

# Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

*Caring, Sharing, Learning Together*

**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

This day in history

**1839** Indian tea was auctioned in Britain for the first time. Previously, only China tea had been available. After the introduction of Indian tea, prices fell and tea became so affordable that it was soon the national drink



**Whole School Attendance**

Year 1 = 96.9%  
Year 2 = 95.0%  
Year 3 = 96.3%  
Year 4 = 98.1%  
Year 5 = 98.6%  
Year 6 = 99.2%



## Calendar Dates

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Lower School Parent's Evening
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Upper and Lower School Parent's Evening
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Upper School Parent's Evening
<b>HALF TERM - School closes on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm for Lower School and 3.15pm for Upper School. Reopens Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Year 1 Phonics workshop for Parents 9.00am
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Reading Workshop for Parents
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Kingsway Year 6 Residential
Week Commencing 23 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Booster Sessions, Tuesday and Thursday
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception & Nursery Stay, Play and Learn 9.00am – 12.00pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9.10 am
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9.10 am
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9.10 am
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9.10 am Year 6 SATS Meeting for Parents, 9.30am
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9.10 am Year 1 Phonics Meeting for Parents, 9.30am
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9.10 am Year 2 SATS Meeting for Parents, 9.30am
Week Commencing 23 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service, KS2, TBC
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Egg Competition Entries
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Assembly, Lower School, 9.15am
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Assembly, Upper School, 9.15am

All Egg Competition entries to go home on Thursday

**Easter Holidays–School closes on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 3pm for Lower School and 3.15pm for Upper School. Reopens Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.**

Please note additional dates will be added to the calendar, once confirmed with outside agencies including Class Trips and will appear on forthcoming weekly newsletters.

## Congratulations

Well Done Year 1 for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 6 for the best attendance in Upper School.

**Our school target is 97%.**

## EasyPeasy

Easy Peasy is a scheme to support parents of young children develop the skills that will prepare their children for school.

Parents will be sent a weekly SMS, where they can access game ideas, tips and advice directly on their mobile. Parents start to play, talk, and interact more with their children through having something fun, simple and educational to do.

Letters have been sent out to Nursery and Reception parents inviting them to a launch meeting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of January at 2.30pm at Lower School. Our Nursery teacher Mrs Bowe will be leading the programme.



## SEND Coffee Afternoon

Our SENDCo, Mrs Nesom, is holding a Coffee Afternoon on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00pm at Lower School. This is an opportunity to meet other parents with children with Special Educational Needs and share experiences.

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## After School Clubs

After School Clubs will restart week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> of January and run until week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> of March.

Please ensure that children are collected promptly otherwise they may lose their place at their club.



## Early Years Stay and Play

Mrs Nesom in Reception and Mrs Bowe in Nursery would like to invite their parents to an open morning on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> of March from 9.00 am to 11.30 am with the opportunity to stay and enjoy activities with your child and see them in their learning environment. We will be undertaking a focus upon reading and phonics and hope you pick up lots of ideas on how your play at home can support your child's learning. This will take the place of the normal Class assembly.



## Year 1 Phonics Workshop

Mrs Pedro will be running a phonics workshops for parents and carers on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> of January at 9.10am to find out more about the teaching of Phonics and how you can support your child at home. The workshop will outline what phonics is, how it helps your child with their early reading and writing.

Parents can come along to learn a bit more about Phonics and how you can support your child in their early reading and writing at home.



## Caught Reading

We are inviting the whole school to take part in a reading competition from now until the end of this half term (14<sup>th</sup> February). Not only are we promoting a love of reading, but the educational benefits are staggering:

- Reading increases intellect
- Children who enjoy reading are more academically successful
- Reading increases vocabulary
- Children who read more produce better pieces of writing
- Reading improves spelling

We would like you to get a photograph of your child reading in an interesting location-this could be at the park, on the bus, or anywhere your imagination takes you! You can then send the picture into school or email it to the school email address (p2259.admin@durhamlearning.net) and an independent judge will pick a winner from each class-whoever they think has been caught reading in the most interesting location. The prize is a £5 book voucher for the winner in each class and the overall winner will receive a £10 book voucher.

Happy reading!



## Book bus Visit

Mrs Scarr has organized a visit from the Book people 'Bookbus' on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of February. This will give our school community access to hundreds of books at unbelievably discounted prices. The bus will be at Lower School all day for everyone to visit.

The school will receive commission on all sales to help us buy new books for our school libraries so any purchases you make are not only helping you nurture your child's love of reading and books at home but also at school.

