

Lanchester E. P. Prímary School



Spríng 2 Newsletter (4)

The year seems to be flying and it is hard to believe that it is March already! This is the term when the children eagerly anticipate the school field being dry enough for them to start playing on it. Let's just hope we do have some more lovely spring weather again which will help this happen as quickly as possible!

We have a lot of residentials this half term – five in total – which is quite a challenge to organise. We have Year 5 children heading off to Unna, Germany and Cordoba Spain. We also have 30 adults and children going on the skiing residential to the French Alps and 96 of our Year 3 & 4 children enjoying an overnight visit to the Roman Wall. We have already had Year 6 in Ford Castle, Northumberland for their special residential and some staff have already visited our partner school in Kuopio, Finland! Busy but exciting times!

We have also had the first of our exciting Nursery trips to Beamish – it was so lovely to see their excitement before they left school! Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all have other visits this half term too which really helps to bring their learning alive!

This half term is a very important one in terms of academic progress for all our children but especially those in Year 2 and Year 6 who are preparing for the end of year statutory assessments. Year 6 have additional booster sessions while Year 2 should not even know they are taking them.

A few parents have been unsure of how to contact your child's class teacher. We all have email addresses -Please feel free to email them if you need to pass on any messages. However, obviously they teach during the day so there will be a delay in their reply to you. All email addresses follow the same pattern as mine their initial, followed by a dot, surname and finishing with @lanchesterep.net.

For example: <u>j.davis@lanchesterep.net</u>, <u>a.knighton@lanchesterep.net</u>. All teacher's email addresses are listed on the back page of this newsletter.

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Staffing

Mr Osmond is due to start his paternity leave imminently. During his absence, Mrs Riddell will be teaching the class. We will all be waiting for the news of the next mini Osmond!



It is also lovely to see Mrs Alison Moralee return to work in the kitchen. The children were delighted to welcome her back and I think she is very pleased to be back to normal!



Lost Property



If you are picking children up from after school club please make sure they take all their belongings with them. We often have parents coming into school to tell us their child has lost something or they have picked something up which is not theirs. As you can understand, with over 400 children in the school it can be quite a task sorting out all the 'lost' property, which is often found very quickly and often in after school club.

On the topic of lost property, please, please, PLEASE, label your child's belongings, especially jumpers, cardigans and coats. As the weather gets warmer, we have more jumpers and cardigans left lying around and we cannot reunite these with their owners if they are not named! Our uniform supplier will initial your sweatshirts and cardigans free of charge and biro on washing labels is also a really effective and cheap way to make sure your children do not lose their uniform. Thank you!



Comic Relief Day

We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 15th March in exchange for £1 donation to Comic Relief. Feel free to wear your red noses with style!



Durham Local Offer

WWW The Durham Local Offer website contains a wealth of information to help parents and carers, especially parents and carers of children with additional needs. You can find information about different groups, charities and organisations that run all across County Durham. This may be especially useful for parents who are looking for activities to support their families during the school holidays. The website can be found by going to <u>www.countydurhamfamilies.info</u> or you can ask Mr McLoughlin for more information.



Year 3 & 4 Overnight Residential

The Year 3&4 children are all really looking forward to their overnight residential at Birdoswald Roman Fort which will enhance their learning about the Romans

this half term. It makes such a huge difference to the children's learning to be able to actually go to the Roman Wall, stay overnight there, meet a Roman Soldier, have a story in one of the milecastles and have a tour of the Roman Fort too!

A reminder to all parents that the final payment for children attending Birdoswald Roman Fort should have been made on 1st March. This would have been either £20 for pupils on Free School Meals or £40. Please ensure this is paid no later than Monday 11th March or you may lose your place. Numbers have to be confirmed and paid for next week. Thank you.

Skiing Trip to Les Menuires, France

SV I am sure that all parents and children going on the skiing trip will be looking forward to Saturday morning at 4.30am when we leave for our week of skiing. With 30 children and

adults heading off to the ski slopes, this is nearly double the number taken in the past. The snow and weather look very promising with snow showers forecast for most of the week. Please look out for the screen in the main entrance for daily updates of their achievements! I think some of the parents going on this trip are more than excited than the children!

