

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday, 28th April 2017

This day in history

1770 British Captain, James Cook, lands at Botany Bay in Australia

1789 Fletcher Christian leads a successful mutiny aboard the **HMS 'Bounty'** against the captain, William Bligh.

1923 The first FA Cup Final took place at Wembley Stadium



Whole School Attendance

Year 1 = 98.3%

Year 2 = 92.5%

Year 3 = 98.2%

Year 4 = 90.5%

Year 5 = 96.8%

Year 6 = 95.6%



Congratulations

Well Done Year 1 for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 5 for the best attendance in Upper School.

Our school target is 96%.

Facebook and Social Media Guidance

The school believe that we always try to do the best for our pupils and their families and it is hoped that if parents feel there are any problems, in respect to the school, then parents can approach the school in the first instance and discuss any issues you may have, so that we can try and resolve these matters appropriately. We have always maintained an open door policy and are happy to meet with any parent or carer.

We are, on occasions, disappointed that some parents seem to be associated with or responsible for discussions on social media, which aim criticism at the school/staff and seem to be of a derogatory nature.

If any parents have concerns regarding the school then they are welcome to contact the school office to arrange an appointment with either deputy or myself, to discuss any ongoing issues.

If parents do not feel that issues are resolved, after talking matters through with the school, then parents can be given a copy of the formal complaints procedure.

There are laws relating to social media and if parents ignore the legislation then the school may be forced to seek legal advice and take matters further. The school may report the defamatory comments to the social networking site (e.g. Facebook, etc).

The use of social media to make derogatory comments about the school, pupils and also staff members is not in the best interests of the children or the school community as a whole.

Parent Questionnaires

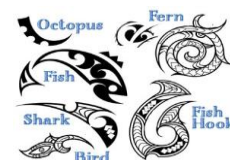
Thank you to all parents who submitted a parent questionnaire at our latest parents evening we are very pleased with all the positive comments shared and will continue to work on areas for improvement to provide the best for our families and children.

Whole School : Would you recommend our school to another parent

Yes	98.2 %	No	1.8 %
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Celebration of Maori Culture

Year 5 enjoyed the opportunity to learn about the Maori culture this week. The children found it really interesting to find out about this unique and fascinating culture.



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Diary Dates

Monday 1st May – School Closed - May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2nd May – Year 6 Parents SATs meeting 4.00 to 4.30
Thursday 4th May – 5 year old Dental Survey – only pupils who have received letters
Monday 8th May – Year 6 SATs week begins
Monday 15th May – Year 2 SATs testing begins
Tuesday 16th May – Mini Police Visit to Spennymoor Cells
Friday 26th May school Closes Half Term
Monday 5th June – School Reopens

Transition Parents Meetings to meet your child's new teacher for September 2017

Monday 12th June, 2.30 – New Reception Parents Meeting
Tuesday 13th June, 1.30 – Nursery Parents Open afternoon
Wednesday 14th June, 2.30– New Year 1 Parents Meeting
Thursday 15th June, 2.30 – New Year 2 Parents Meeting
Monday 3rd July – New Year 3 Parents Meeting at Upper School (3.30pm)

Thursday 15th June – Mrs Hannon transition work with Year 2 in Lower school 9.30 – 12.00

June 20th June – Upper School transition Day – all pupils spend half day in the new class from Year 2 to Year 5 with Year 6 transition day at the Academy 9.00 – 12.30

Monday 26th June – Sports Day Upper School p.m.

Tuesday 27th June – Sports Day Lower School p.m.

Wednesday 28th June – Nursery Sports Day a.m.

Friday 30th June – Upper School Transition Day – all pupils spend half day in the new class from Year 2 to Year 5, 9.00 – 12.30

Friday 7th July – Lower School fayre p.m.

Monday 10th July – 1st Lower School Transition Day 1.15 – 2.15 all lower school children will have an opportunity to spend time in their new classes with new teachers.

Thursday 13th July – Year 5 Parents Evening at the Academy

Thursday 13th July – Upper School Fayre p.m.

Friday 14th July – 2nd Lower School Transition 1.15 – 2.15

Monday 17th July – 3rd Lower School Transition 9.15 – 11.15

End of Year Class Assemblies

Monday 17th July – Year 3, 10.30am

Tuesday 18th July – Year 4, 10.30am ; Reception , 9.10 am

Wednesday 19th July - Year 5, 10.30am ; Year 1 , 9.10 am

Thursday 20th July - Year 6, 10.30am ; Year 2 , 9.10 am

Thursday 20th July - Leavers Party / Disco, Year 2 and Year 6

School Closes Friday 21st July

E Safety Update

We would like to remind parents that we discourage pupils bringing mobile phones, tablets or cameras into the school as they can distract pupils from their learning and damage children's privacy. If your child needs to bring a phone into school, parents should complete a mobile phone contract available from the school office and then hand the phone to each class teacher to be sent to the office for safekeeping during the school day. The school may impose sanctions on pupils who break these rules. Parents will also want to help ensure that their children are safe when using their phone or tablet at home, and will want to know about what they are sharing online. Any Social Media site used by children will have inherent risks; the website net-aware.org.uk provides advice on many popular sites along with a suggested minimum age. If our pupils see unpleasant or hurtful comments they have been taught to take a screenshot and show a trusted adult. Our school will treat cyberbullying seriously and may impose sanctions on pupils.

Parents Meetings

As part of our planned transition this year we will be holding parents meetings for parents across lower school and parents new to upper school. This will give parents an opportunity to meet the class teacher and learn a little about the class your child will be moving into. This is especially important for these age groups as it often involves a change in keystage and a move to a new building and a shift in curriculum. Please check the diary dates to find out which day your new class will be holding its meeting, further reminders and letters will follow nearer the time.