

Leadgate Primary Lower School Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday February 26th 2016

Key Diary Dates for the Spring Term

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 – Reception class visit Gibside and Beginning of the week Nursery Hall Hill Farm. More details to follow

Wednesday 16th March – Year 1 class visit to Whitehouse Farm. Please ensure you return your permission slips.

Thursday 17th March – End of week Nursery visit to Hall Hill Farm. More details will follow

Friday 20th March – Year 2 class visit Durham Cathedral and Castle. More details to follow.

Tuesday 22nd March – Year 1 class assembly at 9.10am school hall. Everyone welcome.

Thursday 24th March – Last day of term before the Easter holidays.

Tuesday 12th April – Children back to school.

Whole School Attendance

RECEPTION = 96.4 %

YEAR 1 = 98.4%

YEAR 2 = 98.5%



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

Packed Lunches



We encourage healthy eating habits from an early age. Unfortunately, we have noticed the contents of some of the children's lunchboxes becoming increasingly unhealthy. These lunchboxes contain foods with high levels of fat, sugar and salt. We are a healthy school and actively promote healthy eating. Unhealthy food choices especially at lunch time not only affects health but can also impact on behaviour. This in turn will impact on children's learning. School cooked lunches are carefully planned to ensure meals are well balanced, nutritional and healthy they are free to all children from Reception to Year 2.

However, if you do choose to provide a packed lunch then it must **NOT** contain fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate bars including chocolate spread sandwiches. They are not permitted in school and will be sent back home in lunchboxes. **No nut products are permitted in school due to allergies.** We have also noticed that some children are bringing excessive amounts of food in their packed lunches please make sure portion sizes are appropriate all children have fruit at morning break.

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 610351
Leadgate Primary Lower School
01207 610355
Leadgate Chemist - 502774
School Nurse – 03000261718



Do you have any eggcellent ideas?

Entries for our **parents/carer annual decorating an egg competition** must be in school by **9am Wednesday 23rd March**. Children will decorate their eggs in school. We would be grateful if you could provide a hardboiled egg on Monday 21st March.



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

3 MARCH 2016

REMEMBER – Next Thursday is World Book Day. Children can dress as their favourite book character. We will be having an exciting theme day where all learning will be centered on books

Easter Assembly **Thursday 24th March**



At 2.30pm on the last day of term we will be having our Easter Assembly for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Parents are invited to come along and celebrate Easter with us. There will be singing and our weekly celebration star awards as well as the announcement of the winners of our annual decorating egg competition.

Parent/Carers Anti- Bullying **Workshop**

On Tuesday 8th March from 2pm-3pm we will be holding an information workshop for parents. This is a one hour session which will include information on: the definition of bullying, cyber bullying, why people bully, bullies and victims profile, resilience techniques as well as case studies. We hope to raise awareness about the issue of bullying, and show how everyone in the school can work together.

Mother's Day Lunch Friday 4th March

We have had an overwhelming response to our Mother's Day Lunch. We are accommodating everybody who replied, the lunches have all been ordered. This is the first year we have organised this event so any feedback or suggestions after the event will be greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there!



Reception Curriculum Meeting

On Tuesday 1st March Mr Barnes will be holding a curriculum meeting for the parents of children in reception. This is an opportunity to find out about the curriculum and ask any questions you may have. If there are any specific questions you would like answering please contact Mrs Douglas and Mr Barnes will address them in the meeting, We look forward to seeing you there.

Y1 Multi-skills Festival

Year 1 will be attending the multi-skills festival at Consett Leisure Centre on Thursday 10th March 1pm-2.45pm. Children should arrive at school in their PE Kit if children are wearing shorts please ensure they also have tracksuit bottoms on top to ensure they are warm travelling to and from the venue

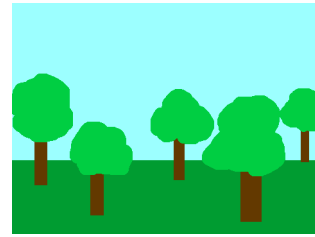
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Paediatric First Aid Qualification for Parents

Julie Patterson has been able to organise a course for parents leading to a recognised Paediatric First Aid qualification. This is a really worthwhile course which not only provides you with the knowledge and skills to deal with emergency first aid situations but also results in a valuable qualification to add to your C.V. The course consists of 4 sessions which will take place on Wednesday 20th & 27th April and 4th & 11th May. You must make a commitment to attend all 4 sessions in order to qualify for the certificate. We only have 6 places available which will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you would like to be considered for the course you need to contact Mrs. Douglas to put your name on the list. Don't delay or you may miss out!!

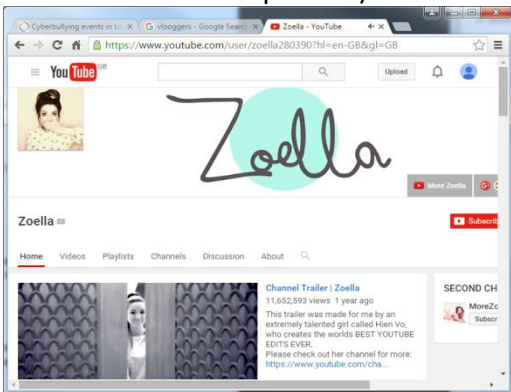
VOTE FOR WATLING WOOD

Tesco, Beattie and Groundworks are sponsoring a nationwide competition in which Watling Wood is taking part. We sent out flyers relating to this at the beginning of the week and you have from Saturday 27th February until Sunday 6th March to vote for them. You can do this by visiting your local Tesco store in Consett, Blackhill or Annfield Plain to cast your vote. Don't forget you only have a week to get those votes in, please try to give Watling Wood your support.



Youtube Risks – Uploading Video

Many children spend a lot of time watching vloggers (Video Log) such as Zoella. (Zoella can have over 3 million hits on her uploads!)



Some children chose to emulate these Vloggers, and in doing so without careful thought can leave themselves open to bullying or online grooming by revealing personal details and making videos and comments available to anyone.

This is not illegal but the minimum age to create a Youtube account is 13. Having an account for a younger child breaks the terms and conditions of the site. It is not possible to upload videos without creating an account.

The following links provide additional information for parents and teachers :-

https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802272?hl=en-GB&ref_topic=2803240 and

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safety-tools/youtube>

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We are coming to the time of year when our thoughts turn to holidays and relaxation. As we are starting to receive enquiries relating to school holidays, we are providing dates for you right up to July 2017, just in case you are planning well ahead to avoid taking your child out of school at an important time in their education.

Please note that the return dates which are in **bold** follow a teaching training day when children are not in school.

	Closing Date	Reopen for Teaching Purposes
Easter 2016	Thursday 24 March 2016	Tuesday 12 April 2016
May Day 2016	Friday 29 April 2016	Tuesday 3 May 2016
Summer half-term 2016	Friday 27 May 2016	Tuesday 7 June 2016
Summer 2016	Wednesday 20 July 2016	Wednesday 7th September 2016
Autumn half-term 2016	Friday 21 October 2016	Monday 31 October 2016
Christmas 2016	Friday 16 December 2016	Wednesday 4th January 2017
Spring half-term 2017	Friday 17 February 2017	Monday 27 February 2017
Easter 2017	Friday 7 April 2017	Monday 24 April 2017
May Day 2017	Friday 28 April 2017	Tuesday 2 May 2017
Summer half-term 2017	Friday 26 May 2017	Monday 5 June 2017
Summer 2017	Friday 21 July 2017	Date to be confirmed