



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 2 – Friday 24th January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have an exciting weekend ahead of us for some of our Digital Leaders as they head to the Bett Show at London's Excel Centre. The Bett Show is an international exhibition where the country's leading computing companies exhibit and present.

We are honoured this year to be presenting in the main theatre – this is all about our journey of Twitter over the last 6-7 years. Anna and Caitlin from Year 6 will be leading this with an introduction from myself and the Head of ICT Services from Durham Local Authority. This is a huge honour for our school and really places us on an international platform. I am sure you will be seeing plenty about it on Twitter over the weekend!

Mr Bailey and myself were also very proud to be guests of 2Simple at the BETT Awards in London this week. This was quite a prestigious event and it was a great honour to be there – it also enabled us to network with a number of other companies keen to work with our school.

Staff Training Erasmus+ Visit to Sweden

Four of our staff (Mr McLoughlin, Mr Knighton, Miss Honan and Mrs Sharron Davis) will be visiting our partner school in Sundsvall, Sweden next week when they will spend the week receiving training on outdoor education the Swedish way! During their absence, Mrs Riddell will be teaching in Early Years and Mrs Grieve will be taking over for Mr Knighton along with Mr Keeton, our PGCE student who is currently on placement. Mrs Sharron Davis and Miss Honan will also be covered by other teaching assistants across school. I am sure they will come back full of new initiatives and ideas!

Tuck Shop

This has been rebranded and has enjoyed a very successful first week. Bananas, apples, raisins, Frubes and Babybel cheese have all been on sale and have been so popular we have needed another delivery already! All snacks are 20p and can be bought on any day. Please remember that healthy snacks can also be brought in from home but must not be taken from packed lunches.

Monday 27th January 2020 – Booking for Parents' Evening

Our Parents' Evening for this term take place on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th February between 3:45pm and 6pm. Bookings open via your eSchools accounts from 12 noon on Monday 27th January and will close on Thursday 6th February 2020. You can make appointments through the app and logging into your account. If you need a reminder of your username and password, please contact the school office. Thank you.

Monday 27th January 2020 – Disco Tickets on Sale

The Friends of the School are holding a disco on Wednesday 5th February for all children from Reception to Year 6. Tickets are £2 and go on sale from Monday. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 disco will be held immediately after school until 4.30pm and the KS2 disco (Years 3-6) will take place from 4.45pm until 6pm. All children will receive juice and a hot dog during the disco too. Please buy your child's ticket before the day itself to help us with numbers for catering! Thanks.

Monday 27th January 2020 – Holocaust Memorial Event

We are really looking forward to welcoming Sigmund 'Sigi' Ciffer to school on Monday afternoon. Sigi is a 95 year-old Hungarian holocaust survivor who is coming all the way from London to talk a little about his experiences. All of our Year 5 children will be present for the talk along with over 100 children from other North-East schools. I am sure this will be very thought-provoking and memorable for us all.

Monday 27th January 2020 – Meeting for Year 3 Parents/Carers

At 5.30pm on Monday, we have a meeting for all parents and carers from Year 3 about the forthcoming overnight visit to Birdoswald. At this meeting you will receive more details about the visit, see some photographs and also ask any questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

Monday 27th January 2020 – Meeting for Year 4 Parents/Carers

At 6pm on Monday, we have a meeting for all parents and carers from Year 4 about the forthcoming overnight visit to Alnwick and Seahouses. At this meeting you will receive more details about the visit, see some photographs and also ask any questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

Old Wellingtons and Coats

If any of you have any old coats and wellingtons (or that your child may have outgrown), we would love to have them in school. Now that we are holding regular Forest School sessions across the whole school, it would be really useful to have some spares. Thank you.

Early Years News

Our first Stay and Play session of the year will be held on Wednesday 26th February from 9 – 10:45am and 1 – 2:45pm. Parents and carers are welcome to attend one of the sessions to get a flavour of what is on offer when your child is with us. Please note that younger siblings are welcome but because of health and safety, buggies will need to be left outside.

You should have now received an email invitation to sign up for our online learning journal, Evidence Me, has been sent to your email address. Please confirm this by replying to the email so that you can begin to be updated about your child's progress. This email may have gone to your junk folder, so please check. If you haven't received an email, please let Miss Butler know.

Advance Notices and Dates

Wednesday 5th February 2020 – Disco for Reception to Year 6

Monday 10th February 2020 – Parents' Evening

Tuesday 11th February 2020 – Parents' Evening

As usual, if there is anything at all that you would like to talk about, or that is concerning you, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. We are here to help you and your child.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Davis

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Head Teacher