



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 2 – Friday 22nd June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is lovely to see the long term forecast for next week! It would just be wonderful if the weather holds for our school walk and Nursery trips to the beach. Fingers crossed! Sadly, the school walk had to be cancelled last year due to an unsettled forecast including thunder and lightning. It looks like this won't be the case this year – let's hope so anyway!

Monday 25th June - Year 6 at Consett Academy

The Year 6 children who are transferring to Consett Academy next year are attending a transition day there on Monday 25th June. The children will be transported by bus to the academy so are to come to our school as normal in the morning and a member of our staff will accompany them there. They will be brought back to our school in time for the end of the school day. They will all need to come dressed in sportswear with their school PE t-shirt. I am sure they will have a great day!

Monday 25th June - Nursery Trip to Roker Beach and Park

On Monday 25th June, our **Morning Zebras, Monday-Wednesday Penguins and the Flamingo Group** are going on their trip to Roker Beach and Park. Meerkat children may still attend Nursery but there will be **no session for Afternoon Zebras**.

We would like everyone to come to Nursery for 9am please when a briefing session will take place for adults accompanying us on the trip before the bus departs at 9.30am. All children will need a bag with a packed lunch, drink and a full change of clothes. They need to be dressed appropriately for the weather, ideally with a hat and wellies. Please remember to apply sunscreen and children are encouraged to bring a bucket and spade. They will not need spending money. The weather forecast looks very promising for a wonderful day out!

Monday 25th June – Demonstration by John Tobin from Lanchester Brass Band

On Monday morning, children in Key Stage 2 will be treated to a brass demonstration by John Tobin. He will be playing a number of different brass instruments to the children and explaining how they can receive free brass lessons from Lanchester Brass Band. There is a 'Have a Go!' morning on Saturday 30th June from 10.30 am in the Methodist Church. Here, members of the band will be on hand to allow children to 'have a go' playing a brass instrument and explaining how they can receive free lessons from members of the brass band as well as being given a free instrument to use.

Monday 25th June - Parents' Evening for Year 1 parents

Mr Osmond and Miss Martin both have prior commitments on Wednesday evening so their parents' evenings are taking place on Monday and Tuesday instead of Tuesday and Wednesday. Any parents with appointments on Monday evening are to come to the main entrance and make their way down to their classrooms where they will meet with parents. All books will be out in the Infant Hall for parents to look at before or after the appointments.

Monday 25th June at 6 pm – Friends of the School Meeting

We are holding a Friends of the School Meeting at 6pm in school where future events will be discussed as well as a discussion about how to spend the money raised so far. It does not matter if you have not been before – please come along and share any ideas and suggestions. The Friends plan to provide refreshments during our Sports Days this year which is something that has been requested by some parents for a number of years. The Friends are proving to be a great asset to our school so please feel free to come along and be part of such a great group too!

Monday 25th June at 6 pm – PGL Meeting

We are holding a meeting for parents when all the information regarding the forthcoming residential to PGL, Dalguise will be shared. At this meeting, the kit list will be shared, parental consent forms handed out and all information regarding the week will be discussed. I am sure the children are really looking forward to the week. I know many parents are also looking forward to a quiet week at home without them!

Tuesday 26th June – Refugee Awareness Morning

On Tuesday morning we are inviting a group of refugees into school to share some of their knowledge and culture with our children. Our Rights Respecting Steering Group have been very proactive in organising this and they are looking forward to welcoming them all into our school.

The group of refugees will be working with our Rights Respecting School Committee to set up a variety of activities in the hall which will be based around their traditional foods, their cultures and their language. These refugees have left their homelands of Iraq and Syria and spent time at a refugee camp in Lebanon, before coming to our country. I am sure this will be an extremely informative morning for all of our children and one which we are really looking forward to.

Tuesday 26th June – Parents' Evening from 3.45 – 6pm

As usual, all parents' evening appointments will take place in the Junior Hall with your children's work in their classrooms, so that you can look through at your leisure.

Wednesday 27th June – Parents' Evening from 3.45 – 6pm

The same arrangements are in place for this as on Tuesday.

Thursday 28th June – School Walk for Reception to Year 6

We are delighted that at the moment, the weather forecast looks very promising for the day. All children need to come to school dressed in appropriate clothing, bearing in mind that the weather at the coast can often be very different to the weather at home. Comfortable footwear is essential along with casual clothes suitable for a walk and time on the beach. The children will also need a packed lunch and plenty of drinks, especially if it is warm. The buses will leave as shortly after 9am as possible. All adults who are helping on the trip are to come to the Junior Hall for 9am when there will be a short briefing about the day and your responsibilities. We will spend time on the beach so children can bring buckets and spades (please note – they will be carrying them themselves!) and time will also be spent playing in the sand dunes. Please note though that children and adults will not be allowed in the sea.

We aim to return to school for 5pm. Please do not wait on the path outside of school and wait on the school yard instead. Congestion on the path causes chaos and no child will be dismissed straight off the bus. They will all be brought back onto the top yard, lined up and dismissed from there. Thank you for your help with this. I am sure they are all looking forward to it and will have a great day!

Friday 29th June – Non Uniform Day in aid of the Summer Fair

On Friday, we are asking the children to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a gift for the summer fair. We did this at Christmas as well and it helps to generate some amazing gifts for our stalls at the summer fair which takes place on Saturday 14th July. Any gifts such as chocolates, toiletries, bottles, children's stationery and toys would be greatly received. Thank you for your support!

Friday 29th June - Nursery Trip to Roker Beach and Park

On Friday, the **Afternoon Zebras, Wednesday-Friday Penguins and the Meerkat Group** will be going on their trip to Roker Beach and Park. Flamingo children may still attend Nursery but there will be **no session for Morning Zebras**. Please see the information on Monday's trip which also applies to today's trip.

Friday 29th June – Musical Afternoon and Coffee Afternoon

Rotakids look forward to welcoming you to their Musical Coffee Afternoon on Friday 29th June at 2pm. The pupils will entertain you with their musical talents – we have guitars, flutes, clarinets, duets, a girl band, the Junior choir and the Infant singing group. Something for everyone! Enjoy it with a cup of coffee and a cream scone – a lovely way to end the week as well as helping to raise money to support their chosen charity – Literacy Boxes for children in schools in Nigeria. Tickets are available from the School Office at the cost of £2.00 each.

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,

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