

LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 1 - Friday 8th June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all made the most of the lovely weather over the half term holiday – let's hope that we have more of the same to come!

I hope your children told you all about the exciting events that took place in school on Tuesday. On the field we found the remains of an alien spaceship and the missing aliens had left instructions for all year groups in school. The writing the children have produced has been superb and it certainly captured their imaginations! There never seems to be a quiet day in our school....

This was followed by the planetarium being in school at the end of the week. This was another superb experience for all the children from Reception upwards. I wonder what next week will bring?!

Sadly, along with a lot of the village, we also were affected by the heavy rain last weekend. The drains of the new extension just could not cope with the volume of water pouring down the incline and both Reception classrooms were flooded. I cannot tell you how demoralising this is for us all although I am sure those of you who have been affected by flooding will also share the exact same feelings. I will have to ask our Reception Parents to bear with us over the coming weeks as the assessors visit and floors are taken up and removed.

Monday 11th June at 6 pm - Meeting for New Reception Parents

We are looking forward to welcoming all new Reception parents to our meeting on Monday evening at 6 pm when there will be the opportunity to meet all the staff who are going to be involved in the life of your child, hear more about what a typical day in their life at school will be like as well as see their learning environments (hopefully - dependent on the state of the flood damage!)

Tuesday 12th June - Year 6 Leavers' Service

Our Year 6 end of year celebration events start on Tuesday with the leavers' service at Durham Cathedral on Tuesday morning at 10.30am. They will leave school at 9.15am and return to school in time for lunch. I am sure they will all enjoy this very special occasion.

Wednesday 13th June – Miss Jackson's Class at The Oriental Museum, Durham

Miss Jackson's class are visiting the Oriental Museum in Durham on Wednesday as part of their ongoing project with the Oases Team. I am sure they will all enjoy a highly interesting day. All children should have received letters about the day as they need to come to school in full school uniform and with a packed lunch. Thank you.

Thursday 14th June – The Reading Skills Show

On Thursday morning we are welcoming Barrie McDermid from The Punctuation Show to school who will be working with our KS2 children. This year, he will be presenting 'The Reading Skills Show'. His shows have been very popular in the past and I am sure all children will gain a lot from his show this morning as well.

Thursday 14th June and Friday 15th June - Birchwood Primary School Visiting

We are welcoming the Year 5 children from Birchwood Primary School, our partner school in Tamworth, to our school on Thursday and Friday this week. 59 children and 4 adults are exploring Gateshead and Newcastle on Thursday before sleeping in school overnight. They will spend time with our Year 5s on Thursday morning before heading off to Durham Castle and Cathedral.

The favour will be returned to our current Year 5 in the autumn term when they will head down to the Midlands for an overnight visit. Please note, due to their late arrival on Thursday evening, our Year 5 children are not joining them during that evening as previously mentioned.

Friday 15th June - Fathers' Day Camp in School Field

The Friends of the School have organised an Overnight Camp in the School Field on Friday 15th June to celebrate Fathers' Day. A letter has been sent out this week so please buy your family ticket from the School Office. Families (or groups of 5) are to bring their tent, pitch it in the school field and enjoy a night camping with their father and family. Breakfast will be served in the morning but all tents must be removed by 9am on the Saturday morning.

Juice Fund

Once again, we are asking for a small contribution this half term of £3.50 (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 £3.50 donation. Thank you. Payment can now also be made on ParentPay.

After School Clubs

As usual, we have a range of After School Clubs on offer to the children this half term which are all listed below.

	Lunchtime	After School	Year Groups	Adult
Monday		Netball	Years 3 & 4	Mrs Grieve & Mrs Smith
Tuesday	KS2 Choir		Years 3 & 4	Mrs Knighton
		Cross Country	Years 5 & 6	Mr Graham
Wednesday		Art Club	Year 2	Miss Honan
		Football	Year 1	SAFC
		Cricket	Years 5 & 6	Mr Taylor
	Games Club		Year 6	Mrs Tate
Thursday		Netball at St Bede's	Years 5 & 6	Mrs Grieve & Mrs Smith
Friday	Homework Club		Years 3 - 6	Mr Stephenson
	Eco Rangers		Years 2 - 6	Mrs Startup
	Singing Club		Years 1 & 2	Mrs Knighton

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: <u>i.davis@lanchesterep.net</u>. Thank you.

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