



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



Weekly Bulletin 4 – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Normally, the half-term newsletter would have been written by now. However, this year, I thought it might be more useful just to write more detailed weekly letters. Parents though, have expressed their disappointment about this so I will bring back the half-term newsletter and it will be with you all next week!

### **Staff News**

I know that many of you were only just starting to realise that Miss Hawke was expecting another baby and we were going to share that exciting news with you all this week. However, events have overtaken this and Miss Hawke gave birth to a very precious, beautiful but tiny baby boy on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 11 weeks early weighing just 2½ lbs. Obviously, this was very unexpected and both mother and baby will no doubt be in hospital for some time. Please keep the whole family in your thoughts and prayers over the next few days and weeks and I know you will join me in passing on your very best wishes to them all. The staff are certainly all looking forward to meeting the new addition to the staff family very soon!

### **Book Fair in School All Week**

Next week we have our Travelling Book Fair in school. We are taking delivery of three large bookcases full to the brim of books for the children to buy. This is always a great fundraiser for school too as we gain 65% commission in books from all purchases made during the week.

The children will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair in their classes during the school day and the Book Fair is open for sales from 3.15pm until 4pm every day from Tuesday to Friday. Please come along and support this event.

### **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Girls Football at Tanfield Lea Primary School**

Our girls football team are going from strength to strength and enjoying some great success as a team. I hope you all saw the super messages on Twitter from two wonderful stars – Manchester United Women's Manager, Casey Stoney and Bev Priestman, England Women's Assistant Manager. Very special messages, thank you Mr Rogers for organising this for our girls!

### **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September – St Bede's Open Evening**

St Bede's Open Evening takes place on Monday evening at 5.30pm. All parents of Year 6 children are invited to go along to find out a little more about the school.

### **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Book Fair Open**

The Book Fair will be open for sales from 3.15pm until 4pm in the Main Hall on Tuesday to Thursday evening.

### **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Play in a Day**

Mr Stoker's Year 4 class will enjoy a wonderful 'Play in a Day' with Lisa Moffatt on Wednesday. Mr Stoker's class will perform 'The Vikings' to parents at 2.45pm the same day. Please feel free to come along and watch our budding actors!

### **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Year 3&4 at Lanchester Methodist Church**

A group of Year 3 & 4 children will be walking along to Lanchester Methodist Church on Wednesday afternoon as part of their R.E. work this half term. The new Children, Young People and Family Worker, Kath Jones, will be welcoming the children into the church and talking about the building, symbols and their significance.

### **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Play in a Day**

Mrs Sant's/Mrs Coyle's Year 4 class will enjoy the same 'Play in a Day' with Lisa Moffatt on Thursday. Again, the play learnt and performed will be 'The Vikings' and again, parents can come along at 2.45pm on Thursday to see the children perform.

### **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Year 3 & 4 at Lanchester Methodist Church**

The other group of Year 3&4 children will visit the Methodist Church on Thursday afternoon where Kath Jones will be greeting them for the same workshop the rest of the children attended on Wednesday.

### **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Celebrating Paddington Bear’s 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

I am sure the children are looking forward to their special lunch on Thursday to celebrate Paddington Bear’s anniversary. If you have not returned the form and your child is already on school meals, they will be offered the choice of Paddington’s Cheese and Tomato pizza. I am sorry to say that we cannot accept any late orders for this meal.

### **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Beginning to Read Workshops for Reception Parents**

On Thursday, we will be running a short workshop to talk about reading and phonics and to explain a little about our approach. The workshop will be at 2.30pm and will be repeated again at 6pm. This is intended for parents of Reception children but parents of Nursery children are welcome to attend. We expect the workshop to last no longer than 40 minutes. If you are interested in attending, please email Miss Butler (s.butler@lanchesterep.net) to give us some idea of numbers or let a member of staff know at drop off/pick up. If you have any specific questions that you would like to be addressed, please send them in an email so we can answer them in the course of the workshop.

### **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Coffee Afternoon in aid of MacMillan Appeal**

On Friday afternoon from 2.30pm until 4pm, we are holding a coffee afternoon in aid of the Macmillan Appeal. Come along, enjoy a cup of coffee, a nice cake and good company for our first coffee afternoon of the school year. The Book Fair will also be open for sales during the Coffee Afternoon.

### **Foundation Stage News (Nursery and Reception)**

Reading with the children is a huge priority in the Reception year and we intend to have a session in the last half hour of each day when we will concentrate on sharing books on an individual basis with the children in Reception. If you or another family member would be interested in coming into school on a regular basis to share books on a one-to-one basis or in a small group, we would be very grateful. Volunteers to come into school would need to have a DBS check, but this can be organised through school free of charge. Please let a member of staff know if you might be able to help in this way.

There is a very good chance that your child will get wet, muddy, painted and sticky during their time with us so please ensure that their bag is checked each night and refilled as necessary with a pair of wellies and a change of clothes that are to be kept in school at all times. Thank you.

Remember to follow us on our Facebook page at Lanchester EP Early Years to see links to articles that explain the way we teach in Nursery and Reception.

### **Advance Dates**

**Harvest Festival Service** – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm in All Saints Church. Year 4 will be leading the service and children from Year 2 – Year 6 will be attending. Early Years and Year 1 children will enjoy their own Harvest Celebrations in school. Information about donations will be shared with you next week.

### **Parents’ Evenings**

Bookings are open from midday today for our Parents’ Evenings which take place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. (Please note – Mrs Grayson will be meeting parents on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October). Please log onto eSchools to book your appointment with your child’s teacher. Thank you.

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.

Watch out for the traditional half-termly newsletter that will be with you this time next week!

Yours sincerely,

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