

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday, 1st December 2017

This day in history

1929 Bingo was invented by Edwin S Lowe

1990 Channel Tunnel sections from France and the UK meet beneath the English Channel



Whole School Attendance

Year 1 = 88.7%

Year 2 = 87.6%

Year 3 = 93.6%

Year 4 = 89.0%

Year 5 = 89.6%

Year 6 = 94.3%



Congratulations

Well Done Year 2 for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 6 for the best attendance in Upper School.

Our school target is 96%.

Calendar Dates

Wednesday 6th December	St Johns Ambulance First Aid Training and Assembly Reception, Years 1,2
Thursday 7th December	St Johns Ambulance First Aid in a Day Training Year 6
Friday 8th December	St Johns Ambulance First Aid Training Years 3,4,5
Tuesday 12th December	Provisional date - Joint Schools Christmas Service
Wednesday 13th December	Early Years Christmas Nativity & Coffee Morning / Assembly 9.30am
Thursday 14th December	Keystage 1, Year 1 and 2 Nativity & Coffee Morning / Assembly 9.30am
Thursday 14th December ,2.00pm	Christmas Fayre, Upper School
Monday 18th December	Early Years Christmas party and visit from Santa
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Dinner on both Sites
Wednesday 20th December	Keystage 2, Years 3-6, Christmas Coffee Morning / Assembly 9.30
Thursday 21st December	Keystage 1 Christmas Party and Santa Visit / Keystage 2 Christmas Party

Winter Update

As winter is most definitely here with our first sight of snow on the ground, please remember to send children into school with wellies for outdoors (clearly labelled) and school shoes to wear inside. A spare pair of tights/socks and a pair of tracksuit bottoms in the children's PE kit would be greatly appreciated just in case we accidentally get wet feet or trousers. We do try to enjoy playtimes as much as possible in all weather, especially the snow! We can only do this if children are suitably dressed and wearing appropriate footwear.

We do have a limited number of spare wellies and waterproof trousers/coats but if you have any old wellies that no longer fit your child we would welcome any donations to our spare welly box. We also have very few spare clothes in school at the moment so if you have any trousers skirts tights, or socks that no longer fit your child we would once again welcome any donations. Finally a quick reminder that if you have any school spare clothes at home we would be grateful if they could be returned as soon as possible.

Year 2 and 3 Gymnastics Festival

Year 2 and Year 3 will be attending the Gymnastics Festival at the Louisa Centre, Stanley on Wednesday 6th of December. The children should come to school in their PE kit as they will be leaving at 9am. The children should wear track suit bottoms or leggings as it will be cold. Please drop off your child as promptly as possible so the bus can leave on time.



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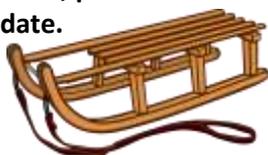
Severe Weather Disruption

Well done to all those of you who braved the snowy weather today in order to get in to school this morning. A number of parents asked about closure procedures. In taking the decision to close a school, the safety of pupils, staff and visitors is of paramount importance. Making a decision to close is not something that is ever taken lightly and we will endeavour to remain open providing it is safe to do so. Over the winter period there may be times where we must make adjustments to the school day in order to ensure the safety of all. This may include cancelling breakfast club to give pupils and staff sufficient time to travel in the morning and ensure sufficient adults are on site.

In times of snowy weather we do understand that you may not make it into school on time and you must travel when it is safe to do. In these circumstances we will keep the register open longer than usual as we would prefer to see children arrive safely, slightly later than usual, than not at all. Should it be necessary to close fully, then wherever possible, we will try to ensure the decision to close is made early enough to help avoid unnecessary journeys and provide parents/carers with enough time to arrange childcare.

However, there are very occasionally unexpected events that come along requiring instant decisions to be made based upon site specific risk assessments which could mean closing all or part of the school if it is determined to be no longer safe for pupils or staff.

We will always text priority contact numbers to advise if school is closed, therefore, please ensure all contact numbers are up to date.



Parking

Safeguarding our children is a priority and we ask that you have due respect for our neighbours and all children's safety when parking outside the school sites. It is an offence to park on the yellow zigzag lines outside the schools from 8am to 6pm. Please be aware that registrations numbers will be taken and passed on to the relevant authorities which may incur a fine.

Parents may also register complaints over parking by emailing

parkingservices@durham.gov.uk

Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal

We appeal to you to help make Christmas special by donating new, unwrapped gifts for children & young people who face the reality of waking up to nothing under the Christmas Tree this year.

From Monday 27th November until Monday 18th December 2017 the Salvation Army will be collecting gifts for children and young people (age range is new born to 16 years)

We would be most grateful if new, unwrapped gifts could be dropped off to the donation boxes placed at various locations including School.

If you would like further information or would like to nominate a family for the appeal, please contact Julie Patterson 07507 887257 or The Salvation Army on 01207- 501712



SANTA IN LEADGATE



SANTA WILL BE TOURING
LEADGATE ON SATURDAY
DECEMBER 9TH

THERE MAY EVEN BE SOME EARLY
PRESENTS



SANTA WILL ARRIVE AT THE ENGINE SHED AT 1.30
AND THEN WILL BE AT:

* LEADGATE CRICKET CLUB 1.45 * ST IVES 2.15 *

* DERWENT CRESCENT 3.00 *

* WATLING PLAYING FIELD 3.45 * COMMUNITY CENTRE 4.30 *
TIMES MAY VARY

Advent

Advent is a season observed in many Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The term is a version of the Latin word meaning "coming".

**Advent 2017 will begin on
Sunday, 3 December**

