

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday, 21st September 2018

This day in history

1930 Johann Ostermeyer patents his invention the flashbulb

1937 J. R. R. Tolkien's 'The Hobbit' is published by George Allen and Unwin in London.



Whole School Attendance

Year 1 = 93.8%
Year 2 = 90.4%
Year 3 = 94.8%
Year 4 = 96.8%
Year 5 = 95.9%
Year 6 = 81.7%



Congratulations

Well Done Year 1 for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 4 for the best attendance in Upper School.

Our school target is 96%.

Calendar Dates

Tuesday 9th October – Year 3 Class Assembly, 9.10am
Wednesday 10th October – New Nursery Starters First Day
Wednesday 10th October – Year 4 Class Assembly, 9.10am
Thursday 11th October – Year 5 Class Assembly, 9.10am
Friday 12th October – Year 6 Class Assembly, 9.10am
Tuesday 16th October – Year 2 Class Assembly, 9.10am
Tuesday 16th October – Lower School Parents Evening, 3.20 – 6.00pm
Wednesday 17th October – Year 1 Class Assembly, 9.10am
Wednesday 17th October – Upper & Lower School Parents Evening, 3.20 – 6.00pm
Thursday 18th October – Reception Class Assembly, 9.10am
CANCELLED replaced with NEW EYFS Stay and Play
Thursday 18th October – Upper School Parents Evening, 3.20 – 6.00pm
Friday 19th October – Harvest Assembly, 10.30am (no parents to attend)
October Half Term Friday 19th October – Monday 29th October

Grants for School Shoes and Coats

With Winter fast approaching we would like parents to be mindful of the available grant for shoes and coats. Thornhill Primary now administers the School Benevolent Fund on behalf of all schools across County Durham. This is a registered charity which offers a grant towards shoes and coats for school pupils.

A grant of up to £35.00 can be awarded towards a winter coat and up to £35.00 for a pair of shoes depending on parents/guardians meeting a number of criteria.

To apply for the school benevolent fund, go to <http://www.durham.gov.uk/schoolbenevolentfund>

download and complete School Benevolent Fund Application Form and return to:

School Benevolent Fund
Thornhill Primary School
Thornhill Gardens
Shildon
County Durham
DL4 1ES
01388 772 906



Reminder – CONTACT FORMS

Please ensure you return your contact forms to school as soon as possible – this will enable us to update all emergency contact details.



Names in Uniform

Please ensure all your child's uniform items, PE Kits, coats and other possessions are clearly labelled with their name. This will assist in reducing the amount of lost property and help staff in returning items to their rightful owner. It is extremely difficult for us to find items that have not been clearly labelled.

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Mathletics Hall of Fame

1st Lucas A	(Y2)
2nd Brandon J	(Y3)
3rd James M	(Y3)
4 th Alex T	(Y5)
5th Lucy D	(Y5)

Keep up the good work!



Online Safety

As part of the #WakeUpOnline safety campaign, the National Online Safety Team have created a FREE online safety guide on YouTube to share with our whole school community.

YouTube is the world's largest video platform and the 2nd biggest search platform (after Google), with over 1.8 billion users per month, and this free guide for parents & carers covers what you need to know about the platform to help safeguard your children from potential online risks including; age inappropriate videos, in-app messaging, dangerous challenge/viral videos, digital wellbeing and more.

This free guide can be found at:

<https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1042355435871846401>



Upcycling School Uniform

If you have any school uniform items which could be upcycled. Please drop them off at the school office. We would be grateful for any donations.



FREE Breakfast Club – Upper School

With the support of grant funding to provide free breakfast club provision, we will be offering free breakfast to all children in Upper School starting on Monday.



We are delighted to be able to offer children a healthy nutritious breakfast at the beginning of each school day. This will start on Monday with a 'Grab and Go' Breakfast of toasted bagels. Children will be able to attend as usual from 8.40am and access the ICT room where a staff member and helpers from Year 6 will prepare and serve the bagels before children go out onto the yard for pre-school playtime.

Please note that our 'traditional breakfast club' will continue to operate from 8am with the £1.50 charge paying for childcare and contributing towards staff salary costs, which we already subsidise in order to keep the costs as low as possible.

Go Smarter this Autumn

Autumn is already upon us and with the slightly cooler weather it's the perfect time to use sustainable transport for everyday journeys!

To keep you motivated, the [Go Smarter App](#) is available which allows you to log your journeys. Specifically designed for the North East of England it rewards individuals for the amount of sustainable journeys that are made.

By walking, cycling or using public transport instead of the private car, you're improving your health, lowering your carbon footprint and saving money on the cost of travel. You'll also get the opportunity to take in the beauty of the autumn season.

It's really easy to log your journeys; all you need to do is-

- Download the [Go Smarter App](#) and;
- Follow the online prompts, your journeys will then be logged automatically.

As an added incentive to use the app, we're giving away prizes including three Crossfire 1 adult bikes. There will be a prize draw to randomly distribute these amongst participants who've logged at least one consecutive weeks' worth of journeys between now and 10th October 2018.

For queries about this promotion or the App please [email the team](#), or see the website; <http://gosmarter.co.uk/apps>

Reception Places for September 2019

If your child turns 5 between 1st of September 2019 and 31st August 2020 you need to apply for a Reception place for September 2019. This is done through Durham County Council. Please visit www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions for further information.

You still need to apply for a Reception place if your child already attends our Nursery.