Mother's Day/Special People Afternoon Tea

Don't forget that we are holding a Mother's Day/Special Adult tea in school on Friday 29th March. Places need to be booked and the sitting times are 2.15pm, 3pm and 3.45pm

Tickets cost £3 per child. It should be a very special afternoon and we look forward to seeing you there. This was a huge success last year and sold out fairly quickly so please do not forget to book your places as early as possible. Forms will be given out next week with all children.

Performance of La Chanson du Retour

On Thursday afternoon this week, Years 4, 5 and 6 were treated to a performance of 'Ti-Jean et la Chevre' which was entirely in French! The theatre group who performed the show were from

'Théâtre sans Frontières', who specialise in bringing languages to life on the stage. The show is about a man and his goat who are travelling storytellers and they act out three stories from French speaking countries, namely Mali, Quebec and Cambodia. In the weeks leading up to the show, the children have worked hard in French lessons practising the songs and raps, and learning vocabulary to help them understand the plot. This really paid off on the day, as they could really get involved in the action and I was so proud to see them all singing along in French. The actors were so complimentary about the children afterwards and said it made their job so much easier and more enjoyable! Bravo tout le monde!



<u>Year 6 Parents' Meeting – SATs and Sex Education</u>

On Tuesday 2nd April at 6pm, we will be holding a meeting for all Year 6 parents when we will talk about their forthcoming statutory tests and also discuss our approach to relationships and sex education which will take place in the summer term. You will have the opportunity to look at old SAT papers, try some for yourselves and also hear about the timetable for the week itself. It is an important meeting and we look forward to seeing you all there!







Erasmus+ Projects

We are having another very busy half term with three visits taking place for our two different projects. Mrs Startup, Miss Martin and myself enjoyed a really interesting and very cold visit to Kuopio and Helsinki in Finland. Our partner school there is built on the shores of a lake (which was totally frozen when we were there) and they have an ice rink in their grounds! During our time there, we experienced some of the wonderful Finnish education system and also shared our approaches to teaching writing with each of the eight countries.



Mr Stephenson and Mr Bailey are taking four very lucky Year 5 boys, Finlay, Jack, Riley and Lewis to our partner school in Unna, Germany. They will be spending time in classes, learning how they teach Reading, listening to some traditional German stories, as well as doing some sightseeing including a tour of the Dortmund Football Stadium. I am not sure whether the boys or the teachers will enjoy that more! Myself, Mr McLoughlin, Mr Graham and Mr Gill will be joining them all for the last few days of the visit for work being undertaken in our partner school as well as a transnational meeting.



During the final week of term, Miss Butler and Mrs Sant are taking four lucky Year 5 girls to Cordoba, Spain. Caitlin, Jasmine, Katie and Ruby will be jetting off to Malaga to spend a week in our Spanish partner school taking part in a Eurovision Song Contest (we will be writing our song this half term) as well as a number of other writing workshops.

These projects are all funded by the British Council and they have had a huge, positive impact on school life. We are hoping to apply for another one while we are still part of Europe....



Mr Graham is holding his holiday club during the first week of the Easter holidays. LJG Sports Coaching provides football/multisport days. These will take place from Monday 8th to Friday 12th April with bookings/payment made directly to Mr Graham. Forms for these clubs have been given out but are also available from the School Office, eSchools and the website.



Easter Events

As usual, we have a number of events to celebrate Easter. We have our Easter Service on Thursday 4th April at 2 p.m. in All Saints Church. Year 2 and Year 5 will be leading the service

with the children from Year 1 to Year 6 attending. All parents and friends are more than welcome to join us for this very special and popular service.

On Wednesday 3rd April, Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) will be holding an Easter-themed Stay and Play session when the children will be making Easter bonnets and enjoying an Easter egg hunt in the school grounds!



On the final day of term, Friday 5th April, the children will be enjoying their usual egg decorating competition during the morning. For this, we ask the children to bring a couple of hard boiled eggs into school and any specific items to decorate it. It always amazes me how many highly imaginative ways there are to decorate an egg! Please note – this activity is to be completed at school and not at home! Please note – this is for children in Years 1 - 6.

