



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 5 – Friday 13th July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly believe that this is the final letter of the school year. I always find endings difficult – I just do not like change! Next week, we will be saying goodbye to our Year 6 children, many of whom have been with us for 7 years – it is always hard and it will be a very emotional week for children, parents and staff alike.

We have enjoyed another fabulous week in school with three terrific sports days. I have to say that I think these have been the best ever – the children were fabulous and thoroughly enjoyed the events as well as behaving exceptionally well. Thank you and well done to the parents who were brave enough to compete and I think the staff race will be talked about in the staffroom with great delight for a while to come too!

We have enjoyed another highly successful year in school. The new extension opened in September and what a difference this has made! In October, our Friends of the School was formed and they have certainly had a very active year and been exceptionally supportive. We then had a very successful SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) in December and we have also had our best ever KS2 Statutory Test Results. As you know, the KS2 SATs are a very narrow measure of children’s attainment. Our aim in school is to ensure our children have a wide range of experiences during their time here and whilst data is obviously of great importance, we believe that this is only one small part of primary school education. However, our school is judged on data and I am delighted to say that our Year 6 children have excelled this year. Our school results are below, along with the national averages and I am sure you can see for yourselves just how well the children have achieved. This is also thanks to a highly talented and dedicated staff team that we have in school – we are very fortunate to have a motivated staff, a superb team spirit and a team of adults who care passionately about doing their absolute best for your children.

Cohort (47)	Reading	Maths	GAPS	Writing	R,W & M
School	96%	87%	96%	91%	83%
National	75%	76%	78%	78%	64%

Saturday 14th July – Summer Fair - 11am – 1 pm

We think we are going to be very lucky with the weather again tomorrow for our summer fair. We have a number of activities and stalls for the children to enjoy including a bouncy castle, trampolines, water slide, candy floss, refreshments, tombolas, ice creams and a number of side stalls. Soak the Teacher is normally the most popular event for the children to enjoy and the line up so far is Mr Graham, Mr Stephenson, Mr Taylor, Mr Knighton and Mrs Davis. If the children want to play on the water slide, swimming trunks/costume are essential as well as a change of clothes and towel! Our fair is always a super event where it is lovely to see so many families!

Monday 16th July 2018 – Moving Up Morning

On Monday morning, all children will be moving up to their new classroom to spend the morning with their new teacher. We also have a number of new children joining us in September and they will be here for a visit on Monday too. I am sure our children will make them feel very welcome.

Tuesday 17th July 2018 – Sports Assembly – 9.15 am

Our annual sports assembly will take place in the Junior Hall on Tuesday morning starting at 9.15 am. Here, we celebrate all the sports teams, competitions and events that have taken place during the year. We are very fortunate to have an abundance of teams who take part in many competitions and this assembly is our chance to present the children with medals, whilst also congratulating them. Parents, carers and families are all welcome to join us for this, although it is more for KS2 children.

Tuesday 17th July 2018 – Year 6 Sleep Over

Our annual sleep over for the Year 6 children takes place on Tuesday night. We ask the children to come back for around 6.30 – 7pm for the evening. We will be ordering a Chinese takeaway for them as well as playing games, watching DVDs and generally just enjoying each other’s company before we ‘go to bed!’ All children will need a sleeping bag and airbed (or PE mat!) as well as their overnight clothes and uniform for the next day. I am sure we will all have great fun!

Wednesday 18th July 2018 – Karaoke Afternoon

We are holding a karaoke afternoon in school on Wednesday afternoon. I am sure the children will be in fine voice for this. Mr McDermid is very kindly giving up his time to help the children entertain themselves!

Wednesday 18th July 2018 – Leavers' Holy Communion Service at 6pm

On Wednesday, we are holding our annual Leavers' Holy Communion Service in All Saints Church at 6 pm. This is for all children in Years 5 & 6 and their parents and families. Last year was the first time we held this service. It proved very popular and really was very special. We hope to see you there. All families are to make their own way to Church in time for the service to start at 6 pm.

Thursday 19th July 2018 – Leavers' Service in All Saints Church at 1.30 pm

Our Leavers' Service takes place in All Saints Church at 1.30 pm on Thursday 19th July. This is always a highly charged, emotional service which includes attendance and citizenship awards and The Henry Dancer Memorial Trophy. We look forward to seeing you there.

