

Leadgate Primary Lower School Newsletter

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Friday January 22nd 2016

Key Diary Dates for the Spring Term

Wednesday 27th January – 9.10am Coffee Morning

Wednesday 3rd February – Reception class assembly at 9.10am school hall. Everyone welcome.

1-3pm Parent's Confidence & Self Esteem Course to be held in the Early Years Centre.

Tuesday 9th February – Year 2 class assembly at 9.10am school hall. Everyone welcome.

Friday 12th February – Valentine Lunch & Disco - Reception, Year 1 & Year 2. Last day before half term holidays.

Monday 22nd February – Children back to school.

Tuesday 1st March – Reception Curriculum meeting for parents at 2.30pm

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day. Dress as your favourite book character.

Friday 4th March – Mother's Day Lunch

Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th March – Parents evenings - Reception, Year 1 & Year 2. (details to follow)

Friday 11th March – Comic Relief, more details to follow

Tuesday 15th March – Year 1 class assembly at 9.10am school hall. Everyone welcome.

Whole School Attendance

RECEPTION = 97.4%

YEAR 1 = 94.8%

YEAR 2 = 97.9%



Well done Year 2 for achieving the best attendance this week. Our school target is to achieve over 97 % in all classes

Attendance

Last term there were a number of bugs and illnesses that prevented children from attending school on some occasions. We understand that children, especially young children, can pick up bugs easily. However, if children have minor illness such as colds please send them into school and if they continue to feel unwell a member of staff will contact you. The Government set clear targets for attendance and we regularly monitor pupil attendance as does the Education Welfare Officer who visits school every week. We do inform parents/carers whose children's attendance is lower than the threshold and hope with your support attendance will improve. We have included the advice for parents/carers from Durham County Council with this newsletter. This outlines information on fixed penalty notices and other information. If your child is experiencing difficulties which affect school attendance, please do not hesitate to contact the school, or class teacher. We do recognise that children are absent from school for a number of reasons and this is why we utilise our PSA, Julie Patterson, to support families if needed. Julie can be contacted on 07507887257.

Our school website address is - 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.

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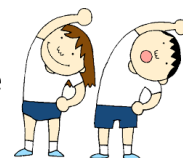
PARENTS – Useful Contacts

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



PE Kits

A quick reminder that children must have PE kits in school all week.



Confidence & Self-Esteem Course

Reminder

Don't forget our **Confidence and Self-Esteem Course** begins on Wednesday 3rd February and will run for 2 weeks before the half term holiday, with a further 4 weeks after half term.

The course is being run by Julie Patterson and is something that should be considered if you lack confidence or have low self-esteem. Please get in touch if you are interested. Try it out, you have nothing to lose and maybe much to gain. Places are limited so don't delay, get in touch today!!

Reading



Reading is an important and complex life skill. It is a source of pleasure, enjoyment and enrichment. We encourage children to enjoy reading, fostering a delight in literature and a love of books. Success in reading can impact on the progress made in other areas of the curriculum. It is crucial that we help children to develop their independence, self-confidence and motivation. Reading is a valuable and rewarding aspect of children's learning and consequently opens the door to a world of knowledge.

Please help your child at home by reading with them at home. Every child will bring a reading record and a reading book home. It would be extremely useful to staff if you could comment in your child's reading record once you have heard your child read. Children can change their books daily and are encouraged to do this independently. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Finally, if you have a spare afternoon, why not volunteer to listen to children read in school? We would greatly appreciate regular parent volunteers who could commit to a regular, weekly time slot. All volunteers must be DBS cleared, please contact school if you are interested for further information.



Following the success of our Father's Day Picnic last year, this year we will also be celebrating Mother's Day in school. We will be inviting Mums or a Grandma/Auntie to join children at lunch time on Friday 4th March to enjoy a special lunch. After lunch adults will get the opportunity to play games outside in the yard with their children. We will be sending out letters nearer the time along with the menu. The replies will need to be returned to school so we know how many parents to expect, which will help with organising the event. Thank you, we are looking forward to seeing you there!

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HEAD LICE



We have had a reported case of head lice in school and would like to ask all parents to be extra vigilant and check their child's head on a regular basis. Treatment is simple and effective and can be undertaken before the child comes to school, thus preventing unnecessary absence.

School Fund

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that we have a private school fund which is used to pay for transport for school visits, parties, discos etc. We ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 per week or whatever you can afford. It can be paid weekly, monthly or just as and when. Thank you for your consideration

