



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 1 – Monday 16th April 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

#New Life

I am delighted to inform you of the birth of Zak Phoenix McLoughlin who arrived safely into the world on Tuesday 10th April weighing a very healthy 8lb 12oz. Mother and baby are both doing very well. Father is slightly in awe of such a tiny little thing causing so many sleepless nights and so much washing and ironing! I am sure Mr McLoughlin will be in school soon to show his class his beautiful son!

Mr McLoughlin is now on paternity leave for two weeks so Mrs Pat Riddell will be teaching his class for the majority of the time while Mr Stephen Walker, who started with us at the beginning of March, will teach them for the afternoons when Mrs Riddell is working in Year 3. If anyone has any questions about this or any Special Needs issues whilst Mr McLoughlin is absent, please just contact myself.

Tuesday 17th April - Year 1 Visit to Durham Castle

On Tuesday, Year 1 will be enjoying a day at Durham Castle in support of their History work this term. Letters were given out at the end of last term and copies are available on the website and on your eSchools app. Please make payment through ParentPay or hand the cash and form into the school office. Thank you.

Tuesday 17th April - Visit from Durham County Cricket Club for Reception and Year 2

Durham Cricket Club will be spending the morning in school, leading an assembly and working with our younger children on a carousel of activities. I am sure they will all thoroughly enjoy this experience.

Tuesday 17th April at 3.30 pm – Meeting for Sicily Trip

There is a meeting for parents/carers of all girls going on the Sicily Trip next week at 3.30 pm on Tuesday. Please bring all documentation with you including passports, EHIC cards and consent forms. The itinerary and organisation of the week will be shared at the meeting.

Wednesday 18th April at 6 pm – Friends of the School Meeting

There will be a Friends of the School Meeting at 6 pm on Wednesday in school. All new faces are welcome (and old ones too!). At the meeting, forthcoming events will be discussed, as well as new ideas and also a discussion about the roles that need to be filled. Please see attached letter from the Friends of the School as well.

Thursday 19th April at 6 pm – Meeting for Year 3&4 Parents re Gibside Residential

On Thursday at 6 pm, there will be a parents meeting about the forthcoming Gibside Overnight Residential. The Year 4 residential takes place on Tuesday/Wednesday 1st/2nd May. Mrs Coyle's class will go on Monday/Tuesday 18th/19th June and Mr Stephenson's class on Tuesday/Wednesday 19th/20th June. More information as well as the itinerary will be shared at the meeting on Thursday. We look forward to seeing you there.

Friday 20th April – Mini Marathon

The School Council are helping to organise a mini marathon in school on Friday afternoon to coincide with the London Marathon which takes place on Sunday. Mr Knighton is running the London Marathon for the first time and is raising money for the MS Society so we decided to show our support for this charity by holding our very own mini-marathon for those children wishing to take part. The School Council have written their own letter which gives you more information. I am sure this will be a great event in school (especially considering that the weather is supposed to be so nice!). I am also looking forward to seeing Mr Knighton trying to walk next Monday morning in school!

Friday 20th April - Digital Leaders in London

Four very fortunate Year 5 digital leaders will be visiting Carlton Books Publishing House in London on Friday to see how augmented reality books are created. Carlton Books visited school last term to see their books in action and were so impressed with our children, they invited four down to their offices, which is a big honour. Ruby McDermid, Ella Graham, Martha Jamieson and Nola Boyd will be accompanied by Mr Bailey, Mr Mordue, Mrs Boyd and myself. After an early morning train, we will head straight to Carlton Books, meet with the staff and gain an insight into the whole process of creating augmented reality books. This will be followed by a visit to Madame Tussauds, a meal at Pizza Express before an evening train home.

I am sure the digital leaders will look forward to sharing their knowledge learnt with the other digital leaders on their return!

Parking

Can I just remind you all again to please park responsibly when dropping or picking your children up please? I know the majority of you are very thoughtful, but sadly, there remains a minority of individuals whose only intention appears to be to park as close to the school gates as possible, with complete disregard for anyone else and this includes our children. Double yellow lines are there for a reason, as are the zig-zag lines near schools and it is to keep pedestrians (and our children) and other drivers safe. During this term especially, a short walk from the Social Club where there is ample parking, is good exercise and benefits you and your child's health as well as alleviating issues right outside the school gates. Thank you for your help and support.

Village Litter Pick - Saturday 21st April – 10 am - 12.30pm

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.

After School Clubs

Once again, we have an abundance of after school clubs on offer to our children. We have more than ever this half term and I am sure the children will thoroughly enjoy them all. Places on some are limited and letters will be given out to relevant year groups. Clubs will all start this week apart from Y3&4 Art Club which will start next week. Thank you.

	Lunchtime	After School	Year Groups	Adult
Monday		Netball	Years 3 & 4	Mrs Grieve & Mrs Smith
		Booster	Year 6	Mr Taylor, Mrs Davis, Mr Mordue, Mr Knighton
		Kickball	Year 3	Mr Walker
Tuesday	KS2 Choir	---	Years 3 - 6	Mrs Knighton
		Fitness Club	Year 5 & 6	Mr Graham
Wednesday	KS2 Choir	---	Years 3 - 6	Mrs Knighton
		Booster	Year 6	Mr Taylor, Mrs Davis, Mr Mordue, Mr Knighton
		Football	Year 1	Mr Graham
		Art Club	Years 3 & 4	Mrs Grayson
		Art Club	Year 5	Miss Jackson
		Samba Drumming	Years 3 - 6	Mrs Knighton
		Art Club	Year 2	Miss Honan
		Detective Club	Year 3&4	Miss Butler
		Football	Year 2	SAFC
Thursday		Digital Leaders	Years 3 - 6	Mr Bailey
		Crazy Football Golf	Year 5	Mr Walker
		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
		Girls Football	Years 3 - 6	Mr Taylor
		Boys Football	Years 5 & 6	Mr Stoker
		Football	Year 2	Mr Stephenson

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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