

# Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

*Caring, Sharing, Learning Together*

**Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**This day in history**

**1908** A wireless message is sent long distance for the 1<sup>st</sup> time from the Eiffel Tower in Paris

**1970** The Jumbo Jet (Boeing 747) completed its 1<sup>st</sup> transatlantic flight



**Whole School Attendance**

Year 1 = 95.7%

Year 2 = 96.5%

Year 3 = 93.9%

Year 4 = 96.9%

Year 5 = 92.2%

Year 6 = 94.3%



**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 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	SEND Parent Coffee Afternoon 2.00pm Lower School
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Dance Festival, Year 5 & 6
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Gymnastics, Louisa Centre
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 5 Trip to Durham Cathedral
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Cricket Competition
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Upper School Valentine's Disco 3.30pm – 4.45pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Lower School Valentine's Disco
<b>HALF TERM - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February School closed 1 week Reopens Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 1 Phonics workshop for Parents at 2.30, Lower School
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Parent's Meeting for Hawes Residential, 3.40pm Upper School
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Reception Class Assembly, 9.10am Basketball, 4.30pm
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 Class Assembly, 10.30 am
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9.10 am Year 5 Class Assembly, 10.30 am
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9.10 am Year 4 Class Assembly, 10.30 am Year 3 Class Assembly, 10.30 am
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 6 Litter Pick, AM
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Swimming Gala, Year 5&6, 9.30am
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Lower School Parent's Evening
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Lower School Parent's Evening
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Upper School Parent's Evening
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Upper School Mother's Day Lunch Upper School Parent's Evening
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Lower School Mother's Day Lunch
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 SATS Parent's Meeting, 3.40pm
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 SATS Parent's Meeting, 2.30pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Cross Country Finals
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service, KS2, TBC
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> – Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Hawes Residential
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Comic Relief, Non Uniform Day
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Egg Competition Entries
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Assembly, Lower School, 9.10am Easter Assembly, Upper School, 10.30am

**Easter Holidays – School closes on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of March at 3pm for Lower School and 3.30pm for Upper School. Reopens Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

**Attendance Heroes**

We are continuing to work with Vision for Education to reward good attendance at school. Sophie will be coming in each half term to present the children with 100% attendance with certificates and draw the winner of an Argos voucher. The class with the best attendance will also receive a trophy for their class. Vision for Education are also sponsoring some exciting prizes, such as an Ipad Mini, for overall annual attendance!

Please help your child get the chance to win by ensuring the best attendance possible for your child. We already have four happy winners this year so far!

**SEN Coffee Afternoon**

Our SENCo, Mrs Nesom, is holding a Coffee Afternoon on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 2.00pm at Lower School. This is an opportunity to meet other parents with children with Special Educational Needs and share experiences and also meet our SEN Governor.

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## After School Clubs

After School Clubs will restart week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> of January and run until week commencing 29th of January.

If you child's club has a charge please remember to send in payment as we cannot guarantee the place if we do not receive payment.

## Road Safety

Following a number of reports to school this week regarding concerns about the road safety awareness of some children at Upper School Mrs Hannon has spoken this morning during assembly about the importance of taking care walking to and from school.

Please speak to your children if they walk to school and remind them of the rules of road and how to be safe while walking near traffic. Please ensure they know where they are expected to cross in the village using the appropriate Pelican crossing.



## School Governor Opportunity

Following the resignation of one of our former Parent Governors, after many years of support and service to the school, we have a vacancy for a new Parent Governor. If you are interested or would like further information please visit our school website to find out more about the work and commitments of becoming a school governor or contact Durham County Council School and Governor Support Service :

The Local Authority's School and Governor Support Service can be contacted at:

School and Governor Support Services  
Children & Young People's Services  
County Hall, Durham  
DH1 5UN

Tel: 03000 265 704 / 705

Email: SGSS.Administration@durham.gov.uk

## Flu Immunisations

The Immunisation Team are receiving a high volume of telephone calls of parents requesting nasal flu vaccines for their children in Reception to Year 4 who have not previously received it.

They have arranged community catch up clinics Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> for children who have not previously had them. You can arrange an appointment by calling the Immunisation Team on 0300 0030 013. This will be your final opportunity to have your child vaccinated this season.

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	3pm – 5pm	One Point Hub, Front Street, Stanley DH9 0TE (next to Louisa Centre)
	3pm – 5pm	Dolphin Centre, Horsemarket, Darlington DL1 5RP
	3pm – 5pm	Barnard Castle Hub, Stainton Bank, Barnard Castle DL12 8TD
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	3pm – 5pm	One Point Hub, DCBC, Bracken Court, Ushaw Moor DH7 7NG
	3.15pm–5pm	Woodhouse close Children's centre, Walker Drive, Woodhouse Close, Bishop Auckland DL14 6QW
	3pm – 5pm	Hillrigg House Children's Centre, Lowhills Road, Peterlee SR8 2DW

## SEND and Inclusion App

SEND and Inclusion: Cognition and Learning Team

Do you have an iPad or tablet device?

Do you use it with a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?

Don't know which apps would be useful?

**You need the Durham SEND & Inclusion App**

The interactive resource has been created by professionals from the SEND & Inclusion Service in Durham and contains a range of apps which may be beneficial for children and young people with SEND. The resource is intended as a useful starting point for parents, school staff and professionals who work with children and young people with SEND.

The resource is available on the Local Offer website and the Durham Education Portal website.

Visit the Local Offer website at:  
[www.countydurhamfamilies.info/sendapp](http://www.countydurhamfamilies.info/sendapp)

Or login to the Education Portal website at  
[www.durhamlearning.net](http://www.durhamlearning.net)  
and follow these links:  
Inclusion – SEND and Inclusion – Educational Apps – Durham SEND & Inclusion App Resource.