

# Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

*Caring, Sharing, Learning Together*

**Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

## This day in history

**1899** FC Barcelona is founded by Catalan, Spanish and Englishmen. It later develops into one of Spain's most iconic and strongest clubs.

**1972** Atari announces the release of Pong, the first commercially successful video game.



## Whole School Attendance

Year 1 = 96.0%  
Year 2 = 97.7%  
Year 3 = 96.7%  
Year 4 = 92.6%  
Year 5 = 93.8%  
Year 6 = 91.9%



## Congratulations

Well Done Year 2 for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 3 for the best attendance in Upper School.

**Our school target is 97%.**

## Calendar Dates and Diary Information

All dates will be repeated in the weekly newsletter and may be subject to change.

**Upper School Christmas Fayre, 2.00pm please note this has now changed to Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm to ensure swimming lessons are not missed**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6 Residential Parent's Meeting, 3.30pm – 4.00pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery / Reception Christmas Performance, 9.30am

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Church Christmas Service 10.30am at St Ives Church Leadgate

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Lower School Christmas Performance

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Lower School Christmas Party

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Upper School Christmas Assembly 9.30am and 2.30pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Upper School Christmas Disco

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day of Term

## Christmas Fayre

Our annual Christmas Fayre takes place on Thursday 5<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.



## Christmas Performances

Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance is on Wednesday 11th of December at 9.30am. Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas performance is on Tuesday 17th of December at 9.10am.

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas performance & Coffee Morning is on Wednesday 18th of December at 9.30am and 2.15pm.

Tickets are limited to two tickets per family due to fire regulations and are available at the School Office at Lower School. If you would like extra tickets, we have a waiting list. Please let us know if you would like your name on the list. Tickets for a raffle will be available to buy before each performance.



## 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.

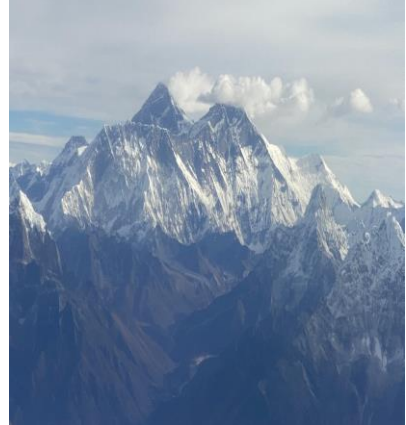
We would be most grateful if new, unwrapped gifts could be dropped off to the donation boxes placed at various locations. There will be a collection at both Upper and Lower School.

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

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## Nepal

Mr Watson returned from Nepal this week. He had an amazing time in Kathmandu and is looking forward to sharing his experiences and over 500 photographs with the children in Assembly. He even got the chance to see Mount Everest. It was really interesting to hear about schools in another country and culture. We look forward to welcoming the headteacher of Golden Peak School in June and showing off our school to him.



## Winter Bug

Over the past two weeks, a number of schools in the area have had to close due to an outbreak of Norovirus. The Norovirus, also called the "winter vomiting bug", is a stomach bug that causes vomiting and diarrhoea. It can be very unpleasant, but usually goes away in about 2 days. We have not had many instances and would like to remind parents and carers if your child is showing any signs of having Norovirus not to send them into school.

The main symptoms of norovirus are feeling sick (nausea), diarrhoea, being sick (vomiting). You may also have a high temperature of 38C or above, headache and aching arms and legs

The symptoms start suddenly within 1 to 2 days of being infected. The recommended absence from school is 48 hours after the last time your child were sick.

The spread of most infectious illnesses is reduced through good hand hygiene. Please encourage your child wash your hands frequently with warm water and soap, particularly after using the toilet, after using a tissue to catch a cough or sneeze, and before eating.

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## Feeding Families

Christmas is truly a magical time of year but we understand that it is also an expensive time of the year. Which is why we would like to bring to your attention Feeding Families (<https://feedingfamilies.org.uk/>) which is about bringing communities together. In these challenging times when families struggle to make ends meet, they link donors to families who need help and everyone gains! Feeding families aim to help those most in need of help and support at what can be a difficult and expensive time of year. Volunteers help to spread some Christmas cheer by providing families who need a little help with a food hamper. They accept requests for hampers from anyone who is in genuine need (subject to meeting criteria), and match them up with kind hearted person who will donate a Christmas Hamper full of everything to make a special Christmas dinner. It's just one less thing for the recipient to have to worry about.

To apply you will need to prove you are currently in receipt of a means tested benefit or can provide proof of low income if you are in work. Most of the applicants will qualify by being in receipt of a means tested benefit. They will need to prove this, along with evidence of the size of their family and proof of their address. The deadline is the 30th November (this Saturday) so if you wish to apply please do so quickly. Alternatively, you may wish to register to donate a hamper to a family less fortunate and in need of little help this Christmas.



## After School Clubs

Just a reminder that clubs will finish next week. There will be no clubs the last two weeks of term. Clubs will start again week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> of January

## Charity Fundraising

We are very proud to be supporting Mia in Year 5 with her amazing fundraising efforts. Mia is cutting her hair on Friday 13th December. Her beautiful long hair is being donated to Little Princess Trust which provides free real hair wigs to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions.

Mr Watson is then shaving the rest of her hair off to help her collect donations for the Great North Air Ambulance. Her target is £2000. She has raised over £800 so far. Any donations to help her reach her target would be gratefully received.



## Christmas Lights Switch On

**Christmas in Consett**  
Middle Street, Consett  
**Saturday 30 November 2019**  
5.30pm - 6.30pm

Join the Derwent Valley Partnership (DVP) for an evening of FREE festive entertainment ending in the Christmas tree lights switch on.

- Prepare to be entertained by the hilarious 'There's Nothing Like a Dame' comedy duo - Rubella and Salmonella
- Children's costumed characters and Santa
- Snow machines
- North Tyneside Steel Band
- Community Choir
- Christmas Jumper Competition (the winner will receive a family ticket for 4 to see Snow White at The Empire Theatre, Consett. Tickets kindly donated by The Empire Theatre)
- Christmas tree lights switch on at 6.30pm

The above programme is subject to change

Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult

For more information, contact the DVP on  
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