

**Leadgate Primary School
Upper School**



**Year 3
Mrs Hannon**

Teachers:

Deputy Headteacher Upper School – Mrs. Clare Hannon

Mrs Reed, Miss Nicola Edwards, Mrs Handy, Mrs Lucy Scarr

Classroom Assistants:

**Miss Mandy Piggford, Mr. Graeme Baker,
Mrs. Kay Seccombe**



SCHOOL TIMES

Our School Day – Key Stage 2 Upper School

Yard supervision begins at 8.40 a.m.

School begins at 9.00 a.m.

First Break time is 10.45 –10.55 am
(Fruit and Milk available)

Lunch is at 12.00 – 12.55 p.m.

Second Break time is 2.00-2.10 p.m.

The school day ends at 3.15 p.m.

Children should arrive at school by 8.50 so that they can be in class for 9.00a.m.

We ask that parents let us know by 9.15am when children are going to be late or absent.



CURRICULUM

The school seeks to provide pupils with a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum matched to individual needs. The school curriculum is structured to accommodate the Statutory requirements of the National Curriculum. This consists of the following subjects:-

Mathematics, English, Science, Computing, Geography, History, D.T., Music, Art, Physical Education, R.E., P.S.H.E. (Personal, Social and Health Education), Citizenship and French.

The National Curriculum is delivered largely through a carefully planned programme containing elements of the Programmes of Study from each subject. Parents are provided with an outline of their child's curriculum at the beginning of each half term in the form of a curriculum letter and can attend a termly learning assembly.

SPORT

The school aims to encourage children to develop a healthy life style through our Health Education programme and P.E. curriculum and through extra-curricular activities. We introduce them to both competitive and non-competitive sports. Children are given the opportunity to participate in games, gymnastics, dancing, swimming and outdoor pursuits as well as a range of non tradition school sports including Karate and Yoga.

Teams participate in Football, Cross Country, Swimming, Kwik Cricket, Athletics, Rugby, and Tennis competitions and festivals.

We have strong links to the local Sports clubs and College to promote high quality P.E. We also try to use the skills of Community clubs when the opportunities are given to us. In the past we have worked with Newcastle Falcons/Consett Rugby clubs, Durham and Derwentside athletics coaches, Sunderland Football club and Durham cricket coaches. An annual Sports Day is held at the end of the Summer Term and a Superstars Challenge is held during Health Week.



As part of our Outdoor Pursuits curriculum year 6 pupils will have the opportunity to visit an Outdoor Adventure Centre and participate in outdoor pursuit activities.



At least 2 hours of curriculum time is allocated for P.E. and sporting activities. Time allocations for extra curricular activities vary on a seasonal basis. Extra curricular clubs for sports include: Football, Cross Country, Kwik Cricket, Athletics, Tennis and Netball.

Swimming is offered to all children as part of the P.E. curriculum. Each class attends the Consett swimming baths.

Parents are requested to ensure that their child is supplied with the necessary equipment for all P.E. activities. This consists of shorts, T-shirt and suitable footwear and swimming requirements.

Swimming begins the first week back on a Friday afternoon. Children need swimming kit and towel.

**SPORTS
CREW**

HOME/SCHOOL LEARNING

The school has a Home/School Learning Policy and homework is given in increasing amounts as children progress through the school. Parents and children are invited to sign a Home/School Agreement.

Parents are encouraged to help their children by encouraging them to discuss school work, by hearing them read and by helping with homework when appropriate.

Y3 Reading on a daily basis, weekly Spelling & Tables, Maths and English homework linked to class lessons. Learning Logs half termly

SPELLINGS SENT HOME ON A MONDAY AND TESTED ON FRIDAY

HOMEWORK HANDED OUT MONDAY AND MUST BE RETURNED ON FRIDAY

READING RECORDS CHECKED ON A WEDNESDAY

TIMESTABLE TEST WEEKLY

If you feel your child requires any additional work to support their learning please contact your child's class teacher.

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

Parents are provided with a half-termly curriculum letter which gives information about the work children will cover in each subject in order to allow you to support your child's learning and support them in finding out more beyond the classroom. In addition you will be invited to attend your child's class learning assembly every term.



