



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 6 – Friday 18th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that the final week of the half term is upon us already – it has been a long half term for the children and they are ready for a break. I hope you all manage some special family times together. Look out for our twitter challenge which will be posted towards the end of next week. For any new families, we always give some holiday homework on twitter and ask that you share it on twitter – just no names of children please!

I am sitting writing this in Warwickshire where we are with 55 Year 5 children, staying in our partner school. We have had a fabulous day at the National Space Centre in Leicester, a lovely meal at a local restaurant and are now looking forward to our visit to Cadbury World tomorrow. As usual, your children have been a real credit to you – their behaviour has been outstanding with many compliments from members of the public.

After School Clubs

Please remember that there are no after school clubs next week due to parents' evenings taking place. The only after school club is wrap around care. Information will go out in the first week back about clubs taking place next half term.

Parents' Evenings

Monday – All Classes apart from Nursery, Mrs Grayson and Mr Mordue

Tuesday – Mr Mordue and Mrs Grayson

Wednesday – All Classes apart from Nursery

Thursday – Mr Mordue

The teachers will be based in the junior hall. Your child's work will be out in their classroom for you to look at either before or after your appointment. Entry is through the Main Reception. After School Club will be in the top classroom (Mrs Tate's room). We look forward to seeing you all there!

Wednesday 23rd October – Year 5&6 Boys Football Team at Tanfield Lea Primary School

Our boys football team are also continuing to flourish as a team and have another round of matches at Tanfield Lea Primary on Wednesday after school. Mr Graham will be accompanying the boys due to Parents' Evenings taking place.

Wednesday 23rd October – 6pm – Erasmus+ Meeting for Poland

A meeting for parents and children who are going to Poland on the Erasmus+ visit will take place at 6pm on Wednesday 23rd October in the Meeting Room.

Wednesday 23rd October – Online Safety Assembly with Digital Leaders

Our digital leaders will be leading an Online Safety assembly to all parents at 9am on Wednesday morning. Following this assembly, Mr Bailey will be leading a parent information session all about how to help keep your child safe online. This is an essential topic and parents have found them very useful and informative in the past. We hope to see you there.

Early Years News

You will be receiving a letter next week about our Reception transport trips. We intend to take Mr McLoughlin's Leopards on Monday 11th November, Mr Osmond's Dolphins on Wednesday 13th November and Miss Butler's Eagles on Friday 15th November. We will be asking for parent helpers so please keep the date free if you think you might want to accompany us.

This week in Reception we have been using <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk> as part of our phonics review sessions to practice the letter sounds we have learnt so far. You might find some of the free games on there useful. Next week we will be learning the c/k sounds.

Reception children should now all have reading books. These books may still be picture books with no words, but please use the questions in the front of the books to prompt your child to tell the story as they see it developing. We will set up a system for children to change their books more often than weekly after the half term, so please bear with us as we get this organised.

This year, we have a number of allergies in both Nursery and Reception. With this in mind, we have decided that we would prefer not to celebrate birthdays with cakes or sweets. If you would like to bring something in for the children to share when it is your child's birthday, then the children would love some interesting fruit such as melon or strawberries. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Sickness Bugs

We would like to remind all parents and carers that it is essential that children remain absent from school for 48 hours following any bout of sickness or diarrhoea. This is in keeping with the NHS Guidelines and in an attempt to prevent any germs and bugs from spreading. I am sure you can imagine how quickly these can spread in a school environment. We just have the well-being of all our children in mind. Thank you for your support.

School Closed on Friday 25th October 2019

Please do not forget that we finish for the half term break on Thursday 24th October as the staff have a training day on the Friday.

LJG Holiday Club

Mr Graham will once again be running his fantastic holiday clubs at school during the October half term holiday. If you would like to book, please email: lewisgraham91@hotmail.co.uk or school.office@lanchesterep.net for a booking form. During October Half Term, the club will be running on Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th October.

Advance Notices

School Discos

The Friends of the School are holding a school disco in the hall on Thursday 7th November. KS1 will be from 3:30-4:30pm (you can pack a change of clothes in your child's book bag and they will get changed in their classroom). The KS2 disco is 4:45-6:00pm. Tickets are £2 each and will be available from Monday 21st October from the school office. Please hand in the correct money in a named envelope. Thank you.

Deposits for Ford Castle and PGL

Please remember that the deposits for Ford Castle and PGL are due shortly. The deposit for PGL is due today – but we will extend that to Monday for any last minute decisions! The deposit for Ford Castle is due by 4th November. If you have any questions about either of these residentials, please just ask!

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,

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Head Teacher