



LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 4 – Friday 5th July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the penultimate week of term – this year has just flown! It was great to have such good weather for all our sports days this week. The weather does make such a difference! Thank you all for coming!

Next week is a very busy, but exciting one for the children in Years 2 – 6 with our Ocean World performances. Please see more detailed arrangements for the day itself below. The children have worked exceptionally hard for this over a very short period of time – rehearsals only started 4 weeks ago! However, they sound wonderful and you are all in for a real treat! It makes such a difference to be performing it in a real theatre as well – quite an experience for us all. Tickets are now limited and the remainder will be served on a first-come-first-served basis. Again, please see more detailed information below.

Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th July – Year 6 Transition Days at St Bede's

All Year 6 children who are transferring to St Bede's next year have two transition days on Monday and Tuesday of next week. Arrangements for these days have been communicated to you all by St Bede's. The times are: Monday is 9–2.30pm and Tuesday is 9–2pm although the school has said that because the time for the Tuesday has changed, they will keep the children until 2.30pm if it causes any potential problems. Please liaise with the school directly in the case of any problems. No children should attend our school on either day as there will be no staff member accompanying the children.

Wednesday 10th July – Dress Rehearsal for Ocean World

Our Year 1 children are being treated to a performance of Ocean World on Wednesday morning which will be our full dress rehearsal.

Thursday 11th July – Ocean World Day

All children from Years 2 – 6 will need a packed lunch for the day. Buses are taking the children up to the Empire first thing in the morning so that a full technical dress rehearsal can take place prior to the afternoon performance. Children will need plenty of fluids for the day too.

At the end of the afternoon performance, ALL children MUST return to school on the bus. Even if family have been there for the show in the afternoon, the children still must return to school. It is a potential safeguarding issue for us to have so many children at the end of the show going in different directions. Please note that this is non-negotiable and no exceptions can be made. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause you, but it is in the best interests of all the children.

Children should return to the theatre for 5.30pm in time for the 6pm performance. ALL children MUST be collected after this performance. Please be patient with us once the show finishes as we will dismiss children in year groups from the stage and ask parents to come forward as each year group is announced.

Friday 12th July – Reception New Starters from Other Nurseries

New Reception children who are starting with us in September from other Nursery providers will be joining us on Friday morning from 9.15 – 11.30am.

Friday 12th July – Digital Leaders at Northern Celebration of Education at Northumbria University

Some of our children have been invited to be part of the 'Northern Celebration of Education' at Northumbria University on Friday 12th July. This is a fantastic opportunity for those involved and they will be showcasing the excellent work we do in school as well as supporting 'Now < Press < Play' and 'Learning by Questions'. They will also be performing some of the songs from Ocean World too! It is a full day event and due to travel arrangements and organisation, they will need to leave school earlier than normal. A bus is booked to take them to the event, **leaving at 8:00am** in order to be at the event in time for it starting. They will be leaving the venue at 2:45pm to be back by the end of the school day, traffic permitting. All children attending and participating have been given a form about this. This is another wonderful opportunity for our children and school and should be a great experience for all involved!

Friday 12th July – Year 6 Leavers’ Disco

We are delighted and very grateful to the Friends of the School for them organising and funding our first ever Year 6 leavers’ disco! This will take place during the afternoon and will finish in time for the end of the school day. If the children would like to bring some clothes to change into for this, then they will be given time at lunchtime to do so.

Friday 12th July – Reports Day

All children will receive their end of year school reports on Friday 12th July. This includes the Year 6 statutory test results. As explained to Year 6 parents and carers at the meeting earlier in the year, school is notified of the results earlier in the week, but we do not inform parents/carers or children of these until the reports go out. This is so that we can check through the results and papers, ensure there have been no errors and that there are no huge surprises. We also do not want to tell the children in school as there will always be some who are disappointed and we feel that this is in their best interests.

Saturday 13th July – Summer Fair – 11am – 1pm

Yes – it is that time of year again! Soak the Teacher, Water Slide, Fairground rides, tombolas, a host of side stalls including crazy golf, Lasso the Bull, 3 in a Row and A Ball in a Bucket and Hook a Duck as well as hot dogs, ice creams and refreshments, all bodes well for a wonderful couple of hours! The line-up for Soak the Teacher will be announced next week (after some of the staff have had their arms twisted!) and the weather is looking good for the ever-popular Water Slide! Raffle tickets will be coming home tonight too, £1 per ticket. Also we are looking for volunteers to help out on the day, including set up and on the stall’s. If you can spare anytime on that day, please email school.office@lanchesterep.net with the times you are available. Thank you for your support and we hope to see you all there.

Foundation Stage News

We are spending a lot of time outside in this lovely weather. Please ensure that your child has a named hat in school and that they come to school adequately protected with sun cream - we will top this up later in the day if we have your permission to do so.

Please check our lost property boxes before the end of term. Anything we have left at the end of next week will be disposed of before the new school year. We will assume that any wellies left are being donated to EYFS so if you wish to keep them for next year, please take them home!

We will be doing a final release of observations form 2BuildaProfile just before the end of term. This will include all the observations for the year and may include some photos that are not linked to an experience but we think you would love to see.

School Meals

A form will be going home with all children from Reception to Year 5 today. These only need to be returned if your child is changing their meal choice this September – either moving from school meals to packed lunch or packed lunch to school meals. This is also to remind all parents and carers of children in Year 2 that now they are going into Year 3, they are no longer eligible for universal free school meals, unless you are entitled to free school meals. There is an application form on the back of the school meals form that you can complete if you believe you might be eligible for free school meals. Any questions about this, please just contact the school office.

Ocean World Tickets

All remaining tickets have now gone on general sale so if you would like to purchase additional tickets, please hand your order in to the School Office as soon as possible. They will now be sold on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Next Week’s Notices

Monday 15th July – Drop in Parents’ Evening

Tuesday 16th July – Year 6 Sleep Over

Wednesday 17th July - Family Barbecue 3.30 – 5.30pm

Tickets are still available for the summer barbecue on Wednesday 17th July between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. Once again the award winning Knitsley Farm Shop will be providing the food. Tickets are £5 per person of £20 for 5. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Thursday 18th July – Leavers’ Service at 1.30pm in All Saints Church

Friday 19th July – Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly in School Hall at 10am