



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weekly Bulletin 5 – Friday 15th December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a really special week and Christmas has certainly started for many of our families with the superb Foundation Stage Nativities that have taken place this week. I must admit, I thought the children were just wonderful – relaxed, enthusiastic, happy and confident too! These really are moments that you just want to 'bottle'.... I was so proud of all of the children on Wednesday and would like to say a huge well done to them all! KS1 and KS2 nativities to come – no pressure there then!

The Polar Express Pyjama Party was also a great success last night and it was so lovely to see you all there. We welcomed over 100 people to our screening of the film and they all enjoyed their popcorn, hot dogs and hot chocolate. I would like to thank all of the Friends of the School for organising this event and helping to make it such a great success.

Our Christmas Fair, once again, was exceptionally well attended and it was lovely to see so many of you there. It just seems to get busier every year! We took £2,114 which is just magnificent in only two hours. Once the floats and expenses have been taken off, we anticipate that we will have raised around £1,700. The plan is that this money will be spent on further development of the outdoor environment.

Next week is going to be another very busy one with many different events taking place so please read the following carefully!

Monday 18th December 2017 – Key Stage One Nativity – 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Year 1 and Year 2 are really looking forward to presenting 'Prickly Hay' on Monday. Their enthusiasm and talent in many areas has to be seen to be believed! Please note, the performances start at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. but we cannot open the doors until 9.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. due to the necessity of setting up the hall! All of Year 1 children are to bring jeans and a plain t-shirt to wear and Year 2 will be provided with their costume. We are following the same tradition of previous years with Year 2 taking the main parts and Year 1 supporting with the singing. I am sure you will just love this nativity!

Tuesday 19th December 2017 – Year 6 at Newcastle

Year 6 have their special treat on Tuesday when they will be going on the train to Newcastle, seeing Fenwick's Window, having lunch at Uno's Trattoria on the quayside and then going to see Peter Pan at the Theatre Royal. They are expected to arrive back to school at 5.30 p.m. This is one of the favourite trips of Year 6 and I am sure they will have a wonderful day

Tuesday 19th December – KS1 and Lower KS2 Parties (Years 1&2 and Years 3&4)

Both parties take place during the afternoon. The children will be provided with hot dogs, juice and drinks for their party tea. Children can either come to school dressed in their party clothes or bring them to school and change into them at lunchtime.

Wednesday 20th December – Foundation Stage and Upper KS2 Parties (Nursery & Reception and Years 5 & 6)

We are having a party day for Foundation Stage on Wednesday. All Nursery children will enjoy a party during their normal session. The Year 5 & 6 party will take place during the afternoon. Foundation Stage children are to come to school dressed in their party clothes. Year 5 & 6 children can either come to school in party clothes or bring their clothes to change into at lunchtime.

Foundation Stage (Nursery/Reception) News

Children in Nursery and Reception will be bringing home a bag on Monday for you to put some party treats in to bring with them on Wednesday for their party day. This ensures all children have something they will like to eat. Please remember that as we have some children with allergies, we are a nut free school. We will provide drinks. On party day, children are invited to come dressed in their party clothes, not in uniform. We look forward to this being a really special day for us in the Foundation Stage. We might even have a very special visitor..!

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Dinner

A festive Christmas dinner will be enjoyed by the children on Wednesday. Please note, no more bookings can be taken for Christmas dinner as the deadline for this has now passed.

Wednesday 20th December – Carols round the Tree at 3.30 p.m.

Once again, we will all be gathering in the Junior Hall to enjoy some carol singing around the Christmas tree with hot chocolate, marshmallows and cream! All children MUST be accompanied by an adult. This is always a very popular and well-attended event. Come along and join us for carols, Christmas songs and the traditional singing of Away in a Manger by the children.

Thursday 21st December – KS2 Nativity and Christingle – 10 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

KS2 nativities take place in All Saints Church and involve all children from Years 3 – 6. This is a wonderful way to finish our Christmas term and to send the children away with the real meaning of Christmas. During this service, our Year 6 children lead the nativity, Year 3 children lead the Christingle and Years 4 & 5 help with all the singing. This is a very special service and one which you won't want to miss.

Holiday Club – Friday 22nd December 2017

We still have spaces for our Holiday Club on Friday 22nd December. If you would like a place for your child, please collect a booking form from the School Office. It can be paid for on ParentPay as usual.

Auction of the School Christmas Trees

We have three splendid trees in school – one each in the Junior Hall and Infant Halls and another in the Nursery. It seems such a shame to waste them so we intend to auction them at the Carols Round the Tree. For those parents unable to attend on Wednesday, we will accept silent bids. Please put your offer in a sealed envelope, clearly stating which tree you would like, along with your name. If you are successful, we will contact you on Wednesday evening.

Monday 8th January 2018

Please note – the school reopens on Monday 8th January for the spring term.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your wonderful support during this first term. The excellent partnership that exists between home and school is the key to the success and happiness of our children.

On behalf of all the staff and governors, I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year! Enjoy this time with your children – they are certainly ready for a rest!

As usual, if you have any questions or queries at all, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jane Davis
Head Teacher