

Leadgate Primary Lower School Newsletter

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Friday October 23rd 2015

Key Diary Dates for the Autumn Term

Friday 23rd October '15 – Last day of the half term, children return to school on Monday 2nd November.

Monday 9th November '15 – Y1 children will visit Beamish Museum. (More details to follow)

Thursday 26th November '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.

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 9.30am and Christmas Carol service 1.30-2.30pm at Leadgate Methodist Church. Parents can stay for a coffee afterwards, until their child is ready to be collected from school

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 = 97.2%

YEAR 1 = 97.6%

YEAR 2 = 95%



Well done Y1 for achieving the best attendance this week. Our school target is to achieve over 97 % in all classes

NSPCC FUND RAISING

Our BIG BUDDY NSPCC fund raising campaign did very well. Upper and Lower school children together raised a total of £311.50. Well Done to all the children who took part, and a BIG THANK YOU to all their families for their kind support.

If you still have money to collect and donate, it isn't too late. Just hold onto it, and once we re-open on 2nd November, it can be sent into school to be forwarded to the NSPCC.

School Fund

Thank you to those parents who have contributed to our school fund. It will help to ensure that children can enjoy even more interesting and educational visits to local farms and museums, as well as experiencing theatre group visits to school, Christmas parties and discos.

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

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Children in Need



On Friday 13th November the whole school will be raising funds for Children in Need. Children will be able to come to school dressed as their favourite Super Hero for a donation of £1. We will also be selling Pudsey Ears for £2.50. Hopefully these should be delivered shortly after the half term holiday but we will text you when they arrive. We are hoping that everyone will be able to join in and enjoy the day.

POPPY APPEAL

We would like to inform parents that we have poppies on sale for a personal donation. There are also snap rulers for £1 and small boxes of pencils for 50p, all money given goes to the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Everything will be available to purchase immediately after half term.

Y2 Swimming

This year we have extended our PE provision to include swimming for KS1 children. Y2 children will have the opportunity to go swimming every week at the newly built Leisure Centre in Consett. These sessions will begin immediately after the half term holiday on Monday 2nd November. They will be swimming every Monday afternoon for the half term leading up to the Christmas. Children will need suitable swimwear and a towel in a named bag. Please also ensure that they have a warm outdoor coat, as they will feel the cold when leaving the baths.

Ron Hogg, Durham's Police and Crime Commissioner is hosting a free community event on Saturday 31st October 2015 at Sedgefield Racecourse and is encouraging young people and their families to attend and get involved. **Open from 10.00am to 3.00pm**, the event is FREE to attend, with free parking and free attractions and activities too.

The event will raise awareness of all the good work that is happening in our local communities, to enable local people to find out more about the work of our real-life superheroes. Emergency services, including the police, fire service, mountain rescue and coastguard are attending. Children's activities, such as face-painting, a bouncy castle, and fancy dress competition (either Halloween or as their favourite superhero) are all free as well!

As well as the fun element of the event, parents will have access to information such as community safety advice, and the support services available to them, particularly for victims of crime.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

I realise this is not a pleasant topic for discussion but I would like to point out that if a child contracts a sickness or diarrhoea bug they must be kept off school for a total of **48 hrs, after the last time that they were sick or needed the toilet.**

I would be most grateful if you could ensure that your child does not return to school too soon, and in this way



we can try to limit the spread of the virus.

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

The School Crossing Patrol situated on Front Street, Leadgate is to be decommissioned by Durham County Council as from Monday 2nd November. There will be a temporary replacement for a period of two weeks, but as from Monday 16th November this crossing point will be unmanned permanently. We ask that everyone is more vigilant when using the crossing, especially once the bridge at Villa Real comes down and the road re-opens.