

Leadgate Primary Upper School - Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Next Week

Mon 16th May – Athletics
North Durham Academy

Wed 18th May – SAFC Coaching

Thurs 19th May – Cross County
Burnhope 4pm

Fri 13th May – Year 5 Swimming

School clubs

Tues 3.30-4.15 Art and Craft
Cost 50p

Wed 3.30-4.15 SAFC Coaching
Cost 50p

PE Kit needed

Thurs 3.30-4.15 Computing Club

Staffing Changes

Dear Parent / Carer,

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 in me in wishing Robert every success in his future career.

Week 5 Friday 13th May 2016

Whole School Attendance

Class 3 = 99.1%

Class 4 = 97.3%

Class 5 = 91.0%

Class 6 = 95.7%



Class 3 have won attendance

There is a staff meeting every Monday from 8.30 until 8.50. This means there is no supervision until 8.50 and porch doors will be locked until then. There is a breakfast club at the Lower site for parents who need childcare before school. Please contact Mrs Douglas about times and costs.

New School Telephone Number

Please note the new school phone number is now in use.

The new number is **01207 610361**

Please save this number to your phone.

Parking at Hometime

Can we please remind parents not to park in the turning circle in front of the school gates or on the zigzag yellow lines. These zones are there to protect the children and other pedestrians in the area.

Sats Week

Well done to all the Year 6 who have worked so hard this year for their SATs. Thank you to the parents for your support this week.

Diary Dates for the Summer Term

27th May School closes for May Half Term

7th June School reopens after Half Term

27th June Sports Day

WB 11th July Parent's Afternoons

20th July School closes for Summer Holidays

Mini Police Project

Year 5 have been supporting Durham Constabulary this week through the Mini Police project.

The Mini Police project is a fun and interactive volunteering opportunity for 9 to 11 year-old children. Children who become part of the programme help to tackle local issues, as highlighted by their own communities. By assisting the police service, they also carry that ownership and pride back into the community they live in.

This week they participated in a Speed Check on Durham Road with our Police Community Support officers encouraging driver to slow down and be more aware of their speed. They looked great in their Mini Police Hi Viz jackets and are looking forward to more project with the local police.

Video Games – Advice for Parents

Children love to play video games, but there are some risks involved. The two main areas of concern are

- Children experiencing violent or sexual content beyond their age.
- Children playing online with strangers and either experiencing inappropriate language, or being groomed.

The PEGI ratings should help you decide what is appropriate for your child



PEGI 18 The adult classification is applied when the level of violence reaches a stage where it becomes a depiction of gross violence and/or includes elements of specific types of violence. Gross violence is the most difficult to define since it can be very subjective in many cases, but in general terms it can be classed as the depictions of violence that would make the viewer feel a sense of revulsion.



PEGI 16 This rating is applied once the depiction of violence (or sexual activity) reaches a stage that looks the same as would be expected in real life. More extreme bad language, the concept of the use of tobacco and drugs and the depiction of criminal activities can be content of games that are rated 16.



PEGI 12 Videogames that show violence of a slightly more graphic nature towards fantasy character and/or non graphic violence towards human-looking characters or recognisable animals, as well as videogames that show nudity of a slightly more graphic nature would fall in this age category. Any bad language in this category must be mild and fall short of sexual expletives.



Further advice is available from www.askaboutgames.com which will also provide advice on setting parental controls on games consoles to help ensure that play is safe for children.

It is also important to ask your children who they are playing with. Most parents would want to know who their children are playing with in the real world, the same should also apply to the virtual world.