

# Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

*Caring, Sharing, Learning Together*

## Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Emperor Claudius II banned marriage because he thought married men were bad soldiers. Valentine felt this was unfair and arranged marriages in secret. When Claudius found out, Valentine was thrown in jail and sentenced to death. There, he fell in love with the jailer's daughter and when he was taken to be killed on 14 February he sent her a love letter signed "from your Valentine".



## Whole School Attendance

Year 1 = 91.4%  
Year 2 = 98.6%  
Year 3 = 91.7%  
Year 4 = 93.8%  
Year 5 = 95.2%  
Year 6 = 93.1%



## Congratulations

Well Done Year 1 for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 5 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
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
Thursday 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 Trip to Beamish – Science week
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9.10 am
	Year 6 SATS Meeting for Parents, 9.30am
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9.10 am – <b>this is change to previous dates due to the confirmation of a class trip.</b>
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, <b>now confirmed by Brooms School to be held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 10am</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Easter Church Service 10am</b>
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.**

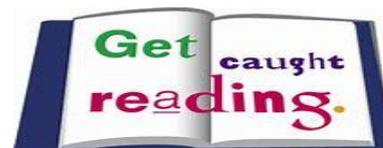
## Caught Reading

Thank you to everyone who took part in our "Caught Reading" competition. We received some fantastic photographs and it lovely to see the children demonstrating that you can read anywhere!

The winners of the £5 book vouchers are as follows:

Early Years	Oliver F
Key Stage 1	Jake L
Year 3	Jaxon D
Year 4	Isla W
Year 5	Sharoon K
Year 6	Lucy D

Well done to Leah M, Year 5 who is our overall winner and receives a £10 book voucher!



## Half Term Holiday

School closes on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of February for 1 week for Half Term. School reopens on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> of February.



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## Safer Internet Day

The internet is an amazing resource for children to communicate and be creative on different devices, but it is always changing, so keeping up with them can be a challenge!

Issues that your child may encounter on the internet will vary depending on their age and online activities, but they still need advice and protection. Please visit our website for parental guides to technology, information on how to set up parental controls, and advice on social media, screen time, and how to talk with your child:

<http://www.leadgate.durham.sch.uk/parents/e-safety-information/>

We have celebrated Safer Internet Day in school this week:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

## Year 6 Residential

Children from Year 6 have returned today after a fantastic (but very cold!) residential visit to Kingsway Outdoor Centre. They have experienced the challenges of being away from home and relying on themselves and their friends, developing in confidence, self-belief and resilience.

They didn't let the weather stop them and enthusiastically took part in all the activities. A huge well done to them!

A very special thank you to Mrs Hannon, Mr Baker and Miss Keegan without whom it would not be possible to offer this wonderful opportunity to our children.



## Nursery Places Available



## Funded childcare for 3 and 4 year olds

15 and 30 hours a week funded childcare places offered here

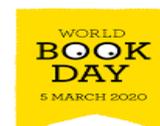
Enquire at school office



Call 01207 610361  
[www.leadgate.durham.sch.uk](http://www.leadgate.durham.sch.uk)

## World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day this year on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of March. Children can come in dressed up as their favourite book character on the day, if they would like to. We are looking forward to this exciting day promoting the joy of reading to our whole school community.



## Year 6 Booster

Just a reminder that our Year 6 children will be attending SATs booster sessions every Tuesday and Thursday from Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February from 3.15pm-4.00pm until SATs week (11<sup>th</sup> of May – 14<sup>th</sup> May). These sessions give the students a chance to review the work they have done over the term and prepare them for SATs. Juice and biscuits will be provided for the children.

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## Parking outside of School

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are writing to remind everyone dropping off children at both school and Happy Smiles that it is an offence to stop on the yellow zig zags outside of school to drop or collect children.

While most people do understand that this is very important for the safety of our children, we have been made aware that a small minority are still using the zigzags to drop or collect, which is very dangerous.

As well as posting regular items in the school newsletter we have asked the council to repaint the lines so they are clearer and the police will now be mounting more regular spot checks and issuing fines, where appropriate.

We do understand that both school sites are in residential areas and sometimes it is difficult to find a space really close to school but we ask that you consider the safety of the children and avoid stopping on the zigzags at any time.

Thank you in advance of your co-operation in this very important matter.

Leadgate Primary School Board of Governors



## School Fund Request

At Leadgate Primary, we seek to help all our children access the same level of provision and meet their daily needs irrespective of background.

While we have made some great strides in managing the every changing situation with school funding over the last few years, that have seen some schools ask parents for monies to buy books and classroom resources we have not, but we would still like to do more for all our children.

To achieve this we need your continued support and therefore we are asking for your continued school fund donations.

If you are unable to make a donation every week please consider if there are weeks where you can contribute just £1 per family to support our ongoing extra activities.

We greatly appreciate your donation, and it will be used to improve the provision we have across all age groups.

To date school fund has been used to subsidised all school trips and cap the voluntary donations requested, it has supported transport to additional sporting

contests and competitions, it provides every child with a new water bottle, free fruit and milk available across the whole school everyday of the year.

If you wish to contribute, please send in your £1 every Monday that you can manage.

Sincerely,  
Mr Watson



## Club Reminder

A quick reminder that after the half term holiday all clubs will restart the first week back and run for 4 weeks ending on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> March