

# Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

*Caring, Sharing, Learning Together*

**Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

This day in history

**1773** Captain Cook's ship and his crew, aboard 'Resolution', became the first Europeans to sail below the Antarctic Circle.



**Whole School Attendance**

Year 1 = 96.6%  
Year 2 = 91.5%  
Year 3 = 91.3%  
Year 4 = 99.2%  
Year 5 = 94.8%  
Year 6 = 93.8%



**Congratulations**

Well Done Year 1 for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 4 for the best attendance in Upper School.

**Our school target is 97%.**

**Calendar Dates**

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Lower School Parent's Evening
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Upper & Lower School Parent's Evening
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Upper School Parent's Evening
<b>HALF TERM - School closes on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm for Lower School and 3.15pm for Upper School. Reopens Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Year 1 Phonics workshop for Parents 9.00am
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Reading Workshop for Parents
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Kingsway Year 6 Residential
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	SEND Coffee Afternoon, 2 pm, Lower School
Week Commencing 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 6 Booster Sessions, Tuesday and Thursday
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception & Nursery Stay, Play and Learn 9.00am – 12.00pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9.10 am
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9.10 am
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9.10 am
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9.10 am
	Year 6 SATS Meeting for Parents, 9.30am
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9.10 am
	Year 1 Phonics Meeting for Parents, 9.30am
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9.10 am
	Year 2 SATS Meeting for Parents, 9.30am
Week Commencing 23 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service, KS2, TBC
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Egg Competition Entries
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Assembly, Lower School, 9.15am
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Assembly, Upper School, 9.15am

All Egg Competition entries to go home on Thursday

**Easter Holidays–School closes on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 3pm for Lower School and 3.15pm for Upper School. Reopens Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.**

Please note additional dates will be added to the calendar, once confirmed with outside agencies including Class Trips and will appear on forthcoming weekly newsletters.

**Caught Reading**

We are inviting the whole school to take part in a reading competition from now until the end of this half term (14th February). Not only are we promoting a love of reading, but the educational benefits are staggering:

- Reading increases intellect
- Children who enjoy reading are more academically successful
- Reading increases vocabulary
- Children who read more produce better pieces of writing
- Reading improves spelling

We would like you to get a photograph of your child reading in an interesting location-this could be at the park, on the bus, or anywhere your imagination takes you! You can then send the picture into school or email it to the school email address (p2259.admin@durhamlearning.net) and an independent judge will pick a winner from each class-whomever they think has been caught reading in the most interesting location. The prize is a £5 book voucher for the winner in each class and the overall winner will receive a £10 book voucher.

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## Year 1 Phonics Workshop

Mrs Pedro will be running a phonics workshops for parents and carers on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> of January at 9.10am to find out more about the teaching of Phonics and how you can support your child at home. The workshop will outline what phonics is, how it helps your child with their early reading and writing.

Parents can come along to learn a bit more about Phonics and how you can support your child in their early reading and writing at home.

## Early Years Stay and Play

Mrs Nesom in Reception and Mrs Bowe in Nursery would like to invite their parents to an open morning on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> of March from 9.00 am to 11.30 am with the opportunity to stay and enjoy activities with your child and see them in their learning environment. There will now be focusing on maths and hope you pick up lots of ideas on how your play at home can support your child's learning. This will take the place of the normal Class assembly.

## International Work - Nepal

The pupils in our partner school 'Golden Peak High' in Nepal have sent us some recipes for two traditional Nepalese dishes. If you would like to have a go at making them we would love to know how they taste.

They have asked if we would send some traditional English/North Eastern recipes to them so they can try them out. What traditional regional recipe ideas can you think of? Pupils can bring ideas into school and we will send the most popular or perhaps the most original recipes to Nepal.

### *Khir (Rice pudding)*

Ingredients for 5 people:

1. Rice (long grain): 250 gm
2. Milk: 2 litre
3. Sugar: 4 tea spoon (as per taste)
4. Ghee: 2 tea spoon
5. Pieces of coconut: 10 gm
6. Cardamom and cloves powder: 5 gm
7. Almond: 10 gm
8. Cashew nuts: 10 gm
9. Cinnamon leaf: 1

Method of Preparation:

1. Rinse the rice until the water is clear.
2. Boil the milk and add the rice in it.
3. Let it simmer until the rice cooks and keep on stirring to avoid the bottom of the cooking pot burning.
4. Add coconut pieces, almond, cashew nuts and stir the pudding until it becomes thicker.
5. Add sugar, cardamom and cloves powder, ghee and cinnamon leaf and stir the pudding few minutes to mix all ingredients.
6. The rice pudding is ready, remove it from the fire and serve it to have.

### *Potato pickle (Aalooko Achar)*

Ingredients list for 5 people:

1. Chopped boiled Potato: ½ kg
2. Chopped Cucumber: 250 gm
3. Salt: as per taste
4. Chopped green chili: as per taste (3 chili-chopped lengthwise)
5. Turmeric powder: ½ tea spoon
6. Sesame powder: 1 tea spoon
7. Mustard oil: 1 tea spoon
8. Lemon: 1
9. Fenugreek seeds: ½ tea spoon
10. Coriander leaves: chopped-1 tea spoon

Method of preparation:

1. Rinse the potato and boil it.
2. Chop cucumber in dice shape.
3. After the potato is boiled, peel of its cover and cut it into dice shape.
4. Take a huge bowl and add diced potato, cucumber. Then add the spices like salt, chopped green chili, turmeric powder, sesame powder and mix them all together and make its mixture.
5. Heat the 1 tea spoon of mustard oil, fry fenugreek seeds in it and pour it into the mixture made above.
6. Then squeeze the lemon and put its juice in the mixture.
7. Lastly add some coriander leaves and serve it.

