

# Leadgate Primary Lower School Newsletter

*Caring, Sharing, Learning Together*

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

## Key Diary Dates for the Spring Term

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 1.30pm Parent Representative Meeting

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Transition day for ALL children to move up (EYFS, K.S. 1 and K.S. 2)

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Summer Fair

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July – New Y3 parents meeting

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Transition meeting for parents of children moving from Reception into Year 1.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July - Transition day for all children at Lower School

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July - Transition day for all children at Lower School

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Y2 leavers assembly

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of term before the summer holidays



## Whole School Attendance

RECEPTION = 98.8%

YEAR 1 = 82.9%

YEAR 2 = 89.6%



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

## Summer Weather

We've had some lovely summer weather lately and would like to ask parents to ensure that children bring a sun hat or cap to school to protect them when they are outside. It would also be advisable if you could apply an all-day sun cream before children leave home on a morning, in this way they will be protected from the sun's rays throughout the day. If you don't have this type of sun cream you can send an alternative to school, which your child can apply as required during the day, but please ensure that it is clearly marked with your child's name.



Our school website address is - [www.leadgate.durham.sch.uk](http://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 School  
01207 610361

Leadgate Chemist - 01207 502774

School Nurse – 03000 261718



## Packed lunches

We have noticed that the contents of some of the children's packed lunch boxes are becoming increasingly unhealthy. Please remember they 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.

I would also like to ask parents if they could ensure that their child brings a spoon from home if they have a yoghurt in their packed lunch. When children bring fruit, such as grapes, cherries, or plums etc, then stones need to be removed, and the fruit needs to be cut in half, lengthwise.



## Attendance and Punctuality

We understand that children, especially young children, can pick up bugs easily. However, if children have minor illnesses such as colds or cough's 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. We will inform parents of those children whose attendance falls below the Government's threshold, in the hope that with your support, your child's attendance will improve.

We have also noticed that punctuality at the moment is not good and children are regularly arriving at school after the doors close. Again we would like to ask for your help and support in getting children to school on time. They are missing out on vital instructions on what needs to be done, and their education suffers.

## Staffing Changes

We regret to announce that from this half term Mr Robert Barnes will be leaving us. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Robert for his outstanding commitment to the setting up and development of the Primary schools new Early Years Centre alongside the early Years Team. In his time here Robert has become a valued member of the school and forged great relationships with the pupils in his care.

As a result of this staffing change it has been necessary to bring forward changes that would otherwise be planned for September. Therefore, with immediate effect following this terms half term holiday Mrs Nesom, presently our year 5 teacher, will be moving into the Reception class as our new permanent Reception teacher. Mrs Nesom brings a wealth of experience with her as a former special school teacher, Upper school SENCo and qualified early years teacher.

Mrs Nesom's move from year 5 will leave a vacancy which will be filled by Mrs Handy, a long serving teacher in the upper school along with Miss Edwards, who will share the role as year 5 class teacher.

Once again I hope you will join me in wishing Robert every success in his future career