



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



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have all enjoyed another super week in school. Children from Years 3 – 5 just loved their trip to the theatre – something which none of us have been able to do for such a long time. They were all so calm and organised for their school photographs too – we hope that when the proofs come home you are pleased with what has been taken but please remember that there is absolutely no obligation whatsoever to purchase the photographs.

We were delighted that so many families attended our Open Morning for potential Reception 2022 last Saturday morning – we hope it was useful and we were able to answer all of your questions. If there are any other parents who would like a look round school, please just drop me an email. I am more than happy to show you round. Please just do not forget that 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022 is the deadline to apply for a Reception school place for your child. Any late applications do limit the chance of your child attending the school of your choice.

We are also looking forward to welcoming BBC Radio Newcastle today for Children in Need – we hope you have been able to tune in to listen to the programme and some of our staff and children being interviewed. It has certainly caused some great excitement today!

Five staff have also visited Unna in Germany for a staff training event as part of our Healthy Life project. We will be cascading the training we have received to all our staff over the coming weeks and will be starting some work on Growth Mindset in the new year as part of the work for this project. These are all such invaluable opportunities, learning from our European partners as well as learning more about the different European education systems.

### **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 – Year 4 at The Centre for Life**

Year 4 will be enjoying a day at The Centre for Life as part of their Science work this half term on 'Light'. They are to come to school in their full school uniform and with a packed lunch. They will return to school in time for the end of the school day. Updates on arrival times will be sent out via twitter. If you have yet to pay or consent for this, please do so via ParentPay.

### **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 – Year 3 Graffiti Art Workshop**

We are welcoming some graffiti artists into school on Monday to support the art curriculum for our Year 3 children. We know it will be a great experience for them and are looking forward to seeing some of their work too! Please make sure your child has brought in an old t shirt/shirt to wear over their clothes for the day as they may get messy!

### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021 – Anne Frank Workshop with Year 5**

We are delighted to be welcoming Gillian Walnes Perry MBE (the Honorary Vice President and Co-Founder of the Anne Frank Trust UK) to our school on Wednesday to work with our Year 5 pupils. Gillian writes and lectures about the life of Anne Frank and she particularly enjoys delivering workshops and assemblies in schools. Her sessions are unique, as through her work, she had the privilege of meeting many people who knew Anne Frank personally who shared their personal recollections with her.

Both Year 5 classes will be taking part in a workshop with her during the morning session and children will be encouraged to view Anne Frank as a young girl with hopes and dreams, rather than just the author of a diary. Through spotlighting her likes and dislikes and how she felt about what was happening around her, pupils will discuss issues such as the fear of others, differences between public and private writing, concerns over moving schools and making friends.

This is a truly wonderful opportunity for our children and we are sure that they will learn a great deal from the day.

#### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 – Flu Nasal Sprays**

The NHS will be in school on Thursday giving the flu nasal spray to any child whose parents and carers have requested it. Please note that we do not have access to see who has consented for this, so will not be able to tell you if you have completed the form or not. The link is now definitely working, but if you are still having issues with it there are forms in the School Office that can be filled in, but these need to be completed by Monday at the latest.

#### **Christmas Jumper Recycling**

A parent has been in touch with us and is offering to organise a Christmas Jumper/T-shirt Exchange for both children and adults. If you or your child has a Christmas Jumper or T-Shirt that no longer fits or that you do not want anymore, please wash it and send it into school. These will then all be organised into sizes and photos will be posted onto the Facebook page 'Lanchester Christmas Jumper Exchange'. Parents can then get in touch via the page to let them know which item you would like. Many thanks to Mrs Emmerson for such a great idea to take some of the cost out of Christmas and for offering to organise it all.

#### **Whales' Warning Book**

Annabel's book (from Year 5) has now been published and copies have arrived. Don't forget that if you would like to buy a copy, priced at £5, please complete the form by clicking on the link below. This gives you the option of either paying with Paypal, or alternatively, you can order the book from this link and put the correct cash in an envelope and hand it into the office with your name clearly labelled. This form MUST be completed though whichever way you choose to pay: <https://forms.gle/7vWDXqAixCP3hHpU8>. Please remember that it MUST be correct cash only and clearly named. Let's try to make this a best seller!