Friday 20th July 2018 – Leavers' Assembly at 10 am in Junior School Hall

After the emotionally charged service comes the fun, laughter and tears in the school hall. Our Year 6 children will be taking the assembly with an Oscar ceremony, leavers' video, baby photographs and they also present their film which they have kept secret for many weeks prior to the premiere! Again – an event not to be missed by the Year 6 parents and families!

Foundation Stage News (Nursery and Reception)

Thanks for your support on Wednesday at our Foundation Stage sports Day. We hope you agree that it was a lovely event and that you enjoyed it as much as the children.

We are delighted to tell you that our Big Toddle raised £556.50 for Barnardo's. Thank you so much for your generous sponsorship!

Next Wednesday, we would like to invite Nursery parents and friends to a short celebration to mark the end of the year. You are invited to join us at 11am or 2.30pm in Nursery for a short session of our favourite songs and rhymes from the past few months.

Learning Journals for children in Nursery and Reception who will be continuing at our school need to be kept for a short while as evidence of the children's progress. Please be assured that you will get them to keep as soon as we are able to release them.

The EYFS staff are currently making plans to further develop our outside learning environment. We have lots of ideas with which you might be able to help. We have set up a Pinterest account for Lanchester EYFS to show you some of the ideas we would love to put into action. If you could help out with any of the materials we might need, please let us know. As always, your support is hugely appreciated!

Uniform Changes

Following our recent parent questionnaire there will be an additional school sweatshirt and cardigan available from Moette ready for September. Please note that this is not tumble dryable but is offered at the request of some parents. It is a different make and more in line with the jumpers previously sold which some parents prefer.

Nursery Uniform Changes

From September Nursery children **only** will be invited to wear sky blue polo shirts. However, they can continue to wear their white ones for the next academic year. All children in Main school will continue to wear white polo shirts. School uniform is available to order directly from Moette.

Uniform for September

All school uniform ordered before 10th August will be delivered to school on 3rd September and will be available for collection from the school office between 1-3pm. If you place your order after this time, delivery in time for the new term cannot be guaranteed. We ask that all parents request that their child's initials be added to the sweatshirts/cardigans as this is at **no additional cost**. Thank you.

School Dinners

The cost of school dinners increases in September and will now cost £2.05 per day, or £10.25 per week. Our current Year 2 children will no longer be eligible for free school meals once they move up to Year 3 so all school dinners will have to be paid for in September by our current Year 2 pupils, unless they are entitled to Free School Meals. If your child will not be requiring school dinners after the holidays, please inform the office before the end of term. This ensures you will not be charged for school dinners if your child is not having them.

Monday 23rd July to Friday 3rd August - Holiday Club

Don't forget that Mr Graham is running a holiday club for the first two weeks of the summer holidays. Please do not forget to sign up for this as soon as possible as he is quite busy, especially the first week!

Sunday 22nd July – Lanchester Fun Run

On Sunday 22nd July The Lanchester Partnership are hosting a Fun Run and Family Day at Burnhopeside Hall, Lanchester. The family day opens at 10am and closes at 2pm and the Fun Run course opens at 11am until 1pm. For only £2 per child and £5 per adult, each runner can do as many laps (at a walk or a run) of the 2.5k course as they wish. There is a medal for each runner. All under 12s need to participate with a supervising adult. There will be plenty there to keep the non-runners happy too, so please feel free to attend without running. There will be stalls, games, inflatables, BBQ and refreshments (by Willowburn Hospice). A free shuttle bus (and free parking) will operate from St Bede's School car park throughout the day too. To enter the run please visit the Facebook page "Lanchester Partnership Village Vita" and look for the entry form link, or pop into the Red Cross shop, who are taking entries

Parent Questionnaire

End of year Parent Questionnaires have been included at the back of your child's report folder. We would really appreciate you taking a few minutes of your time to complete these. We really value your opinions and suggestions and every year, we do make changes in school based on comments made on the questionnaires. Thank you.

Water day

We hope to re-arrange this for one day next week but will keep an eye on the forecast and text the day prior to it taking place!

ParentPay

Following on from a successful first year with ParentPay and with 72% of parents using online payments, I would like to thank those of you who use this system - it does make payments easier for you and for the office. However, can I please ask that those of you who are currently not up to date with dinner money payments and/or wrap around care payments to ensure that your accounts are settled by the end of term. Any money owed will be carried over into the next academic year and we really do not want to see that happening. Thank you.

As usual, if there is anything at all that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me at school or by email: j.davis@lanchesterep.net. Thank you.

All that remains is for me to thank you for your wonderful support this year and to wish you all a lovely summer with your children.

Yours sincerely,

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