



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



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another enormously busy week in school with Year 5 at their residential, Nursery and Reception at Roker Beach for two days, Year 1 at Raby Castle and Year 4 at Tynemouth Aquarium! It really has been quite interesting organising staffing this week with quite so many trips out! But I do feel that is one of the things that makes our school so special. This has also been reiterated to me as I read all the children's comments on their school reports – the things that they have enjoyed about this year are not their most favourite Maths or English lessons – it is all the extra things we do in school that are so memorable for the children.

Year 5 were superb on their residential this week, thoroughly enjoying all the activities and working so well together. I always really enjoy spending time with the children when they are away as you just get to know them so well! I am sure they slept well on Wednesday night and will still be catching up on their sleep at the weekend.

It was lovely to see so many of you at both our Nursery Open Morning on Saturday and the Reception to Year 1 Transition Meeting on Wednesday evening. Thank you so much for coming along and we hope you found the sessions useful.

It is hard to believe that it is July and that we now have less than 3 weeks left in school – and so much still to do! Please read the information below very carefully. So much is happening every day and Year 6 especially need to make the most of every single day they have left with us.

## **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Tickets for One Sun, One World**

Tickets go on open sale from Monday. After this date, we cannot guarantee every family tickets. Obviously the Empire Theatre can seat far more than we would be able to in school and at the moment, there are plenty of tickets available, but I don't want any child not to have someone there to support them as there are no tickets left.

If parents and carers from other year groups want to come along, then obviously this would be great too. We always aim to do these shows every other year, so their turn will come!

## **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Year 3 Workshops with Northumbrian Water**

Both Year 3 classes will enjoy some workshops with staff from Northumbrian Water on Monday when they come to school to support their work on 'Flow'. I am sure they will learn an awful lot from these experts!

## **Monday 4<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Transition Days to North Durham Academy**

Those children going to NDA have 3 transition days next week from Monday – Wednesday. The children have been given letters about these days by the NDA staff and they are to make their own way there for these three days.

## **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Transition Days at St Bede's**

St Bede's transition days for Year 6 are next Tuesday and Wednesday. You are responsible for getting your child to St Bede's and for collecting them for these transition days. They are to arrive at St Bede's no earlier than 9.15am for a 9.30am start and are to be collected between 2.15pm and 2.30pm each day. I have been informed that letters with this information have been sent to parents. Please note, the children must not come to our school on these days and they are to go directly to St Bede's. If you have any further questions about these days, please contact St Bede's directly.

## **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Stay and Play Session for Reception**

This takes place between 1.30 and 2.45pm on Tuesday – please come along to the Reception gates where we will be waiting to let you in! Your place must be booked by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July** to allow us to prepare for them. The sessions are open to both Reception classes. The Tuesday session is currently looking very busy, so if you are yet to book, you might prefer to come along to a quieter session on Thursday. Please follow the link to book a space:

<https://forms.office.com/r/dz3Nwpyr5L>

### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Visit for Reception New Starters from Other Nurseries**

We are really looking forward to welcoming our new starters from other Nurseries into school on Tuesday morning from 9.30am – 11am. Please bring your child to the Reception wooden gates where staff will be on hand to meet and greet you. I hope they are looking forward to their visit – we certainly are!

### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Nursery Big Toddle**

Our Nursery children will be taking part in the Big Toddle in aid of Barnardo's Children's Society on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July**. The children are asked to come into school dressed in sports clothes or as an animal, as there is a jungle theme. Sponsor forms were given out last week and as usual, this is in aid of a very good cause.

### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Reception Stay and Play Session**

This takes place between 1.30 and 2.45pm on Tuesday – please come along to the Reception gates where we will be waiting to let you in! If you want to attend you must book via the online form by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July** to allow us to prepare for them. Please follow the link to book a space: <https://forms.office.com/r/dz3Nwpyr5L>

### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Non-Uniform Day for the Summer Fair**

We are having a non-uniform day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July and ask in exchange for coming in non-uniform, the children bring an item for the summer fair. We have numerous stalls at the summer fair and also have a big raffle. Items we would appreciate the children bringing are things such as bottles of alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks, toiletries, chocolates, biscuits, gift sets, vouchers for businesses and anything we could use for a raffle. In addition to any donations that will be suitable for the Summer Fair we'd also be grateful for any donations of wrapping paper and/ or bottle gift bags to use for wrapping up prizes. Thank you very much!

### **Summer Fair - Help on Stalls Needed – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July!**

Our Summer Fair takes place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July from 11am to 1pm. It is hard to believe that it will be 3 years since we last held this fun-filled event. We aim to keep everything as reasonable as possible and hope that families come and just enjoy seeing each other, playing on the stalls and enjoying some sociable time with the staff too! I think Soak the Teacher is usually the draw for most! We aim to have lots of fun stalls for both the children and adults, but do aim to operate and make most of these ourselves to optimise the profits to the school. In order to be able to do this, it is essential to have help on the stalls – from parents and carers as well as the staff. All we ask is an hour of your time. If you think you might be able to help us on the day, please complete the form stating which hour you are available. We would really appreciate all the help we can get! The form is here: [Summer Fair Volunteers](#). Thank you.

