



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 1 – Monday 19th February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope your children have all enjoyed their half term break and are returning to school completely free of any germs and bugs. It is lovely to see daylight at the end of the school day when dismissing after school clubs! Let's hope the weather starts to feel more spring-like soon too.

I thought it would be useful to send out a letter straightway as there are a few events in the next couple of weeks that you might appreciate knowing about in advance.

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evenings and I do hope you found it useful to talk with your child's teacher. If you were unable to make it for any reason, please do not hesitate to contact us and we are more than happy to talk to you at any time.

I also wanted to say a huge thank you to Mrs Knighton and the Junior Choir for their magnificent performance of 'The Itch Witch' at the Gala Theatre on the Tuesday before half term. They were wonderful ambassadors for the school and the confidence and enjoyment of the children was wonderful to see. Alansay Carlyon-Wright and Hattie Hockaday were also exceptionally brave to be interviewed live on stage at the end of the performance. Well done and thank you to everyone involved!

Thank you also to all the parents and staff who helped to make the discos such a success before the half-term break. The children thoroughly enjoy a disco party and 'Dusk til Dawn Entertainment' was the perfect DJ!

Wednesday 21st February 2018 – Years 3-5 at the Gala Theatre

We are very fortunate to have been asked to the Gala Theatre on Wednesday afternoon to see New College Acting and Dancing students perform 'Children's Corner of the West End and Broadway'. This should be a wonderful afternoon of song and dance for our KS2 children. They will leave school after lunch and be back in time for the end of the school day. There is no charge for this event as New College are giving us the tickets free of charge and school will pay for the transport.

Thursday 22nd February 2018 – Holy Communion Service at 2 pm

Revd Kalus will be leading another Communion Service in school on Thursday afternoon at 2 pm. All parents and family members are welcome to attend this service which will be led by Revd Kalus and Year 5.

Old £10 Notes, £1 Coins and Cheques

We are not accepting the old £10 note into school anymore. They are not legal tender from the end of the month and to avoid any issues, we are not accepting them from this week. We are still receiving some old £1 coins into school too – please note that we cannot accept them at all. Due to increased costs, we cannot accept cheques for under £10 from now on either. Apologies for any inconvenience this causes.

Late Book

We do have an increasing number of children arriving late into school on their own with no explanation from parents. From this week, we have a late book in the Main Reception area which parents MUST sign if their child is late. It is absolutely essential that parents bring their child all the way into the school building if their child is late arriving into school. The book needs to be signed by an adult with the reason for the lateness given. Thank you.

Foundation Stage News (Nursery and Reception)

The children have been very excited about the changes in Nursery before half term as we have taken delivery of new furniture and had a new door curtain fitted to keep us warm in the cold weather. From this week, we will be introducing a new cloakroom area, which will hopefully help us to organise our coats and wellies. We will still have no room for back packs on our pegs, so please try to provide your child with a drawstring bag wherever possible.

We were sorry to have had to postpone the Penguins' trip to the library this week, but we will be going on Thursday 22nd February at 9.30 am. All volunteers welcome.

Stories for this week are 'I Want a Sister!', 'Baby Brains', 'Mog and the Baby', 'Peepo' and 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes'.

We are looking to stock our writing areas with interesting and appealing opportunities for the children in Nursery and Reception. If anyone would like to help out by making us some little books to write in, please contact Miss Butler and she will show you how to fold them and provide you with a pile of paper to use.

ADVANCE NOTICES

Tuesday 27th February at 6 pm – Year 6 SATs Meeting for Parents

We will be holding an information session on Tuesday 27th February for all Year 6 parents when we will be telling them a little more about the forthcoming statutory tests the Year 6 children will be taking. All are welcome to come along, find out more and even try a question or two!

Thursday 1st March - World Book Day

This has been discussed with the Friends of the School and we are suggesting this year that instead of coming dressed as a book character (which some of you love and others hate!), that all children bring a book that they have finished reading, enjoyed and would like to swap for another well-loved book from another child. Basically, we will hold a book swap during the day. We are sure that all children will enjoy this and it is a slightly different way to celebrate world book day too.

Thursday 1st March - 5-7 pm – Community Open Evening

We are opening up the school to the local community on Thursday 1st March to let any interested members of the village come to have a look round, see the new extension as well as to look round the whole school and perhaps take a trip down memory lane from the time their children attended the E.P. School. The Friends of the School will be providing refreshments and the School Council providing tours of the school.

Book Fair – Week Beginning Monday 5th March

We have a Scholastic Book Fair the week beginning Monday 5th March. This will be open every day between 3.15 and 4 pm for you to come and browse with your children and buy a book. All children will be given a £1 World Book Day Voucher which can also be used against purchases at the fair. The Book Fair is always a great way of helping the school purchase more books as we get 65% commission on all sales.

Friday 9th March – Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

The Friends of the School had a very successful meeting before half term and preparations are well under way for their special Mother's Day Afternoon Tea on Friday 9th March – please see the separate letter for more information about this and how to book. This is the first event we have held like this and we are sure it is going to be very popular. It is wonderful to have so many parents who are keen to support our school, organising events and raising money at the same time. I would strongly advise booking early for the afternoon tea as we do expect it to be very popular.

After School Activities

Once again, we are very fortunate to have such a vast range of after school activities for children of all ages across school. We have a very committed staff who are keen to provide as many opportunities as possible for all of our children. Forms will go out today to all interested children. There are no forms for Lunchtime clubs – children are welcome to come along to these if they want. Please note that numbers are limited for some of the After School clubs.

	Lunchtime	After School	Year Groups	Adult
Monday	---	Netball	Years 3 & 4	Mrs Grieve & Mrs Smith
		Booster	Year 6	Mr Taylor, Mrs Davis, Mr Mordue, Mr Knighton
Tuesday	KS2 Choir	---	Years 3 - 6	Mrs Knighton
	Top Trumps Card Club	---	Year 3	Mrs Coyle
		Dodgeball	Year 3	Mr Graham
Wednesday		Art Club	Year 1	Miss Honan
		Booster	Year 6	Mr Taylor, Mrs Davis, Mr Mordue, Mr Knighton
		Football	Year 4	Mr Graham
		Art Club	Year 5	Miss Jackson
	KS2 Choir	---	Years 3 - 6	Mrs Knighton
Thursday	---	Science Club	Year 6	Durham High School
		Football	Year 5	SAFC
		Digital Leaders	Years 3 - 6	Mr Bailey
		Netball at St Bede's	Years 5 & 6	Mrs Grieve & Mrs Smith
Friday	Homework Club	---	Years 3 - 6	Mr Stephenson
	Eco Rangers	---	Years 2 - 6	Mrs Startup
	Singing Club	---	Years 1 & 2	Mrs Knighton
		Girls Football	Years 3 - 6	Mr Taylor
		Boys Football	Years 5 & 6	Mr Stoker
		Football	Year 2	Mr Stephenson

As usual, if there is anything at all that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. Alternatively, you can email me at: j.davis@lanchesterep.net and I will do my best to reply as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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