

Leadgate Primary Lower School Newsletter

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Friday November 27th 2015

Key Diary Dates for the Autumn Term

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

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

Thursday 10th December '15 – Y1 children visit the Empire Theatre, Consett to see Jack & the Bean Stalk

Friday 11th December '15 – Reception class visit the Discovery Museum and Fenwicks Window (more details to follow) and Y1 children take part in the gymnastics festival at the Louisa Centre, Stanley

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

Tuesday 15th December '15 – Christmas dinner.

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 Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas parties in the afternoon.

Friday 18th December '15 – Christmas jumper day - Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on payment of £1. Proceeds will go the national appeal for McMillan Cancer Research, Make a Wish Foundation UK and Save the Children Fund

Whole School Attendance

RECEPTION = 97.7%

YEAR 1 = 96.0%

YEAR 2 = 95.0%



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

Carol Service - Reminder

Our parent support adviser, Julie Pattterson, 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**, and request donations for a raffle and tombola stall. There will also be a cake staff if parents would like to donate, but these would not be needed until much nearer the time.

I would also like to inform parents that the amalgamated **Church Service on Thursday 17th December has been cancelled.**

We will be holding a Christmas raffle in school. Tickets will be sold on the day of the Nativities and winners will be informed after the Wednesday 16th December performance. All proceeds will go towards school fund.



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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



Lost Clothing

Once again we have been informed that school sweatshirts have been lost which are actually printed with the child's name on the inside label. 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 do have some sweatshirts and cardigans in our lost property boxes, if you are looking for some item of clothing that belongs to your child.



Admission to Reception from Nursery

Reminder

Following the item in the newsletter last week regarding Nursery applications for Reception class, we have been informed by Admissions Section in County Hall that only half of our current families have applied for a place at their preferred school. We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that they need to register their child with Durham County before **15th January '16** otherwise you may not get a place for your child in your preferred school.

Christmas Lunch Menu - Reminder

We have had no further requests for school Christmas lunch on Tuesday 15th December, from those children currently having a packed lunch. As the cook needs to order 2 weeks in advance, the last possible date for ordering a Christmas lunch will be **Monday 30th November**, if your child would like a dinner on that day please don't forget to let Mrs. Douglas know as we will not be able to cater for extra numbers on the day.

Salvation Army Toy Appeal

We have now received the Salvation Army Toy Appeal box which will remain in school until 14th December. We appreciate that 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. We would also like to remind you that if there are any families who need to take advantage of the toy appeal, to contact Julie Patterson on 07507887257, and she will complete a referral form on your behalf.



Supervisory Assistant Supply Cover

Calling all parents, both old and new!! We are once again looking for parents who would be interested in supply work to cover our lunch time assistant staff, during periods of illness or leave of absence. The work would by necessity, be sporadic and at times with only minimal notice, but the work is very interesting and rewarding.

If you would be interested in becoming a member of our supply team, please contact Mrs. Douglas, who will be able to complete the online DBS check for you, which would be required for these posts.