! Thank you.

Children at Home time

There are an increasing number of younger children who are running around on their own at home time, playing with sticks, climbing on the boundary wall and with no parent anywhere near them. Please keep your children with you at this very busy time of the school day.

Boundary Wall

Please do not allow your children to climb on the boundary wall or worse still, use this as their way of exiting the school. Not only is this dangerous, but it also causes issues on the path outside and is also damaging the grass. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Holiday Club – Friday 22nd December 2017

This term, we break up on Thursday 21st December but will be hosting a holiday club on the Friday. We expect this to be well attended so please book early for this. Bookings for this club can be made now.

As usual, if you have any questions or queries at all, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Jane Davis
Head Teacher