If any parents/carers have an artistic flare and would like to volunteer to Face Paint during our event, we would love some extra pairs of hands for this as well. Please complete that part of the online form or just let the office know.

In addition to all the stalls and activities we are having on the day, if anyone knows of any local small business who may want to hire a table to sell crafts, gifts etc, please also email the school office with any requests.

### **Early Years News**

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the adult volunteers who came along on our beach trips this week. Your help is really appreciated and we loved seeing the children have such a wonderful time with you and the staff.

As the end of term is approaching, we will happily accept any uniform that is no longer needed so we can keep it for spares in the Early Years. This includes any socks and underwear which may be too small for your child now. Please hand these to your child's teacher at drop off or pick up, not into the School Office. Thank you!

Thanks to all of you who came along to our Nursery Open Day last Saturday. It was wonderful to see so many of you. We hope that your children enjoyed themselves and it gave them a good first experience of our Nursery. For those of you joining us in September, we will be holding an information evening in school on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July between 3.30 & 4.30pm**. You are welcome to bring your child along to this meeting. We hope to send out details of transition visits and starting dates before this meeting. To help us with this, please ensure that you have completed the form about home visits, whether you would like a visit or not <https://forms.office.com/r/Gd6c99YRTe> Please note, this form will close on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July** at midday.

### **School Menu**

If your child would like to have school dinners in September, please complete the online form no later than **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July**. If we do not receive your child's choices, they will receive the default vegetarian option.

If your child is currently on School Meals but will be changing to packed lunches in September, please email: [school.office@lanchesterep.net](mailto:school.office@lanchesterep.net) to let us know, or you may be charged. Please remember that the price of school meals is increasing to £2.25 per day for all children in Nursery and Years 3 - 6, unless your child is entitled to free school meals.

### **Big Break Fundraiser**

I am delighted to inform you that we have raised a further £612 bringing our total raised so far to £1,171 which is wonderful. Thank you all so much. One of our Y6 children raised a tremendous £245 which is just amazing but a huge thank you to every single one of you for every penny you have raised for such worthwhile causes.

### **Nursery Graduation Tea Parties**

Nursery would like to invite you all to a tea party in the wild to celebrate the end (almost) of the academic year. Parents and carers are welcome to come along, enjoy a cup of tea and cake and to spend some time with the children's new class teachers. We hope to see you there!

We have tried to be as accommodating as possible with the dates and times of the events but unfortunately we cannot change this as there are several sessions happening over the week. We hope you understand and extend our apologies to those who are unable to attend.

Please find below the times for all the Nursery Graduation Tea Parties. We are holding 4 different sessions so please look carefully at the date and time for your child. Thank you.

- Monday 11th July 10-11am – for the parents and carers of children going to All Saints (and other schools)
- Tuesday 12th July 10-11am - for the parents and carers of children going into Miss Martin's class
- Wednesday 13th July 1.30-2.30pm – for the parents and carers of children staying in Nursery
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 1.30-2.30pm – for the parents and carers of children going into Miss Butler's Class

### **Musical in Consett Empire Theatre – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

With only one full week left before the show, the children are really starting to feel a mixture of excitement and nerves. I cannot believe how wonderful they sound. Their singing is so powerful and the soloists and groups really will bring a tear to the eye. We have some amazingly talented children, that's for sure!

### **Organisation and Finishing Times**

The children need to be at the theatre for 5.30pm on each night of the performances please. We should be able to give you an anticipated finishing time next week but expect it will finish no later than around 7.30pm.

### **Costumes**

We will be doing a costume check on Monday so if your child hasn't yet brought their costume in, then this needs to be brought into school in a named carrier bag for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July (please make sure you also label the clothes, so they don't get mixed up). This is so that we can ensure all children have an outfit and so we are able to try on any headaddresses and additional items. Thank you. A reminder of what is needed for each year group is below:

- Year 3 - Black t-shirt and black trousers/leggings
- Year 4, 5 and 6 - Black trousers/leggings

### **Year 6 Leavers' T-Shirts**

If any of our Year 6 children would still like a personalised t shirt or polo shirt, Hayley Wilkinson has extended the deadline for another week. Prices are £6 if you supply your own t-shirt or polo shirt. You can either send in the money with the plain polo shirt in a named bag, or make payment directly to Hayley over Paypal using her email address: [hayleyjwilkinson@hotmail.com](mailto:hayleyjwilkinson@hotmail.com).

### **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July - Barn Dance in aid of Henry Dancer Days**

As you know, we have a close allegiance to Henry Dancer Days as Henry was a pupil at our school for his whole primary school years. A Barn Dance has been organised to take place in Lanchester Social Club on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July from 7-11pm. Tickets are £20 and they are available from Hanley's Deli in the village or by clicking on this link:

<https://henrydancerdays.co.uk/product/barn/>

### **Positive Thinking**

***Coming out of your comfort zone is tough in the beginning,  
chaotic in the middle and awesome at the end.***

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!

Yours sincerely,

*Jane Davis*

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