



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 5 – Friday 18th May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We really do have an action packed week organised for the children next week! I am sure you all know that next week is our Fun and Fitness Week. Please read carefully about what we have organised for the children every day. We also ask children to come to school wearing their sports gear all week. All children, from Nursery to Year 6 should come to school in trainers and sportswear every day, ready for their day of sporting activities. The forecast looks perfect for the week ahead too which is wonderful!

We are also welcoming a group of 8 Italian and 6 Hungarian teachers and pupils to our school for the week. This is part of our Erasmus+ project and the children will be joining our Year 5 classes during the day on Monday and Tuesday. I am sure they will have a wonderful experience and thoroughly enjoy their time with us.

We also have some students from Cranmer Theological College in Durham joining us next week. They are coming to experience life in a Church of England Primary School and will be working with the children during the week.

Monday 21st May - Lions of Zululand in School

At 9.15 am, the Lions of Zululand will lead a concert of traditional singing and dancing dressed in traditional Zulu costume. This is a truly magnificent experience and one which the children from Reception to Year 6 will never forget. We are also asking any parents to join us – the concert will last approximately an hour. Please note, this is not suitable for very young children – the Nursery children will not be joining us – and unfortunately there is no room for pushchairs in the hall.

The concert is followed by a series of workshops when the Zulus work with the children on singing, dancing, Art, Language and Culture. A wonderful day will be had by all!

Tuesday 22nd May – Carousel of Activities

On Tuesday, all children from Nursery to Year 6 will enjoy taking part in a carousel of activities. We have a penalty shoot game, laser run and laser quest on site which I know the children will thoroughly enjoy!

Tuesday 22nd May – Barbecue – 3.30pm to 6 pm

The staff are thoroughly looking forward to cooking for you next week! If you would still like to purchase some BBQ tickets, please buy them no later than Monday. Tickets are £5 each (Adults and children are the same price). However, this year, we are also selling a family ticket for £20. This ticket is for 2 adults and 3 children. Knitsley Farm is providing the food again this year – a burger and bun, sausages, salad, crisps and soft drink. Please help us by buying your tickets before the day itself. All the activities will be on site until 5 pm for families to join in with for a small charge – I am sure the children will be eager to have another go on them all!

The barbecue is always a lovely, sociable evening enjoyed by children, parents and staff alike.

Wednesday 23rd May – Year 6 at The Forbidden Corner

Year 6 should come to school dressed ready for a day at The Forbidden Corner. Please note, they will be outside for the whole day, whatever the weather. All children will need a change of clothes (they always get wet from the numerous water features!), drinks and a packed lunch. They will return to school for approximately 5pm.

Wednesday 23rd May – Carousel of Sporting Activities

Consett Rugby Club, Lanchester Cricket Club, Lanchester Tennis Club and Sunderland Football Club are leading a carousel of activities on the school grounds on Wednesday. I am sure the children will love being so active for the day! Nursery will be enjoying their own carousel of sporting activities too.

Thursday 24th May – Year 5&6 Bike Ride

All children going on the bike ride along the old railway line need a bike in good, working order and a helmet. NO children will be allowed to ride their bike without a helmet due to health and safety. If any parents would like to join us on the bike ride, please give your name to the School Office. Please note, adults on the ride do act as role-models to the children so will also need a helmet.

All children will need plenty of drinks and a packed lunch. We ride approximately 12-15 miles and it really is a super day!

Thursday 24th May – Wheels Day

Thursday is Wheels Day for the whole school – from Nursery upwards. We ask all children to bring in a wheeled item for the day. This can be a bike, scooter, skateboard, roller boots, pram, pushchair or any other wheeled item they have. Please note, any child bringing a bike to school MUST have a helmet otherwise they will not be allowed to ride it on school premises. Each class will be allocated a time when they have access to the yard and field to use their wheels!

Thursday 24th May – Hoopstarz

We are welcoming Hoopstarz back into school on Thursday when they will be working with all children from Nursery upwards. Their hula hooping will certainly take on a difference after their great session with the experts! Hoops will also be on sale after school on Thursday. The hula hoops are 36” in diameter, which makes the art of hula hooping easier. If you would like to, you will be able to purchase hula hoops at the end of the day at a cost of £3.00 per hoop. This is a great way to encourage your child to continue to be active at home and for them to be able to show off their new found talent!

