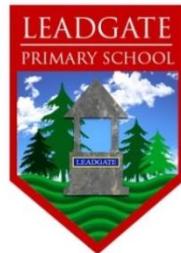


Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday, 28th February 2020

Leap Year Tradition holds that in 5th-century Ireland, St. Brigid lamented to St. Patrick that women were not allowed to propose marriage to men. So legend has it that St. Patrick designated the only day that does not occur annually, February 29, as a day on which women would be allowed to propose to men. This tradition hopped the Irish Sea to Scotland and England, where the British added a twist—if a man rejected a woman's proposal, he owed her a debt of several pairs of fine gloves, perhaps to hide the fact that she did not have an engagement ring.



Whole School Attendance

Year 1 = 96.6%
Year 2 = 95.6%
Year 3 = 96.9%
Year 4 = 97.6%
Year 5 = 97.4%
Year 6 = 91.8%



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 97%.

Calendar Dates

Monday 23 rd March	Lower School Parent's Evening
Tuesday 24 th March	Upper & Lower School Parent's Evening
Wednesday 25 th March	Upper School Parent's Evening
Week Commencing 24 th Feb	Year 6 Booster Sessions, Tuesday and Thursday
Wednesday 4 th March	Reception & Nursery Stay, Play and Learn 9.00am – 12.00pm
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 10 th March	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9.10 am
Wednesday 11 th March	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9.10 am
Thursday 12 th March	Year 5 Trip to Beamish – Science week
Friday 13 th March	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9.10 am
	Year 6 SATS Meeting for Parents, 9.30am
Monday 16 th March	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9.10 am – this is change to previous dates due to the confirmation of a class trip.
Tuesday 17 th March	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9.10 am
	Year 1 Phonics Meeting for Parents, 9.30am
Wednesday 18 th March	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9.10 am
	Year 2 SATS Meeting for Parents, 9.30am
Week Commencing 23 th March	Easter Service, KS2, now confirmed by Brooms School to be held on Monday 30th March at 10am
Monday 30th March	Easter Church Service 10am
Tuesday 31 st March	Easter Egg Competition Entries
Wednesday 1 st April	Easter Assembly, Lower School, 9.15am
Thursday 2 nd April	Easter Assembly, Upper School, 9.15am

All Egg Competition entries to go home on Thursday

Easter Holidays—School closes on Friday 3rd April at 3pm for Lower School and 3.15pm for Upper School. Reopens Monday 20th April.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day this year on Thursday 5th of March. Children can come in dressed up as their favourite book character on the day, if they would like to. We are looking forward to this exciting day promoting the joy of reading to our whole school community.



Book in a Jar Competition

Due to the astounding success of our World Book Day competition last year, we will once again like to ask the children to enter our 'Book in a Jar' competition! We are asking children to create a representation of their favourite book, inside a jar. How they choose to do this is their choice and we look forward to seeing how creative and imaginative their ideas can be.

The deadline for the competition is Thursday 12th March when a winner will be picked from each class. Once again, the winning entries will then be taken to Consett Library and proudly be displayed for the whole community to enjoy!

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Bikeability On-Road Cycle Training

Year 5 and Year 6 children have been invited to take part in the Bikeability programme. This course will be delivered in school. The aim of the course is to improve bike skills and road awareness.

All bikes taking part must be in a safe and roadworthy condition i.e. working brakes, chain correctly adjusted, tyres inflated and with good tread and the saddle and handlebars adjusted to the correct height.

All children wishing to take part in the course must wear a cycle helmet during training. If you are buying a helmet, make sure it has the EU standard number BS EN 1078: 1997 and includes the name or trademark of the manufacturer.

Children can only take part if parents have returned the completed and signed parental consent form. These must be returned to the school office by Tuesday 3rd of March. If you need a copy letter please contact the school office

Sport Relief

We are supporting Sport Relief on Friday 13th March. The children can wear their sports clothes to school for a small donation which will be given to Sport Relief.

Nursery Places Available



PLACES
AVAILABLE

REGISTER
NOW

Funded childcare for 3 and 4 year olds

15 and 30 hours a week funded
childcare places offered here

Enquire at school office



Call 01207 610361
www.leadgate.durham.sch.uk

Year 6 Booster

Our Year 6 children will be attending SATs booster sessions every Tuesday and Thursday from Tuesday 25th February from 3.15pm-4.00pm until SATs week (11th of May – 14th May). These sessions give the students a chance to review the work they have done over the term and prepare them for SATs. Juice and biscuits will be provided for the children.

Young Heroes Award

Congratulations to Mia Selby in Year 5 who was awarded a Young Heroes Award by Consett Police.

Mia donated her long hair to the Little Princess Trust and raised a staggering £2350 for the Great North Air Ambulance. Well done Mia, a worthy winner of the Young Heroes Award.

Severe Weather Disruption

As the snow has most definitely arrived we would just like to remind you of our winter planning procedures. In taking the decision to close a school, the safety of pupils, staff and visitors is of paramount importance. Making a decision to close is not something that is ever taken lightly and we will endeavour to remain open providing it is safe to do so. Over the winter period there may be times where we must make adjustments to the school day in order to ensure the safety of all. This may include cancelling breakfast club to give pupils and staff sufficient time to travel in the morning and ensure sufficient adults are on site.

In times of snowy weather we do understand that you may not make it into school on time and you must travel when it is safe to do. In these circumstances we will keep the register open longer than usual as we would prefer to see children arrive safely, slightly later than usual, than not at all. Should it be necessary to close fully, then wherever possible, we will try to ensure the decision to close is made early enough to help avoid unnecessary journeys and provide parents/carers with enough time to arrange childcare.

However, there are very occasionally unexpected events that come along requiring instant decisions to be made based upon site specific risk assessments which could mean closing all or part of the school if it is determined to be no longer safe for pupils or staff. We will always text priority contact numbers to advise if school is closed, therefore, please ensure all contact numbers are up to date. Happy Smiles will also put any school closure on their Facebook Page.