#### **Winter Wonderland Tickets on Sale**

Winter Wonderland tickets are still on sale. Come and join us for a ride on our very own "Polar Express" followed by toasted marshmallows by the fire and hot chocolate or mulled wine at the EP bar. Plus, no Winter Wonderland experience would be complete without a visit to Santa's Grotto. Tickets are £5 per person (under 1s go free) and are on sale now via [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) - (search for Lanchester Winter Wonderland). Please note, the only session that is still available is between 4pm & 5pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **Christmas Shopping Event**

The Friends of Lanchester EP are holding the Christmas shop event again this year for the children. It is always such a popular event! Gifts are all priced at £2 and you can order them now using this link: <https://form.jotform.com/FoLEP/christmas-shop>. You order gifts by recipient and your child chooses a gift for that person from a selection in the shop. The shop will be brought into school for the children to visit and the volunteers will have the spreadsheet there so they will know exactly which family members each child is choosing for. The cut off for orders is Friday November 26<sup>th</sup> at 5pm and orders placed after that date cannot be guaranteed to be processed.

#### **Holiday Club**

Mr Graham will once again be running his holiday club at school for three days at the start of the Christmas holidays. He will be holding the holiday club in school from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December to Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. If you would like to book, please email: [lewisgraham91@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lewisgraham91@hotmail.co.uk) or fill in this [online booking form](#). This is open for all children aged between 4 – 11 years old. You can book your child in for the full day (8am – 5pm) or half days (8am – 1pm or 1pm – 5pm).

### **India Visit**

The parents and carers of children whose names were drawn out of the hat will receive an email today about the next steps. Mr Keeton and Mrs Moran are starting an After School Club on Monday for those children who will be going on this visit. Details are included in the email. I have also been in touch with the school this week who are really looking forward to our visit.

### **Ski Trip 2023**

A letter has been emailed to all parents and carers of the current Years 3, 4 & 5 about next year's ski trip. I know it is hard to think about this when next year's trip has just been refunded but deposits are needed by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December in order to secure places on this trip.

We have had to make the tricky decision, however, that in 2023 we can only take children who are in the school and not those from Year 7 as we agreed to do this year.

### **Poppy Appeal**

Thank you so much for generosity. We raised a magnificent £535 for the Poppy Appeal in school last week.

### **Forthcoming Dates**

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021	All Day	Year 4 at Centre for Life
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021	All Day	Graffiti Workshop in School with Year 3
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	All Day	Anne Frank Workshops in School for Year 5
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	All Day	Flu Nasal Sprays administered in school
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2021	All Day	Non Uniform Day in aid of the Christmas Fair for Early Years Children
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2021	All Day	Reception Trip to the Laing Art Gallery & Newcastle
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2021	All Day	Year 6 Trip to Beamish Museum
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2021	All Day	Non Uniform Day for Christmas Fair for Yrs 1 – 6
Week Beginning Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	All Week	Winter Wonderland for Whole School
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	All Day	Year 6 at Newcastle Theatre Royal, Uno's & Fenwick's Window
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	4 – 6pm	Winter Wonderland Opened to the Community
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	4 – 6pm	Winter Wonderland Opened to the Community
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Afternoon	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Morning	New College Performing Arts Students present: A Christmas Carol to Years 2 – 6
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Afternoon	Year 6 at Consett Academy for 'Matilda'
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Afternoon	Year 1 Christmas Party
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Afternoon	Year 3 Christmas Party
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	All Day	Nursery Christmas Party
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Lunchtime	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Afternoon	Year 2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Afternoon	Year 4 Christmas Party
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Morning	The Greediest Christmas Elf Theatre Visit for EYFS
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Afternoon	Nursery Christmas Fair
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Afternoon	Reception Christmas Party
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Afternoon	Year 5 Christmas Party

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Afternoon	Year 6 Christmas Party
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Morning	Years 2 – 6 in All Saints Church for Christingle and Carol Service

**Positive Thinking**

***Perhaps you will forget tomorrow, the kind words you said today.  
But the recipient may cherish them over a lifetime.***

As usual, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or the school office. We are here to help you all! Hope you all enjoy a lovely break with your children.

Yours sincerely,

*Jane Davis*

Mrs Jane Davis  
Head Teacher