



Weekly Bulletin 2 – Friday 9th March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, I am writing to thank you for your flexibility on Tuesday. What a morning! Offering a flexible, later start time seemed to be the only option other than closing, with staff stuck on the bypass, just like many others! We quickly realised that we would be struggling to have enough staff in school for 8.40am therefore it was the perfect solution.

It also brought about another problem as all staff with access to the texting system were also stuck, hence the late text and the early tweet! Twitter will always be our first point of communication in emergencies as a tweet can be sent so quickly and easily. I would urge you all to follow us: @LanchesterEP.

The photos we took of the situation also caused a stir with both the Northern Echo and ITN News asking if they could use them! This situation followed by no gas in the kitchen really did make us think that everything was against us on Tuesday. However, the children thoroughly enjoyed their 'picnic' and certainly came to no harm at all!

Adult Storytellers and Reading Breakfasts

It has been wonderful to have so many parents willing to come into school to share a story with your child's class. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this treat – thank you all so much for volunteering. I hope you weren't too traumatised! It does take a lot of courage to sit in front of a class of children and read to them! The Reading Breakfasts were also a great success. Again, there was just a lovely atmosphere as parents and children enjoyed sharing a book. This is something that we do intend to repeat in the future with our older children too.

Year 4 – 6 Ski Trip – Saturday 10th March

We have some very excited children and adults who leave early on Saturday morning to head off to Les Menuires, France. This year, Shotley Bridge Primary School are also joining us, so it should be a wonderful week for everyone. Planning is already in place for next year's trip, so watch out for information in the forthcoming weeks. I am sure there will be plenty of photographs on twitter during the week!

Monday 12th March – Tony Wilson in School

The whole school is starting a two-week project all based around The Lambton Worm and to start this off, we are welcoming Tony Wilson, a storyteller and singer, into school for the day on Monday. He will lead a whole school assembly first thing in the morning and this will be followed with workshops for each year. He can be found on YouTube sharing many popular stories, including The Lambton Worm so have a look with your child if you have time!

Tuesday 13th March – Year 2/3 Football Tournament

We have some of our Year 2/3 children going to Silksworth to compete in a football tournament on Monday morning. It is great to have events like these for our younger children and hope they enjoy this opportunity! Please make sure your child is in school promptly for 8:45am as the bus leaves at 8:55am. Please make sure your child is wearing suitable outdoor sports wear, as well as shin pads and has some drink and a snack to take with them.

Morning Drop Off

We have a number of children who are arriving on the school yard on their own for around 8.15am or even earlier. This is just not appropriate or safe. Staff are not on duty until 8.40 am and therefore children should not be left in the school grounds unaccompanied before this time. If children need to come to school early, then they can come to Breakfast Club but it is just not safe for them to be left so early on the school yard and on their own. In future, we will be contacting you if we have concerns for the welfare of

your child due to them being left on their own too early in the school yard. The safety of all of our children is of paramount importance.

Year 6 Parents SATs Information Session

It was lovely to see so many parents on Tuesday evening and we do hope the meeting was useful. For those parents who could not attend, the presentation is on our website on the Parents Information Page. CGP Revision Guides are also available at cost price – books range from £2.50 to £6 for a set of 3. Please contact the Main Office where they have examples of books on sale.

Book Fair

This was cancelled because Lorries with book fairs were stuck in the snow in different parts of the country and the company was just unable to get it delivered to us. However, we have managed to rearrange and this will now be in school during the last week of term. All £1 World Book Day Vouchers can be kept to be used against the cost of books during this week.

Foundation Stage News (Nursery and Reception)

Our stories across Nursery and Reception next week will all be linked to our work on the Lambton Worm, so expect knights, dragons and incredible monsters! See the Welcome Board in Nursery for further details. We are looking forward to our storytelling session on Monday with Tony Wilson. If any Afternoon Zebra children or Wed-Fri Penguin children would like to attend the session (9.30-10.10) with a parent/carer, then they would be most welcome. It sounds like an opportunity not to be missed!

We have organised the rest of this term's visits to Lanchester Library for the Nursery children. We would appreciate any help for the following dates/times:

Thursday 15th March 9.30 for the Meerkats

Monday 19th March 1.45 for the p.m. Zebras

Thursday 22nd March 9.30 for the a.m. Zebras

Monday 26th March 1.45 for the Mon-Wed Penguins

Could we remind everyone to check that their child takes everything home with them that they bring to school? We have a lot of lost property at the moment. Please ensure that all items are clearly marked with their name so that everything can be reunited with its owner! Thank you!

Thanks to all of you who came along to our Now Press Play sessions. We hope you enjoyed them as much as the children did.

ADVANCE NOTICES

Tuesday 27th March – Wacky Hair Day

Our Rotakids are organising a Wacky Hair Day on Tuesday 27th March. The children are really looking forward to this and are starting to plan their wacky hairstyles already!

Wednesday 28th March – Easter Service in All Saints Church at 2pm

Year 2 and Year 5 will be leading this service on Wednesday 28th March. This is always a lovely service which is very well-attended. We shall look forward to seeing you there.

Wednesday 28th March – Film Night

On Wednesday 28th March at 5.30pm, the Friends of the School are holding another Film Night in school when they will be showing 'Hop'. Tickets are on sale from Monday and are £1 for children who MUST be accompanied by an adult – adults are free of charge.

Thursday 29th March – Easter Egg Decorating Competition, Coffee Afternoon and Book Fair

We thought you would want plenty of advance warning about our Easter Egg Decorating Competition. The children design their egg in school, but we also have a competition for parents and grandparents so start thinking! This is followed by a coffee afternoon where you can see all the finished products!

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

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