

# Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

*Caring, Sharing, Learning Together*

**Friday, 16th November 2018**

## This day in history

**1855** David Livingstone becomes the first European to see the Victoria Falls in what is now Zambia-Zimbabwe.

**2001** The movie Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone is released, earning \$974.8 million in the box office.



## Whole School Attendance

Year 1 = 94.8%  
Year 2 = 98.7%  
Year 3 = 97.8%  
Year 4 = 98.0%  
Year 5 = 97.9%  
Year 6 = 93.9%



## Congratulations

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

**Our New School target is 97%.**

## Calendar Dates

Friday 6th December – Upper School Christmas Fayre, 2.00pm

Wednesday 12th December – Nursery / Reception Assembly, 9.00am

Thursday 13th December – KS1 Assembly, 9.30am

Tuesday 18th December – Christmas Dinner / Jumper Day

Wednesday 19th December – Upper School Christmas Assembly

Thursday 20th December – Christmas Disco

Thursday 20th December – Church Service, 9.00am TBC

Thursday 20th December – Last Day of Term

## Christmas Holidays

**School closes Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December and reopens Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

## 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 20th November 2018 until Monday 17th December 2018 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. There will be a collection at both Upper and Lower School.

If you would like further information or would like to nominate a family for the appeal, please contact The Salvation Army on 01207– 501712

## Children in Need

We raised a fantastic £234.65 for Children in Need today. Thank you so much for your support of this great charity.



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## Mathletics Hall of Fame

1 <sup>st</sup> Fraser T	(Y4)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Greger T	(Y1)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Brandon J	(Y1)
4 <sup>th</sup> Lincoln R	(Y3)
5 <sup>th</sup> Kyla M	(Y3)

Keep up the good work!



## Wellies for Nursery

Mrs Bowe would like to remind Nursery parents to send wellies in with their child on Wednesday. The children have Forest School on a Wednesday and will be spending time outside so will need wellies to keep their feet dry.

## Stamp Collection

Miss Debbie is asking for some help supporting a friend who collects used stamps for charity.

With the Christmas card season approaching, it would be great if you save your used stamps and drop them off with her so she can pass them on to her friend.

## Spaces Available

If you are aware of any family or friends looking to move school due to a change in circumstances, for example house move we currently have spaces available in Nursery for our January intake, Year 1,2,3,4 and Year 6. For further information please contact the school office or County Hall admissions.

OFSTED March 2018 : 'Pupils who have special educational needs and/or disabilities make good progress.'

'Parents and carers and staff have confidence in the leadership of the school....school leaders listen to their concerns and act on them swiftly and fairly.'

'The quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good overall and sometimes outstanding.... High expectations from staff ensure consistently good and sometimes exemplary teaching.'

School Office : 01207610353

Admissions : 03000 265896

## Early Years Open Evening

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 4pm –5pm

Our Early Years Team are hosting an open evening to provide prospective parents and carers with the opportunity to:

- Informally visit our setting and see our facilities for Nursery and Reception
- Meet and chat to staff, who will be happy to answer any questions you may have

Application forms for Nursery will be available on the day.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## Parking and Road Safety

Concerns have been raised again about parking outside school and driving during drop off and pick up times. We are increasingly concerned about child safety and the needs of the local residents. A member of the public was nearly hit by a car reversing out on to the road this week. We would ask that all drivers take extra care and attention while driving during these times as this could easily have been a child. It is also an offence to park on the yellow zigzag lines outside the schools from 8am to 6pm.

Please be aware that registration numbers will be taken and passed on to the relevant authorities which may incur a fine. Safeguarding our children is a priority and we ask that you have due respect for our neighbours when parking.

Parents may also register complaints over parking by emailing [parkingservices@durham.gov.uk](mailto:parkingservices@durham.gov.uk)



## Reception Places for September 2019

If your child turns 5 between 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 you need to apply for a Reception place for September 2019. This is done through Durham County Council. Please visit [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) for further information.

**You still need to apply for a Reception place if your child already attends our Nursery.**