As usual, we would love our parents, grandparents and carers to join in too and we will be holding our usual competition for you (and the staff - which they hate!). If you would like to make an entry, it is important that it is brought into school before 12 noon on the Friday. I am sure this will continue to be a highly competitive

event and one which is enjoyed more by adults than children!

As usual, we will be holding a Coffee Afternoon on the final afternoon, Friday 5th April from 2.30 p.m. which will give you the opportunity to see all the decorated eggs and even glean some good ideas for next year!



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Whole School Walk

All arrangements have been finalised for our whole school walk to take place on Tuesday 18th June 2019. Once again, all children from Reception to Year 6 we will be enjoying a

slow walk along the beach from Seahouses to Bamburgh, before enjoying our packed lunch on the beach and some time to build sand castles, sand sculptures and to play in the dunes. As usual, we have booked an additional bus for this trip to enable as many parents/carers as possible to come but obviously there is a limit to the number of adults we can accommodate. Therefore, if you would like to come on this trip, please give your name to the School Office as soon as possible as it is always an exceptionally popular trip. Once bus places have been allocated, we will no longer be able to take any more names. All parents attending will be asked for £12 to book their place; a letter will go out nearer the date. Please do not pay this money until the letter goes out in the summer term.

Punctuality

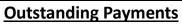
This is another reminder that all doors and gates close at 8.55am every morning. We have a flexible drop off across the whole school allowing parents to leave their child from 8.40am onwards in all year groups. All children should be in their classrooms ready to start work at 8.55am. We appreciate you helping us to make sure this can happen. Please remember, if your child is late for any reason, you MUST accompany them into the school. This is to ensure your child enters school safely. If your child arrives into school late and unaccompanied, the school office will phone you to ask for a reason why your child is late and to remind you that they must be accompanied into the school. Thank you.

Fun and Fitness Week

Ð We are planning an action-packed week again for the whole school for Fun and Fitness Week which takes place from Monday 20th May until Thursday 23rd May. We hope to hold our summer barbecue, Skip2Bfit, wheels day and Year 5/6 cycle ride that week but are still trying to work out how to fit everything in! We will let you know as soon as we have finalised the timetable!

France Residential

We have a super total of 36 children from Years 5 & 6 going on the residential to Brittany, France. The itinerary is being finalised for this visit and a meeting will be organised in the summer term. However, visits to the aquarium in St Malo, Cobac Parc and our partner school are all being organised for the children. This will be another memorable visit for everyone! Another payment of £100 should have been made on 1st March. Please ensure you are up to date with this and all payments are on schedule. Thank you.



As we approach the end of the financial year it is essential that all parents and carers ensure that their dinner money and wrap around care payments are up to date. Please remember

that these payments should be made before your child uses the facilities. Payments should not be made in arrears.

School Car Park

This is a reminder that parents and carers should not use the school car parks at any time for dropping off and picking up children and especially not for wraparound care. It is dangerous to come into the car park and up the drive, especially when there are children around who are often on their own. This week, we have had one dangerous incident when a member of staff was forced to reverse back onto the main road and onto the school crossing in order to allow a parent to leave the car park. This is very dangerous and just not acceptable. So please remember that parents and carers are not permitted to park on the school premises unless you have prior permission. We are not being awkward – we are just considering the safety of your children. Thank you for your consideration.











Friends of the School



Our Friends of EP group re-established itself in 2017 and after 18 months of events for children, adults and families we would like share the news we have successfully raised

£2000 - Thank You!

Together with the school we have decided our main aim is to raise funds for an all-weather running track, to help promote the health and wellbeing of all the children. We are also exploring other sources of fundraising to help with our ambition.

We have also had the pleasure of supplying each class with wet weather activity packs for when playtime is indoors.

Please get involved in some our wonderful up and coming events including:

- Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
- Father's Day Family Camp Out
- Year 6 Leavers Disco

Or come along to one of our meetings - everyone is welcome. Contact - <u>friends@lanchesterep.net</u>

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Bakeathon



March is the brain tumour awareness month. We have a child in school who has a brain tumour and who has undergone years of treatment, tests and appointments. Obviously, we are keen to support them as much as we can. The brain tumour charity are trying to raise £200,000 to fund a researcher and their work into new treatment for three years. Investment in research is low compared to other cancers so the charity want to accelerate change to find a cure faster.

