

# Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

*Caring, Sharing, Learning Together*

**Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

## This day in history

**1954** In Alabama, USA, the Hodges meteorite crashes through a roof and hits a woman taking an afternoon nap. This is the only documented case in the Western Hemisphere of a human being hit by a rock from space.

**1982** Michael Jackson's *Thriller* is released worldwide thought to be the bestselling album of all time.



## Whole School Attendance

Year 1 = 96.2%  
Year 2 = 96.1%  
Year 3 = 98.1%  
Year 4 = 94.4%  
Year 5 = 88.9%  
Year 6 = 97.0%



## Congratulations

Well Done Year 1 for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 3 for the best attendance in Upper School.

**Our New School target is 97%.**

## Calendar Dates

Thursday 6th December – Upper School Christmas Fayre, 2.00pm

Wednesday 12th December – Nursery / Reception Assembly, 9.00am

Thursday 13th December – KS1 Assembly, 9.30am

Tuesday 18th December – Church Service, 10.30.00am  
Christmas Dinner / Jumper Day

Wednesday 19th December – Upper School Christmas Assembly

Wednesday 19th December – Nursery Christmas Party AM  
Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party PM

Thursday 20th December – Christmas Disco

Thursday 20th December – Last Day of Term

## Christmas Holidays

**School closes Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December and reopens Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

## Christmas Fayre

Our annual Christmas Fayre takes place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of December from 2pm. Any donations can be sent to school from Monday. Any bottles containing alcohol must be brought to school by an adult.

Items needed: toys in good condition, cakes, toiletries, books, bric-a-brac, tombola items and raffle prizes.

Everyone is welcome so please come along and support us.



## Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal

We appeal to you to help make Christmas special by donating new, unwrapped gifts for children & young people who face the reality of waking up to nothing under the Christmas Tree this year.

From Monday 20th November 2018 until Monday 17th December 2018 the Salvation Army will be collecting gifts for children and young people (age range is new born to 16 years)

We would be most grateful if new, unwrapped gifts could be dropped off to the donation boxes placed at various locations. There will be a collection at both Upper and Lower School.

If you would like further information or would like to nominate a family for the appeal, please contact The Salvation Army on 01207- 501712



## Christmas Choir at Tesco

Upper School choir will be performing at Tesco, Consett on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December from 10am to 11am to raise funds for school.

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## Mathletics Hall of Fame

1 <sup>st</sup>	Lexi-Mae T	(Y3)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lucas A	(Y3)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lincoln R	(Y3)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Fraser T	(Y4)
5 <sup>th</sup>	Greger T	(Y1)

Keep up the good work!

**HALL OF FAME**

## Christmas Church Service

The Christmas Service will take place on Tuesday 18th December 2018 at 10.30am. The service is a coming together of children and staff from the two Leadgate Primary schools.

Our Year 2 to Year 6 will be attending. Due to limited capacity at St. Ives's church, next to Redwell Hills on St Ives Road. Year 1 are unable to attend. Parents and carers are most welcome to attend but should note a very limited capacity of seats in order for Year 2 to attend.



## Spaces Available

If you are aware of any family or friends looking to move school due to a change in circumstances, for example house move we currently have spaces available in Nursery for our January intake, Year 1,2,3,4 and Year 6. For further information please contact the school office or County Hall admissions.

OFSTED March 2018 : 'Pupils who have special educational needs and/or disabilities make good progress.'

'Parents and carers and staff have confidence in the leadership of the school....school leaders listen to their concerns and act on them swiftly and fairly. '

'The quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good overall and sometimes outstanding.... High expectations from staff ensure consistently good and sometimes exemplary teaching.'

School Office : 01207610353

Admissions : 03000 265896

## Silver Medal Winners!

Well done to our Year 3 and Year 4 mixed team who represented us at the Sports Hall Athletics tournament. They did us proud and won a silver medal!

## New Playgroup for Leadgate



### COMING SOON.....

Baby & Toddler play group

@ Leadgate Primary School (Lower site)

Starting Friday January 11th (and every Friday after)

1.15pm-2.45pm

Lots of fun, toys, singing, dancing, refreshments and snacks!!

We would love to see you there!!

## Christmas Tree Light Switch On



**ATTENTION!!!**

**EVERYONE**

*Leadgate has a Christmas Tree  
at the 'Gap Site'*

*and the switching on of the  
lights will take place on  
Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2018  
at 5.30 p.m.*



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County Durham's Parents Forum, Making Changes Together (MCT) have teamed up with SENDIASS to offer free training sessions for parents and carers of children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

## SEND Toolkit Training Sessions for Parents/Carers

These 2 hour sessions will describe how schools and settings must assist children with SEND. Learn how SEN support plans and EHC plans provide coordinated support to pupils. What strategies, interventions and outside agencies can be called upon and used. What the Local Offer is and how to use it. Help available to you/your child/young person.

### These repeated sessions will be held on;

17<sup>th</sup> January 2019, 10am to 12.00pm at Durham Town Hall

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019, 10am to 12.00pm at ROF59, Newton Aycliffe

24<sup>th</sup> January 2019, 10.00am to 12pm at St Andrews Church Hall, Spennymoor

29<sup>th</sup> January 2019, 10am to 12.00pm at Seaham Town Hall

5<sup>th</sup> February 2019, 10am to 12.00pm at St Patricks Hall, Consett

7<sup>th</sup> February 2019, 10am to 12.00pm at Barnard Castle Cricket Club

For further information or to book a place, please contact;

Ann Connor at SENDIASS on 0191 5873541 or email

[ann.connor@durham.gov.uk](mailto:ann.connor@durham.gov.uk)



## Leadgate Santa Parade

This Year's Leadgate Task Force Santa Parade will take place on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> December starting at 13:00. The route will be along New Road up to Villa Real roundabout with the first stop being at the junction of New Road and Front Street at the Green by Leadgate Cricket Club.

From there it will move along Front Street. Santa will then travel down Durham Road and Dunelm Way.

From there the Parade will travel to the Jolly Drivers car park before visiting Derwent Crescent.

The Parade will then head to the play area on Watling Street via Pont Lane, Bradley Cottages and the Hat and Feather.

The Last stop will be Leadgate Community Centre.

Each stop will have a 'Santa Stop Here' sign which will have all information referencing arrival and departure times.

## E Safety Update

As part of their #WakeUpWednesday campaign, National Online Safety have created a free online safety guide for parents and carers about Twitch; an online gaming-focused live streaming service, owned by Amazon, which has over 15 million daily active users!

Describing itself as a 'community of millions who come together to create their own unique, live, unpredictable, never-to-be-repeated entertainment', Twitch is undeniably a popular platform for online gaming enthusiasts. With young children and teenagers frequenting the platform, it is important for parents and trusted adults to be aware of the associated risks, including, but is not limited to; uncensored material, unwanted contact from strangers, online bullying, live streaming and online payments.

### TWITTER:

<https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1067809053865402373>

**FACEBOOK:** <https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety/photos/a.1681508315488685/1924624341177080/?type=3&theater>

## PACT House



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## Breakfast with Santa



**Saturday 15th December**  
from 10am to 12 noon

Message the PACT House page to book  
your FREE Christmas Breakfast with Santa

Children will receive a gift from Santa

f @PACTHouseStanley

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