

# Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

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**Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

## This day in history

**1837** Euston railway station opens in London as the terminus of the London and Birmingham Railway (L&BR), the city's 1st intercity railway station.

**1969** 1st men on the Moon Neil Armstrong & Edwin Aldrin Apollo 11.



## Whole School Attendance

Year 1 = 95.3%  
Year 2 = 94.6%  
Year 3 = 96.2%  
Year 4 = 93.3%  
Year 5 = 93.9%  
Year 6 = 95.4%



## Congratulations

Well Done Year 1 for the best attendance in Lower School and  
Year 3 for the best attendance in Upper School.

**BEST attendance across the year goes to  
Year 3**

## Calendar Dates

Monday 3rd Sep – School Closed for Training Day (No Children)  
Tuesday 4th Sep – First Day back  
Tuesday 9th Oct – Year 3 Class Assembly, 9.10am  
Wednesday 10th Oct – New Nursery Starters First Day  
Wednesday 10th Oct – Year 4 Class Assembly, 9.10am  
Thursday 11th Oct – Year 5 Class Assembly, 9.10am  
Friday 12th Oct – Year 6 Class Assembly, 9.10am  
Tues 16th Oct – Year 2 Class Assembly, 9.10am  
Tues 16th Oct – Lower School Parents Evening, 3.20 – 6.00pm  
Wed 17th Oct – Year 1 Class Assembly, 9.10am  
Wed 17th Oct – Upper & Lower School Parents Evening, 3.20 – 6.00pm  
Thurs 18th Oct – Reception Class Assembly, 9.10am  
Thurs 18th Oct – Upper School Parents Evening, 3.20 – 6.00pm  
Friday 19th Oct – Harvest Assembly, 10.30am (no parents to attend)

## October Half Term - Friday 19th Oct – Monday 29th Oct

Tues 30th Oct – Halloween Disco Upper School, 3.30 – 4.45pm  
Friday 6th Dec – Upper School Christmas Fayre, 2.00pm  
Wednesday 12th Dec – Nursery / Reception Assembly, 9.30am  
Thursday 13th Dec – KS1 Assembly, 9.30am  
Tuesday 18th Dec – Christmas Dinner / Jumper Day  
Wednesday 19th Dec – Upper School Christmas Assembly  
Thursday 20th Dec – Christmas Disco  
Thursday 20th Dec – Church Service, 10.00am TBC  
Thursday 20th Dec – Last Day of Term  
Christmas Holidays Thursday 20th December – Monday 7th January

**Please note that dates are set provisionally and will be confirmed at the start of the new Academic year. Additional Nursery dates may be added once Mrs Bowe starts nursery in September.**

## Class Assemblies

We very much appreciate the great attendance at our class assemblies this week. The children worked really hard practising and performed really well.

The Year 6 Leavers Assembly was as always emotional for everyone and we wish them all the best as they leave us to start in Year 7 in September.

## Good Bye and Good Luck

We would like to wish Miss Watkins in Year 4 and Christopher, our office apprentice at Lower School all the best in the future as they move on to new challenges.

## Welcome

Welcome to Miss Bowe, our new Nursery teacher and Mrs Pedro, our new Year 1 teacher, who will be joining us in September.

Leadgate Task Force in partnership with Durham Wildlife Trust have secured funding to host 2 events in Watling woods one in August and one in October

**Your children are welcome to come along the sessions are FREE**

links for the sessions on 16th August are  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/watling-woods-wild-grassland-10am-12pm-tickets-47674955074>

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## Magic Breakfast Club

We have recently been awarded a grant fund to set up a free 'Grab and Go' breakfast club on Upper school. This will not replace the earlier starting, child minding breakfast club on lower school and once we have further details on its timings and structure we will let you know in the new academic year.



## End of Year Picnic

Everyone had a wonderful time at the end of Year picnic and play on the upper school Fields. It was lovely to see the Year 1 and 2 children join in with all of the Keystage 2 children.



## Ear Piercings

If you are considering having your child's ears pierced before their return in the autumn term can I please advise that as approximately 6 weeks are required for them to heal then next week is the best time to have this done. In line with our school jewellery policy these should be single, stud earrings. Any delay could stop your child participating in PE upon their return as children should be able to remove and replace the ear rings themselves. For younger children we would ask that parents remove them the night before PE or in the morning and therefore they must be fully healed. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

## FREE healthy snacks for kids on the go this summer

During the school holidays free healthy snacks will be available to kids visiting any Durham County Council swimming pool or library, Monday to Friday, all day.

Snacks on offer include bananas, satsumas, apples popcorn and raisins etc. The snacks will help to ensure that kids have access to something quick and healthy to eat during the holidays rather than chocolate and sugary snacks.

Details of local swimming pools and libraries can be found at: [www.durham.gov.uk](http://www.durham.gov.uk)

## School Holiday Dates 2018/2019

Holiday	Closing date	Date re-opens
Summer 2018	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
Autumn Half-Term 2018	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
Christmas 2018	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
Spring Half-Term 2019	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Easter 2019	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Tuesday 23 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
May Bank Holiday 2019	Friday 3 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
Summer Half-Term 2019	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019
Summer 2019	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	<p><u>Inset Days</u>                      Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018                      Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018                      Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019                      School is closed to children on these days.</p>

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## End of Year Message

Dear Parent / Carer,

It has been another challenging year for everyone, but a hugely successful year, with the school receiving GOOD status from our Ofsted inspection and ending this final week with being awarded basic Skills Quality Mark for the seventh time and re accredited with Sainsbury's School Games Silver Award just yesterday. All of this is also due in no small part to the work you do in supporting our school.

Early Years have finished with 61% Good Level of Development and we look forward to Mrs Bowe joining us in September to build on this achievement.

Our Keystage 1 results remain inline or above National across all areas and my thanks to all the Keystage 1 staff who continue to provide the best education to our pupils.

Our Keystage 2 results this year are 86% of children reaching the expected stand in Reading (National results 75%) with 29% Greater depth, 89 % expected in writing with 18% greater depth, 86% reaching expected in Grammar, spelling and punctuation (National results 78%) with 29% at greater depth, 86% achieving expected standard in Maths (National results 76%) and 11% at greater depth. Once again my thanks to all the Keystage 2 staff who continue to provide the best education to our pupils.

As the year draws to an end I would personally like to thank you all for your commitment, support, understanding and continuing to work with us in the interests of all our children over the last year. It never ceases to impress me how dedicated all the whole school team are and how much the children rise up to the challenges and opportunities they are presented with, constantly demonstrating their full potential. I fully appreciate how demanding and exhausting this endeavor is, and I hope you will join me in thanking all the staff and the children in making this year such a success.

It continues to be a great pleasure to be Head teacher of Leadgate Primary and I look forward to seeing you all return in September. I wish you a very enjoyable, safe and relaxing summer break and best wishes, for success and happiness, to all our Year 6 children as they leave the school to face their future in the Academy.

Many thanks



Mr Mark Watson  
Head Teacher  
Leadgate Primary School

## Sainsbury's School Games Sports Award

Thanks to the hard work and dedicated time from Mr Baker, Mrs Scarr and all the children's engagement in sports and competitions we have, this week, been re awarded Sainsbury's School Games Silver Sports Mark. Well done to everyone for their sporting prowess!