Year 2 and Year 6 are asked to bake some cakes or sweet treats on Friday 22nd March and we invite everyone else to bring 50p in exchange for some sweet treats. I know you will want to help support this very worthy cause.



<u>Musical in Consett Empire Theatre – Thursday 11th July 2019</u>

It is hard to believe that it is almost two years ago since our last musical extravaganza, 'Yanomamo' which was a resounding success! This year, we are aiming even higher and we will be performing 'Ocean World' at 1.30pm and 6pm on Thursday 11th July for all children in Years 2 – 6 in Consett Empire Theatre. This is quite an ambitious thing to do but we know that our children will come up trumps yet again!

Rehearsals will be starting after Easter and auditions for the main roles of the whales, octopus, dolphins and turtles will all be held after Easter too. It will be interesting to see how our pyramid that was built for our performance of Joseph six years ago which was transformed into a rainforest, now becomes the ocean!

Ocean World tells about the journey of a whale and her baby calf through the ocean with a simple and ecological message; if man continues to misuse the sea, he will ultimately destroy all the precious life within it. Quite a powerful message for us all to contemplate.



SportsWear Day for Haemochromatosis Charity

We are supporting this charity after one of our children lost their father through this illness. The non-uniform day (wearing their sports gear) will take place on Friday 29th March in exchange for at least £1 donation. This is also the same day as the Mothers' Day afternoon tea but we thought it rather appropriate to be able to support such a worthy cause on the day when we are thinking of those special adults in our lives! I know that this will be another great success. Thank you for your support.



Foundation Stage News



Thanks to all the helpers on our Nursery trip to the Teddy Bear Tram at Beamish. If you are still interested in helping out next Wednesday 13th March, please let us know. Anyone who has not paid for the trip, please do so before Wednesday. Thank you.

We would love to invite you to our Foundation Stage Easter Stay and Play session on Wednesday 3rd April 9.30am – 11.00am and 1.30pm – 3.00pm. Come along and join in with our Easter Treasure Hunt and lots of other fun activities. This is a lovely opportunity to spend some time with your child and experience a taste of life with us in the Foundation Stage.

Over the next half term, our Foundation Stage children will be having regular visits to our Forest School. Please ensure they all have named wellies in school and clothing appropriate for the weather.

We are looking to build up our stock of den building materials, so if anyone has blankets, sheets or cushions they no longer need, we can give them a home here. We are also looking to update our baby dolls' wardrobe so please let us know if you have a family member who may like to knit or crochet some simple clothes for us.

As always, thank you for the fantastic support you give your children. Please feel that you can speak to us at any time to discuss any concerns you may have about your child in school.

School Holidays - Academic Year 2018-2019

Holiday	Closing Date	Date re-open for teaching purposes
Easter Holiday	Friday 5 th April 2019	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019
May Day	Friday 3 rd May 2019	Tuesday 7th May 2019
Summer Half Term	Thursday 23 rd May 2019	Monday 3 rd June 2019
Summer Holiday	Friday 19 th July 2019	Wednesday 4 th September 2019

School Holidays - Academic Year 2019 - 2020

Holiday	Closing Date	Date re-open for teaching purposes
Summer Holiday	Friday 19 th July 2019	Wednesday 4 th September 2019
October Half Term	Thursday 24 th October 2019	Monday 4 th November 2019
Christmas Holiday	Thursday 19 th December 2019	Monday 6 th January 2020
February Half Term	Friday 14 th February 2020	Monday 24 th February 2020
Easter Holiday	Friday 3 rd April 2020	Monday 20 th April 2020
May Day	Friday 1 st May 2020	Tuesday 5 th May 2020
Summer Half Term	Thursday 21 st May 2020	Monday 1 st June 2020
Summer Holiday	Friday 20 th July 2020	To Be Confirmed

