



# LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 2 – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe how lucky we have been with the weather this week for all of our beach trips. Our Nursery children have enjoyed two dry days at Roker Beach and Park, and we were exceptionally fortunate having a day of amazingly hot and sunny weather for the school walk at Bamburgh. It was another super day for everyone and I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the adults who joined us for the day – both those who came on the buses with us and those who joined us there. It really does get bigger and better every year with so many more adults joining us for a real family day out. It was also lovely to see so many parents of Year 6 joining us for their final trip – these last few weeks are always quite nostalgic for our families as their children prepare to move onto the next stage of their lives and parents' contact with our school comes to an end. Let's just hope we are as lucky with the weather for our sports days over the next two weeks!

At the end of the walk at Bamburgh, one of our Year 5 boys lost a pair of black and red Adidas, Size 4 trainers. They were there during lunch and when we finished playing, they had gone. We think another child has perhaps picked them up by mistake. Could you please check at home over the weekend whether your child has mistakenly picked them up? Thank you. If you have any other lost property from the walk, please feel free to hand it into the School Office.

## **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 11.30 – 11.45pm - France Residential Departs**

All children need to be at school between 11.30 and 11.45pm tonight. The bus needs to leave by midnight in order to get to Portsmouth in good time for the ferry on Saturday morning. I am sure all children are very excited and really looking forward to their time abroad. The weather looks as though it is going to be warm but rain is also forecast at the moment too so the children will need a raincoat. We will look forward to seeing lots of photographs on twitter!

## **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Lanchester Fun Run**

I am sure many of you will have seen the adverts for the village fun run on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June between 10am and 2pm. There is a free shuttle bus running from St Bedes and the village green to get you there and back. Runners and walkers under 12 must be accompanied by an adult and fancy dress is welcome. Willowburn hospice is also selling refreshments and food.

## **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Fun Day**

On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, a group of caring adults are organising a memory walk and Fun Day. This event is to remember and support the family of Simon Wainwright, who was a local driving instructor and whose son attends our school, who sadly died quite unexpectedly at the end of February. A group of driving instructors and friends and colleagues have organised this event, which I know many of our families will want to support.

The memory walk starts at 10am at Meadowfield Leisure Centre and will go to Lanchester Cricket Club, where there will be a fun day with a BBQ, face painters, side stalls, activities on the field, and a bouncy castle. The bar will be also be open.

Money raised will go towards the charity Alpha 1 – Antitrypsin Deficiency to raise awareness of this genetic condition which may result in lung and/or liver disease. If you want to make a donation, please contact Caroline Chipchase on Facebook, or you can donate via: [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/carolinesschoolofmotoring](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/carolinesschoolofmotoring)

## **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Kwik Cricket**

Our children will be playing at Consett Cricket Club again on Monday evening immediately after school – weather permitting of course! Those playing will have received a letter with all the details.

## **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Friends of the School Meeting**

On Tuesday evening we have our final meeting of the Friends of the School at 6.00pm. We will be reflecting on the events held this year as well as thinking about what next year will bring. New faces are always warmly welcomed!

## **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June- Early Years Sports Days**

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, we have our two Foundation Stage Sports Days. Giraffes Monday – Wednesday, Flamingos, Meerkats and Mrs Burke's class will have their sports day at 9.30am. At 2.00pm, the Wednesday – Friday Flamingos, Zebras, Penguins and Mr McLoughlin's class will enjoy their sports day. Parents will gain access to the school field via the school gate through the staff car park next to the All Weather Pitch. Children are to come to school dressed in their sports gear ready for the day ahead! If they wish, Nursery parents can take their children home after their Sports Day has taken

place. Equally, the children can also stay with us. Foundation Stage Sports Day is all about enjoyment of the activities. It is completely non-competitive and is about participation and having fun!

### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Go Givers Presentation**

Some of our Year 5 children have been working very hard with Mrs Coyle as part of the 'Make a Difference Group'. They have been doing a lot of work about recycling and upcycling textiles in an attempt to reduce the amount that is thrown away. They are attending a presentation at The Durham Centre on Wednesday and I know they will be wonderful ambassadors for our school.

### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Digital Leaders at Durham ICT Conference**

A group of our digital leaders are presenting at the Durham ICT Conference at Ramside Hall on Wednesday. Two of our Year 6 children are presenting to teachers about our effective use of social media in school whilst the others will be showcasing 'Now Press Play' and 'Learning By Questions' – two resources that have been both highly popular and successful in our school. This is a huge honour for our school as teachers from all around the county and indeed the North-East will be attending this event. Again – I know I will be very proud of the children and the super way they represent our school.

### **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June – France Residential Trip Returns**

The children are due back around 2am on Thursday morning. Obviously, we will keep you informed through twitter of their progress. We do not expect the children (or staff!) in school on Thursday. I have a feeling they will sleep most of the day!

### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Transition Day at St Bede's**

The Year 6 children have their first transition day to St Bede's on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. This is from 9am to 2.45pm. Children DO NOT come to our school at all on this day. It is a transition day so they need to be taken straight to St Bede's for a 9.00am start and picked up from there at 2.45pm.

### **Before and After School**

We have an increasing number of incidents that are occurring before children are dropped off in school and after they have been collected. Once we hand your children over, they are in your care. However, there are an increasing number of children who are climbing trees, kicking footballs around and throwing sticks – all of which are totally unacceptable and dangerous. Please help us to keep all children safe on our premises. Thank you.

### **Ocean World Tickets**

We have managed to reach an agreement with Consett Empire whereby the school will be purchasing all the tickets and selling them directly onto yourselves. I felt very uncomfortable with the fact that there was a booking fee for phone and online purchases especially considering the fact that we initially limit the number of tickets that can be purchased. So, these will go on sale from Monday. Please see the 'Ocean World Tickets' letter sent out with this newsletter for more information.

### **Foundation Stage News**

A huge thank you to the parents who supported our Nursery trips to Roker Beach and Park. This is a lovely shared experience for the children and the delight on their faces makes our summer!

Please remember that we still love to hear about your child's achievements out of school. Wow slips are always available to share what they have been up to. Please ask a member of staff if you need one.

Next week is the last placement week for our eight teaching students from Durham University. They have worked very hard to provide exciting learning experiences for the children in EYFS and we hope you join us in thanking them for their efforts.

For children moving from Nursery to Reception, especially those leaving us for other settings, it can be an emotional and uncertain time. The move from Reception to Year One can feel equally daunting. Please feel that you can talk through any worries you have with your child's Key Worker or Class Teacher, who will be happy to help in any way they can.

As usual, if you have any questions or queries at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. We are here to help!