



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 2 – Friday 22nd November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well I think I must be one of the proudest Headteachers around at the moment. What another wonderfully successful week we have had! I am sure most of you will have read on Twitter about our great success in London this week. Mr Graham and Mr Mordue attended the Chance to Shine Awards Evening on Wednesday at Lord's Cricket Ground with Matthew and Fraser from Year 3. What a night they had! We actually won the Primary School of the Year Award which is fantastic news! However, this is really an award for all our children and parents as you are the ones who make sure your children are able to attend the training at Lanchester Cricket Club. I would also like to thank Durham Cricket Club for their coaching and also Mr Graham as he enthuses our children in so many different sports and is so dedicated to our school and children! I am off to buy a trophy cabinet this weekend now.

We have also had an extremely successful Erasmus+ visit to Poland this week. I have had the real privilege of spending some quality time with four amazing boys in Year 5 and as usual, they have been wonderful ambassadors for our school. They have made some great friendships with children from Sweden, Spain, Denmark and Poland. To see their relationships develop during the week was just so special and we are coming home with more ideas for developing our outdoor learning in school!

Friday 22nd November – Quiz Night at 7pm

There are still tickets available for this very successful and enjoyable event - £2.50 per person. Come along, bring your own drinks and snacks and have fun with a great quiz! There will be a raffle and there might even be the odd game of bingo too! This will be the third quiz that has taken place in school and is just a night of great fun!

Monday 25th November – Year 3 at The Centre for Life

Year 3 are visiting the Centre for Life on Monday to enjoy some workshops to support their Science work this half term. This is an amazing resource we have on our doorstep and it is great to see us being able to utilise their expertise.

Monday 25th November – Year 4 Forest Schools Sessions

On Monday, Year 4 will be enjoying some Forest School Sessions so need to bring appropriate footwear and clothing. Mr Stoker's class will visit Forest School in the morning and Mrs Sant's/Mrs Coyle's class in the afternoon. All children need wellingtons or outdoor footwear and a warm waterproof coat. Thank you.

Monday 25th November – Foundation Stage Nativity Tickets

EYFS Nativity tickets go on sale on Monday. Your child will be bringing home an envelope today for you to fill in your request for tickets. If you send this back with your child, or hand into the office, your tickets will then be sent home with your child.

Tuesday 26th November – Parents Evening for Children with Additional Support Plans

On Tuesday, from 3.45 – 4.45pm, we are having a drop in session for parents of children with additional needs. All parents have received a text if they are required to attend this session. This is for staff to share the additional support plans with parents and carers and explain the additional support that their child receives.

Wednesday 27th November – Digital Leaders at LearnEd Conference, Newcastle Racecourse

Some of our digital leaders will be playing a leading role at this conference again. They will be presenting to attendees as well as taking part in live classroom sessions for others to observe. All children will need a packed lunch for the day and will return to school in time for the end of the school day.

Wednesday 27th November – Theatre Company in School

KS1 and KS2 children will be enjoying a performance of 'The Bluebird' in school on Wednesday afternoon. This is a real treat and one I am sure they will all thoroughly enjoy!

Thursday 28th November – Friends of the School AGM

The Friends of the School are holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 28th November at 6pm in school. It would be great to see lots of you there, all are welcome!

Thursday 28th November

The shoeboxes will be collected on Thursday so please make sure that you return yours to school before this date. Thank you to those of you who have already filled one and brought it in – it is appreciated!

Friday 29th November – Non-Uniform Day in aid of the School Fair

This is our annual non-uniform day when we ask children to come to school dressed in non-uniform in exchange for a gift for the school fair. Toiletries, children's gifts, chocolates, bottles, raffle prizes – anything that can be used in our fair would be very gratefully received!

Early Years News

Reception children will be coming home with a Word Building pack this weekend. Please read the information enclosed to help you support your child with blending the sounds that they have learned. We have not included all the sounds we have learned but will add more over the coming weeks, so please return the wallets to your child's book bag when they have finished using them. If you are unsure how to use the Word Building pack, please ask a member of staff who will explain what to do with them.

Nursery Parent Chats will be taking place next week. We still have spaces for you to sign up in the EYFS entrance. If you are unable to make an appointment in person, please contact Miss Butler: s.butler@lanchesterep.net and an appointment can be arranged to suit you.

If your child has school dinners, please ensure that you have sent back their new menu choices. Some of you may be aware that we have trialled a period of limiting the EYFS children's choice of puddings in an effort to encourage them to eat more of their main meal. They have had a choice of yoghurt or fruit, with an additional choice on some days. This has been very successful and the majority of children have been eating more and also enjoying their healthy pudding choice. With the onset of colder weather and the menu change, we will be extending this choice to include a hot pudding wherever possible. Staff do try their best to monitor how the children are eating and if we notice that your child does not enjoy one of their menu choices, we will let you know.

Thanks to everyone who helped out on last week's trips and all who offered to help with cutting out letters for our Word Building packs. We really appreciate your support!

Nursery Places for January

We have, this week, allocated our January 2020 Nursery places for those who applied. We have sent the offer email to the email address provided at registration. Please check your emails, including your spam folder, if you are waiting for a January place or contact the office for further information (school.office@lanchesterep.net)

An open evening for new parents is being held on December 2nd at 4pm where information about start dates, settling in sessions and home visits will be shared. We are looking forward to welcoming your child to our nursery.

Advance Notices

Thursday 5th December – Choir singing in Concert at All Saints Church

Friday 6th December – Christmas Fair

Wednesday 11th December – Choir singing at Lanchester Garden Centre at 3pm

Friday 13th December – Christmas Dinner in school

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,

Jane Davis

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