

# Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

*Caring, Sharing, Learning Together*

**Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020**

## This day in history

**1902** Beatrix Potter's "The Tale of Peter Rabbit" is published by Frederick Warne & Co. in London

**1925** John Logie Baird performed the first test of a working television system



## Face Masks

Face masks are not required for children under 12 according to the government guidance. If your child wears a mask to school, we would ask that disposable masks are disposed of in the bin at the door and reusable masks are stored in a plastic ziplock bag until home time and washed everyday.

## PE Kits

PE kits should be worn to school on the days the children have PE to minimise the number of bags coming in to school. The PE days for each class are listed below

REC – Tuesday and Thursday

Y1 – Tuesday and Wednesday

Y2 – Monday and Thursday

Y3 – Wednesday and Friday

Y4 – Tuesday and Friday

Y5 – Monday and Thursday

Y6 – Tuesday and Wednesday

As the weather gets colder please ensure you send your child in with a jacket and joggers or leggings as their PE kit.

## Remote Learning Survey

Dear parent / carer,

The government has instructed that should the school be closed again due to COVID 19 we will need to provide online teaching for all our children. However, we are aware that for some this may be difficult for many reasons.

Therefore, can I ask that you complete the following survey to help us find the best way forward to meet these demands should we close. For some of you it may be that online resources are simply not practical and therefore we will need to look at your child's level of internet access and your preference for the type of work you wish to be supplied with. Please complete the survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LPSHomeLearning>

A link will be emailed out to parents later this afternoon.

## School Meals

School meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided under the Universal free school meals, however the costs for Upper school pupils is £2.10 per day payable on Monday. **Please note the increase in price. Meals for a week will now be £10.50.**

If your circumstances change and you think you may be eligible for free school meals please contact the school office.



If you need support with healthy eating, weight loss/gain, stopping smoking, mental wellbeing, reducing your alcohol intake or getting back out into the community, we can help you!

Contact us today!

Freephone: 0800 8766887

Email: [cdda-tr.WBFL@nhs.net](mailto:cdda-tr.WBFL@nhs.net)

Website: [www.wellbeingforlife.net](http://www.wellbeingforlife.net)

## Wellbeing for Life is back!

Although we currently aren't able to see clients face-to-face yet, we are able to provide support over the phone, through e-mail and by the end of September, Video Call. Up to 12 sessions of FREE, confidential 1:1 support with additional information posted or e-mailed directly to you.



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## Secondary School Places for September 2021

If your child is in Year 6 and will be transferring to secondary school in September 2021, you must apply for their school place before October 31<sup>st</sup> 2020. This is done through Durham County Council. Please visit [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) for further information.

When you apply on-line you will receive an acknowledgement and you will be offered a school place for your child by email on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021. Late applications may not receive their first choice school. As Consett Academy was oversubscribed last year we would advise you to apply as soon as possible, if this is your first choice.

## Reception Places for September 2021

If your child turns 5 between 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 you need to apply for a Reception place for September 2021. This is done through Durham County Council. Please visit [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) for further information. Applications are now open.

**You still need to apply for a Reception place even if your child already attends our Nursery.**

## NSPCC – STAY SAFE

We will shortly be starting some work with the NSPCC SPEAK OUT STAY SAFE programme this will involve an online assembly and short lesson. Speak out Stay safe is a safeguarding programme for children aged 5- to 11-years-old. We will update when dates are confirmed. If you wish to know more check out : <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/services/speak-out-stay-safe>

## Grants for School Shoes and Coats

With Winter fast approaching we would like parents to be mindful of the available grant for shoes and coats. Thornhill Primary now administers the School Benevolent Fund on behalf of all schools across County Durham. This is a registered charity which offers a grant towards shoes and coats for school pupils.

A grant of up to £35.00 can be awarded towards a winter coat and up to £35.00 for a pair of shoes depending on parents/guardians meeting a number of criteria.