Walk to School Week

Fun and Fitness Week coincides with Walk to School Week so let's all give it a try! I will be walking 7 miles to work on Tuesday morning, setting off at 6.15am to get there in good time. Let's all use next week to get fit, have fun and walk to school on at least one occasion. If you can't walk all the way from home, then why not park a little further away from school and walk that little bit further with your child next week. Not only will you feel better for it, but you will also ease congestion from around the school!

Nursery and Reception News

Reception and Nursery will be joining in with Fun and Fitness week and all Nursery and Reception children should come dressed to be active.

The team at Lanchester Library have invited us to take part in a Story Time on Monday 4th June to celebrate National Bookstart Week. We will be going over in the afternoon at 2pm. If you would be able to help out with walking the children over, please let us know in Nursery. As always, your help is most appreciated!

Dinner Money and Debts

We have an increasing number of parents who are building up substantial arrears with their dinner money and Wrap Around Care accounts. We ask for at least £10 each week for dinner money to be paid in advance. It is essential that this is followed. Wrap Around Care should also be paid for on the day the clubs are accessed. All accounts should be kept in credit at all times to stop reminder texts and letters being sent. If arrears are not brought up to date before the end of the half term, your child may not be able to have a school dinner or stay to After School Club and Breakfast Club until the accounts are brought up-to-date. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Skiing Holiday

We have had a record number of children and adults express an interest in this trip which will most definitely be taking place next year on Saturday 9th – 16th March 2019. 29 children and adults have put their names down for the trip which is a record number. I am sure it will be a wonderful week for all!

Holiday Clubs

Please do not forget that Mr Graham is running holiday clubs on Wednesday 30th May and Thursday 31st June. Bookings can be made for half-day or full-day sessions. Please see booking form on the website or pick one up from the School Office. Thank you.

#GetFitandActive

Your twitter challenge for this half term is #GetFitandActive. We are hoping that you will make the most of the lovely weather, get yourselves out and about and share your photos with us on twitter. Please remember not to name your child on the tweet so that it can be re-tweeted on the school account. We look forward to sharing in your half term adventures!

Friends of the School – Fathers’ Day Camp in School Field

The Friends of the School met last night and decided to hold an Overnight Camp in the School Field on Friday 15th June to celebrate Fathers’ Day. A letter will be sent next week from the Friends of the School with more information but families will be asked to bring their tent, pitch it in the school field and enjoy a night camping with their family. Breakfast will be served in the morning but all tents must be removed by 9am on the Saturday morning.

This is also a perfect precursor to our Refugee Awareness Week which we will be recognising in school the following week. Look out for the Friends of the School letter which will go out next week.

Advance Dates

Tuesday 5th June at 6 pm	Year 6 Parents Meeting re Sex Education
Monday 11th June at 6 pm	New Reception Starters Parents’ Meeting
Wednesday 13th June	Miss Jackson’s class at Oriental Museum, Durham
Thursday 14th/Friday 15th June	Year 5 pupils from Birchwood School in Tamworth spending time in school and staying overnight.
Thursday 14th June	Year 5 children invited to school from 6.30 – 8.30pm to spend time with pupils from Birchwood School
Friday 15th June	Overnight Camp in School Field
Mon 18th June/Tues 19th June	Mr Stephenson’s Class Overnight Visit to Gibside
Tues 19th June/Wed 20th June	Mrs Coyle’s Class Overnight Visit to Gibside
Wednesday 20th June	Nursery Big Toddle in aid of Barnado’s
Thursday 21st June	Reception Trip to Seven Stories and Ouseburn Farm
Monday 25th June	Friends of the School Meeting at 6pm
Tuesday 26th June	Parents’ Evening
Wednesday 27th June	Parents’ Evening
Thursday 28th June	School Walk
Monday 2nd July	Year 5&6 Residential to PGL
Friday 6th July	Digital Leaders at Durham ICT Conference
Wednesday 10th July	Foundation Stage Sports Days
Thursday 11th July	Main School Sports Day
Saturday 14th July	Summer Fair
Tuesday 17th July	Year 6 Sleep Over in School Hall
Wednesday 18th July	Year 5&6 Leavers’ Communion Service in All Saints Church
Thursday 19th July	Leavers’ Service in All Saints Church
Friday 20th July	Year 6 leavers’ assembly

Please do not forget that we break up for the half term holiday on Thursday 24th May 2018 and re-open on Monday 4th June 2018.

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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