

Leadgate Primary Lower School Newsletter

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Friday November 20th 2015

Key Diary Dates for the Autumn Term

Monday 23rd November '15 – Y1 children will visit Beamish Museum. (Please note change of date).

Tuesday 1st December '15 – Year 1 class assembly- 9.15am in the school hall. We look forward to seeing parents, relatives and friends. (Please note change of date)

Thursday 3rd December '15 – Reception class assembly- 9.15am in the school hall we look forward to seeing you all there.

Monday 14th December '15 – Key stage 1 Christmas nativity. 2pm in the school hall. Everyone welcome.

Tuesday 15th December '15 – Christmas dinner. Further details will follow.

Wednesday 16th December '15 – Early year's nativity for beginning of week and end of week nursery children and reception children will be held at 11am. There will also be a Christmas Carol service 1.30- 2.30pm at Leadgate Methodist Church

Thursday 17th December '15 – Church Service at 10am – St. Ives Church followed by Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas parties in the afternoon.

Friday 18th December '15 – Christmas jumper day and last day of term.

Whole School Attendance

RECEPTION = **98.9%**

YEAR 1 = **96.0%**

YEAR 2 = **92.5%**



Well done Reception for achieving the best attendance this week. Our school target is to achieve over 97 % in all classes

Carol Service

Following a meeting of the Parent Representatives today, Julie Patterson has asked that we remind parents about the Carol Service being held in the Methodist Church from 1.30 – 2.30pm on Wednesday 16th December. There will be tea and refreshments available for anyone wishing to stay after the Service and we have been asked to request items for a Christmas raffle. Money raised from the refreshments will be divided between Messy Church and the Salvation Army and money from the raffle will go to school.



Children in Need



Our final total for Children in Need was **£197.55**

Many thanks to everyone who took part and contributed to this very worthwhile cause.

Don't forget to check out the new Primary school website :

www.leadgate.durham.sch.uk

The website is smart phone enabled which means you can access all the information you need about the school, including up and coming events, whilst out and about. If you make it one of your favourites you will be able to go straight to the weekly Newsletter and keep up to date on all the events of the week and the weeks ahead.

Mobile Phone **TIP** : by holding your phone landscape you see more images and slides that would otherwise not show if you hold your phone upright

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PARENTS – Useful Contacts

Leadgate Primary Upper School
01207 502937
Leadgate Primary Lower School
01207 503656
Leadgate Chemist - 502774
School Nurse – 03000261718



Salvation Army Toy Appeal

Christmas is fast approaching and the school will once again be taking part in the Salvation Army Toy Appeal. We expect to have the collection box in school from 1st until 14th December and would like to ask parents if they would be able to buy an extra toy for the appeal. We appreciate it is an expensive time of year but if you are able to buy even the smallest gift it would be very much appreciated by the children who may otherwise get nothing on Christmas Day.

If there are any families who need to take advantage of the toy appeal, please contact Julie Patterson on 07507887257, and she will complete the referral form on your behalf.

Thank you for your consideration



Admission to Reception from Nursery

We would like to remind parents that they need to register their Nursery child for Reception class before **15th January '16**. You can do this in one of two ways:

1. Online, by logging onto the Durham County Website and completing the online form,
2. You can obtain a paper copy of the admission form from Mrs. Douglas and post it to Admissions Section, County Hall.

Please be aware that if you do not apply for a place for your child to go into Reception class before 15th January, and we reach our admission limit of 30, you may not get your child into Leadgate Primary (Lower) School.

Please ensure that you apply for a Reception place.

Lost Clothing

We have had a few instances where children have gone home with the wrong clothes or shoes. If this happens to your child, we would be most grateful if you could let us know immediately, so that we can try to resolve the problem and return garments to their rightful owner.

Could I please ask parents to check their child's school clothes to see if they have anything that does not belong to them. We are looking for school sweatshirts as well as from Next and Matalan retailers.

It would also be really helpful if you could ensure that your child's name is clearly visible on all garments, to make identification of lost garments easier.



Christmas Lunch Menu

We have just received the Christmas lunch menu from Taylor Shaw which we will be having on Tuesday 15th December: **Traditional Roast Turkey, chipolatas & stuffing, Roast and Creamed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy. There is a vegetable crown for the vegetarian option and the dessert is either College Pudding with White Sauce or a Christmas Dessert selection.**

If your child currently has a packed lunch at school and would like a Christmas dinner that day, could parents please let us know by Friday 27th November, in order to give the cook time to place her orders.

Care & Supervision of Children before School

For the safety of the children, parents **MUST** ensure that children are brought right onto the school premises and not left to cross the road by themselves, on a morning. Once inside school, parents must then wait for a member of staff to take charge of the children, letting them into school at 8.50am.

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WINTER IS COMING

We have received reports of snow this week-end and would like to remind parents of the procedure to be followed:

1. Check the Durham County Website for lists of school closures
2. You will only receive a text message from school to your first contact to let you know if we are closed.
3. If you are in any doubt please ring either school for confirmation of closures
4. You should always assume school is open, unless you have been informed otherwise

With winter weather in mind, we would also like to remind parents that your child needs to come to school in warm, protective outdoor clothing and wellies when we have snow. It would also be useful if you could send an extra pair of socks so that if your child's feet get wet they have something dry to change into.

Bicycle Refurbishment Scheme

Our bicycle refurbishment scheme is doing very well, so well in fact that we need more bikes. If you know of anyone who could donate a bike to the scheme, just let us know and we will arrange collection.

