

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

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Friday, November 4th 2016

This day in history

- 1922** The entrance to King Tut's tomb discovered
- 1904** First stadium built specifically for football (Harvard Stadium)



Whole School Attendance

- Year 1 = 96.2 %
Year 2 = 96.5%
Year 3 = 96.0%
Year 4 = 96.7 %
Year 5 = 96.4 %
Year 6 = 96.6%



Congratulations

Well Done Year 2 for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 4 for the best attendance in Upper School.

Diary Dates

TUESDAY 8th and WEDNESDAY 9th NOVEMBER
School closed due to Industrial Action

- Tuesday 8th November** Year 2 Visit to Centre for Life – postponed till December 9th - Science
- Friday 11th November** Class curriculum letters to be sent home
- Friday 11th November** Year 4 Swimming
- Tuesday 15th November** Reception Class Assembly 9.10
- Tuesday 15th November** Year 4 Class Assembly 10.30
- Wednesday 16th November** Year 1 Class Assembly 9.10
- Thursday 17th November** Year 2 Class Assembly 9.10
- Thursday 17th November** Year 6 Class Assembly 10.30
- Friday 18th November** Children in Need Non Uniform Day
£1 donation
- Wednesday 30th November** 2 Mini Police visit to Police Headquarters to decorate Christmas tree
- Provisional Dates - Tuesday 6th December** Joint Schools Christmas Church Service 10am
- **Thursday 8th December** Whole School Christmas Carol Service
- Thursday 8th December** School Christmas Fayre – Upper School Site
- Tuesday 13th December** Nursery Christmas Coffee Morning
Year 1 visit to the Pantomime
- Tuesday 14th December** Lower School Christmas Coffee Morning
Year 3 visit to the Pantomime
- Tuesday 15th December** Upper School Christmas Coffee Morning
- Friday 16th December** Christmas Jumper Day

New Text Service

We are introducing a new service - 'School Gateway'. This means that you will be able to communicate via the School Gateway smartphone app or website. It's quick and easy to activate your School Gateway account. All you need are your email address or mobile number that school holds on record for you. If you have a smartphone, please download School Gateway free from your app store (Android and iPhone). The app shows the same information as the website PLUS it saves the school money when we send you a text message and you will be able to message us through the app rather than using your text messaging allowance. You can also use the website www.schoolgateway.com and click on 'New User'. You'll receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this PIN to log into School Gateway. We have sent out a new contact pack and would ask you to complete this and return it school as soon as possible. Please include an email address if you have one. We hope that you will find School Gateway to be a fast and easy way to communicate with school. If you need any help setting up the app please contact the office and we would be happy to help.



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PARENTS – Useful Contacts

Leadgate Junior School – 01207 610361

Press 1 to report an absence

Press 2 for Lower School Office

Press 3 for Upper School Office

Leadgate Surgery - 01207 583555

Don't forget to ask for an appointment card

Leadgate Pharmacy - 01207 502774

Consett One Point - 03000 261 121

101 - The police non-emergency number

Swimming for Upper School

Swimming begins for Year 4 from Friday 11th of November and continues until Christmas.

If your child is in Year 4 please ensure your child has their swimming kit every Friday.

Toy Appeal for Early Years

Mrs Nesom and Mrs Reed are still appealing for any action figures, characters (preferably hard plastic) to be given/donated for our outdoor area.

Closure due to Strike Action

Strike action is being taken by members of Unison on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th of November.

As you may be aware our Teaching Assistants are greatly integrated into all aspects of school life and cover many crucial roles within school. Due to the number of staff members taking part in the industrial action we would be unable to provide the statutory supervision ratios, first aid cover and classroom support, Teaching Cover and external provision necessary to ensure the welfare of the children both within the school and at break times. As a result, in consultation with the Chair of Governors, the decision has been made that the school will be closed to all pupils on these days for the health and safety of the children.

Unfortunately we will have to cancel the planned Year 2 trip to the Centre for Life. We have rescheduled this for Friday 9th.

Class Assembly for Year 4 will now be Tuesday 15th of November at 10.30 and Year 6 will be Thursday 17th of November at 10.30. The trip to Consett Academy for Year 5 and Year 6 on Wednesday will also be cancelled.

We appreciate that closing the school will cause inconvenience for families and it is not a decision that we have taken lightly.

Year 2 Visit to building the new road

The children in Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed visiting the site where the old bridge used to be and in particular seeing how the construction work was progressing. We have been learning about our local area as part of our Geography and History Curriculum in school. The bridge is a big part of the history in Leadgate and because the children had the opportunity to visit the site and see the changes first hand I am sure it will be something they remember in years to come.



Fruit and Milk

Both Upper and Lower school now provide fruit and milk to all pupils.