Important Dates for 2018 - 2019

KS1 Statutory Assessment Tests - May 2019

KS2 Statutory Assessment Tests - Week Beginning Monday 13th May 2019

Year 1 & Year 2 Phonics Screening Test - Week Beginning Monday 10th June 2019

DIARY DATES				
Saturday 9 th March – 16 th March 2019	All Week	Year 4, 5 & 6 Skiing Residential to Les Menuires, France		
Wednesday 13 th March 2019	All Day	Nursery Trip to Beamish Museum – am and pm		
Friday 15 th March 2019	All Day	Non-Uniform Day for Comic Relief		
Week Beg. Monday 18 th March 2019	All Week	Year 5 Erasmus+ Trip to Unna, Germany		
Tuesday 19 th March 2019	3.30pm	Full Governing Body Meeting		
Wednesday 20 th March 2019	10.30am	Revd Earle Leading Worship		
Friday 22 nd March 2019	All Day	Bakeathon in aid of The Brain Tumour Charity		
Monday 25 th March 2019	Overnight	Year 3&4 Overnight Visit to Bird Oswald Roman Fort		
Tuesday 26 th March 2019	Overnight	Year 3&4 Overnight Visit to Bird Oswald Roman Fort		
Tuesday 26 th March 2019	Afternoon	RSPCA Inspector Visit to Year 1		
Wednesday 27 th March 2019	Overnight	Year 3&4 Overnight Visit to Bird Oswald Roman Fort		
Friday 29 th March 2019	8.30-9.30am	School Nurse Drop In Session		
Friday 29 th March 2019	All Day	Reception Trip to The Discovery Museum – am and pm		
Friday 29 th March 2019	All Day	Non-Uniform Day for Haemochromatosis Charity		
Friday 29 th March 2019	Afternoon	Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea		
Week Beg. Monday 1 st April 2019	All Week	Year 5 Erasmus+Trip to Spain		
Monday 1 st April 2019	All Day	Miss Jackson's Class at the Oriental Museum		
Tuesday 2 nd April 2019	6pm	Year 6 Parents' SATs and Sex Ed Meeting		
Wednesday 3 rd April 2019	All Day	Nursery and Reception Stay and Play Sessions		
Thursday 4 th April 2019	2pm	Easter Service in All Saints Church		
Friday 5 th April 2019	Morning	Easter Egg Decorating Competition Years 1 - 6		
Friday 5 th April 2019	2.30pm	Coffee Afternoon		
Friday 5 th April 2019	5.30pm	School Closes for Easter Break		
Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th April	All Day	Mr Graham's Holiday Club in School		
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Tuesday 23 rd April 2019	7.30am	School re-opens for the summer term		
Tuesday 23 rd April 2019	9.15am	Coffee Morning in Junior Hall – all invited!		
Wednesday 1 st May 2019	All Day	Class Photographs Taken		
Monday 6 th May 2019	All Day	School Closed for May Bank Holiday		
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Wednesday 26 th June 2019	Early Morning	France Residential Visit Returns
Wednesday 26 th June 2019	Morning	Go Givers Presentation in Durham
Wednesday 26 th June 2019	All Day	Early Years Sports Day
Wednesday 26 th June 2019	All Day	ICT Conference in Durham – Digital Leaders Presenting
Thursday 27 th June 2019	1.30pm	Years 1 – 6 Sports Day
Tuesday 2 nd July 2019	All Day	Year 6 at Consett Academy
Friday 5 th July 2019	8.30-9.30	School Nurse Drop-In Session
Monday 8 th July 2019	All Day	Year 6 at St Bede's
Tuesday 9 th July 2019	All Day	Year 6 at St Bede's
Thursday 11 th July 2019	Morning	Children at Consett Empire
Thursday 11 th July 2019	1.30pm	Performance of 'Ocean World'
Thursday 11 th July 2019	6pm	Performance of 'Ocean World'
Friday 12 th July 2019	Afternoon	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
Monday 15 th July 2019	Morning	Moving Up day to new classes
Tuesday 16 th July 2019	6.30pm	Year 6 Sleep Over in Junior Hall
Thursday 18 th July 2019	1.30pm	Year 6 Leavers' Service in All Saints School
Friday 19 th July 2019	10am	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly in School

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