SCHOOL MATTERS

Starting upper school

- ◆ In the **first week** of starting at the upper school we ask that you take the opportunity to bring your child up their porch door – this will put your mind at rest that they have settled in.
- ◆ From the **second week** we ask that all children are dropped off at either the front or back gate and they are allowed to participate in play or join the line at their class porch.
- ◆ From **week three** all children will enter and leave the school from either the front or back gate under the supervision of 2 members of staff – this will then be the standard routine throughout their time in upper school.

Please note the back gate will be locked from 9 a.m.

If for any reason you are unable to reach school at the correct time – please notify the office immediately – a message will be passed to the class teacher.



SCHOOL MATTERS

We encourage our children to wear school uniform. This consists of a blue sweatshirt bearing the school badge, white polo shirt. Children should wear grey or dark skirt/trousers and sensible shoes. They also need a swimming and PE kit (plain white top and plain shorts) with trainers or plimsolls (for indoor use only). They will not be allowed to take part in PE or swimming if they do not have a kit.

LABEL EVERYTHING !!!

IN KEYSTAGE 2 CHILDREN NOT WEARING A SCHOOL UNIFORM WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A SCHOOL JUMPER.

Jewellery is not worn for safety reasons. If you wish your child to wear stud earrings then please complete the indemnity form at appendix 3. (this is the only jewellery allowed except watches)

During PE children must be able to remove all their own jewellery themselves.



BEHAVIOUR

Sanctions for incidents of uncooperative or disturbing behaviour include the withdrawal of privilege and children giving up their leisure time. These will be recorded on a behaviour chart.

Rewards include raffle ticket, certificates and VIP assembly.

Parents are invited to attend on a regular basis if problematic behaviour persists and a 'Behaviour Contract' involving parent/child/school may be devised.

The school operates an "Open Door" policy and parents are welcome to discuss any matter.

HEALTHY SCHOOL

Our school was awarded the enhanced the Healthy Schools award.

We encourage children to live a healthy life style through our P.S.H.E. citizenship curriculum and additional activities.

We have a fruit and milk each morning break (free to all pupils) or children are welcome to bring fruit from home.

We encourage children to take regular drinks of water throughout the day and will be supplied with a water bottle.

We encourage children to be safe in the sun. They may bring a hat and sun cream in the summer months.

NO SWEETS, CHOCOLATE BARS OR FIZZY DRINKS IN PACKED LUNCHES.



ATTENDANCE

The school has an attendance target of 97%.

We closely monitor individual, class and whole school attendance. In order to support you the school will send home regular attendance updates. Awards are presented for weekly and termly for attendance.

Parents are requested to either phone before 9.30am on the first day of absence. Without this the absence will be recorded as unauthorised and will appear on your child's report. It is also helpful to know in advance of any medical appointment requiring absence for part of the school day. If children are required to leave school early an adult will need to come in and collect them they will be asked to provide written confirmation of appointments and sign their child out of school declaring the reason.

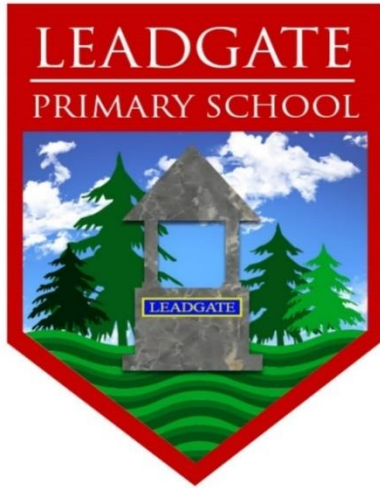
In case of accident or illness at school we will try to contact either parents on the emergency contact. If necessary we will take the required emergency action. It is therefore extremely important that all parents complete a Personal details form and that these are kept up to date.



SCHOOL FUND

Parents are requested to make a small voluntary weekly contribution of £1 per family to school fund. We supplement our school funds with fund raising activities and sponsored events. These activities are generously supported by parents and enable us to subsidise educational visits, allow the provision of Theatre group visits and support the provision of additional resources throughout the curriculum.





CONCLUSION

The school has a conscientious team of Teaching/Non-Teaching Staff, including Clerical Staff, Kitchen Staff, Caretaking Staff and Supervisory Assistants who work together to ensure that we maintain a happy, secure, caring environment for our children.

The Caretaking staff maintain a high standard of cleanliness throughout the school and children are encouraged to participate in caring for their learning environment.

We look forward to working with you and your child.

