

# Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

*Caring, Sharing, Learning Together*

**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017**

## This day in history

**1913** The first crossword puzzle was published, which was created by Arthur Wynne, a Liverpool journalist, and published as a "word-cross" puzzle in the New York World.

**1939** Walt Disney releases 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs', the world's first full-length animated film.



## Whole School Termly Attendance

Year 1 =	96.0%
Year 2 =	95.3%
Year 3 =	96.5%
Year 4 =	92.7%
Year 5 =	95.5%
Year 6 =	94.6%



The winners of this terms 100% attendance award, winning a £5 Argos gift voucher, were Lincoln in Keystage 1 and Macey-Leigh in Keystage 2. Well done.

## Best Performing Schools

Primary school league tables have now been released for 2017 with schools ranked by what percentage of its students are meeting the expected standard. The expected standard is based on the national curriculum tests at the end of Key Stage 2 which take place for mathematics, English reading and English grammar, punctuation and spelling.

We are extremely proud to say that our school is ranked second in County Durham and fourth in the North East of England in the league tables of best performing schools as reported in the chronicle. Congratulations to all the children and staff for their continued hard work and success.

## Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Cash for Kids Christmas Jumper day – we raised a total of £106. The children looked wonderful in their Christmas Jumpers and the money raised will stay in the North East to help disadvantaged children.



**THE SCHOOL REOPENS AFTER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ON MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

## Santa Tracker

How to Track Santa on Christmas Eve

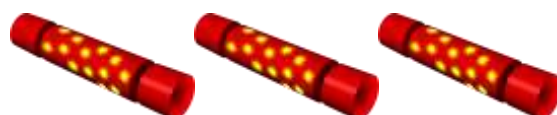
<http://www.noradsanta.org/>

This website tracks Santa's sleigh and shows where he has been and when he will arrive. So sprinkle your reindeer dust and see where Rudolph stops!



## Christmas Traditions

Christmas crackers are a traditional Christmas favorite in the UK. They were first made in about 1845-1850 by a London sweet maker called Tom Smith. He had seen the French 'bon bon' sweets (almonds wrapped in pretty paper). He came back to London and tried selling sweets like that in England and also included a small motto or riddle in with the sweet.



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## Our Year so Far...

This term, the last 15 weeks, in addition to the normal routine of school life, school staff have been able to provide a range of additional opportunities and activities for parents and children alike. Below is a list of just some of those events that have happened which adds to the deeper provision and breadth of opportunities Leadgate Primary School offers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and hard work. Also, to recognise the staff for all their hard work and commitment to our pupils.

Finally, may I wish you all, a very Merry and safe Christmas Holiday.

Completed Buddy and Mediator training in year 5/6

New School Council, Eco Group, SNAG group, Special Lunches for Halloween, Bonfire Night

Nursery Harvest, Lower school and Upper School Harvest

Halloween Disco – both Sites

House Team Day on Problem Solving – mixed age group activities

Keystage 2 Parent Workshops – covering end of year expectations and curriculum

Celebrated Parliament week – special Assembly and Visit

Celebrated World Kindness Day

A range of national and international days celebrated in assemblies

Celebrated European Day of Languages – special assembly

Termly Class Learning Assembly from Year 1 to Year 6

If u Care Share Mental Health Workshops with keystone 1 and 2 classes, staff training

More able and Talented Art Group

Year 1 visit to Durham Cathedral, Year 2 visit to Newcastle Hancock Museum – Habitats, Year 3 visit to Newcastle

Hancock Museum – The Stone age, Year 3 visit to Newcastle Hindu Temple, Year 5 visit to Newcastle Hancock Museum

– Space, Year 6 Visit to Pizza Express

SEND Parents Coffee afternoon

Fundraising Fashion Show

Charity Work / fundraising for Children in Need

Charity Work / fundraising with NSPCC, including parent workshop, Special Assembly and workshops within keystone 2

Mini-police attended – Meadowfield PSU, Newcastle Mosque

St Johns Ambulance – First aid training for all pupils in Reception to Year 6 (full day for year 6)

2 parents evening per class from Nursery to Year 6 (16 evenings)

Governor Surgery

Joint Schools Church Service

EYFS Christmas Performance, Keystage 1 Christmas Performance, Keystage 2 Christmas Performance (x2)

Christmas Fayre and Internationally inspired recycled Art Products

EYFS Party and Santa Visit, Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

Keystage 1 party and Santa Visit, Keystage 2 Party and Disco

After School Clubs – Coding Club, Art, Homework, PE and Games, Film, Cooking, Science, Music, Gardening, Parachute

Games, Drama, Homework,

Online Safety Group Meeting, School Nutrition Group Meeting

Year 2 and 3 Gymnastics Festival, Year 3 and 4 Sportshall Athletics – Winners, Year 5 and 6 Sportshall Athletics -

Winners

Additional School Sports including Keystage 2 Karate, Keystage 1 Multiskills Coaching, Year 2 attended the Dance

Festival, Cross Country (awaiting results), Rugby (2 teams in Derwentside Tournament), Football – Girls achieving 3<sup>rd</sup> in

Derwentside League and Qualified for the County Cup, Boys participation in Tony Reather League and the Ted Young

5-a-side completion as well as after school Rugby, indoor athletics and Indoor Cricket.