To apply for the school benevolent fund, go to <http://www.durham.gov.uk/schoolbenevolentfund>

download and complete School Benevolent Fund Application Form and return to:

School Benevolent Fund  
Thornhill Primary School  
Thornhill Gardens  
Shildon, County Durham, DL4 1ES  
Telephone: 01388 772 906

## Class Dojo

We would like to remind all families to sign up for a parent account on ClassDojo. It is a quick and easy way to communicate with your child's teacher and will be the primary method we will share work and information with you if we have to close your child's bubble or whole school. It's a simple, free mobile app for iOS and Android, and can also be accessed from your computer at [clasdojo.com](http://clasdojo.com). Contact the school if you require any further assistance.

**PLEASE CONTACT TO SCHOOL OFFICE FOR SUPPORT IF YOU HAVE STILL NOT SIGNED UP FOR CLASS DOJO or are experiencing any difficulties**

## Covid Test Kits / RESULTS

The government has provided schools with a very limited number of kits to be provided in exceptional circumstances. Please contact school if you require further information.

**IF YOU OR A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY TEST POSITIVE OUTSIDE OF NORMAL SCHOOL HOURS PLEASE CONTACT US VIA EMAIL OR TELEPHONE SO THAT WE CAN FOLLOW THE NECESSARY PROCEDURES BEFORE CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL**

**TELEPHONE 01207 610351**

**EMAIL [P2259.admin@durhamlearning.net](mailto:P2259.admin@durhamlearning.net)**

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30<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 6 Virtual Open Evening

We normally pride ourselves in welcoming you personally to our school and showing you the wonderful facilities and curriculum that we offer, whilst having the opportunity to meet our experienced, friendly staff. Unfortunately, under the current situation with the COVID-19 pandemic we are unable to invite you in to visit the school in person. Instead, we would like to extend a warm welcome to our **Virtual Year 6 Open Evening**.

We are holding two events, one on the 6th October and one on the 8th October – you can sign up to either, whichever suits you best.

This event will give you a taste of what you can expect from your time with us. We will introduce you to some of our teachers, show you the facilities and hear from our current students about how they feel about our amazing academy.

The event can be accessed via Eventbrite at [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) and search for the academy in the search facility. Alternatively, you can access the event by going to this link below:

- **Consett Academy 6th October 2020 at 6pm**  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/122685827613>
- **Consett Academy 8th October 2020 at 6pm**  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/123295477091>

When you have accessed the event, you will need to register for a place. Once registered you will receive a confirmation email with the details on it and a link to the online event which will become live on the evening. The event will be held over Zoom so you may wish to download this in anticipation or alternatively you can just view the event from your internet browser.

If you have a specific question before, during or after the event please forward the details to [year6transition@consettacademy.org.uk](mailto:year6transition@consettacademy.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

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## Can my child go to school today?

### Do they have any COVID Symptoms?

- a **high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a **new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

**Yes**

They have a COVID symptom

### Self Isolate and Book a COVID Test

Book the test online or call 119

All members of the household should stay at home until the test result is known.\*

\* Visit gov.uk for advice on when to stop isolating and return to school after a positive or negative test.

**No**

They do not have a COVID symptom

### Do they have diarrhoea or vomiting?

**No**

They do not have diarrhoea or vomiting

### Do they feel unwell?

It is important that parents keep children at home when they are unwell

**Yes**

They have diarrhoea or vomiting

**No**

They do not feel unwell

### Send to School

So long as your child feels well, has not been told to self-isolate and there are no other household members with COVID symptoms, it is OK for them to attend school.

**Yes**

They feel unwell

### Keep at Home

- Remain off school until they feel well enough to return. Seek medical help from a GP if needed (or 111 if your surgery is closed).
- Remain off school until at least 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. A COVID test is not required for diarrhoea and vomiting without the other symptoms above.

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Guidance changes regularly, visit nhs.uk for the most up-to-date advice.

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## Receive a Christmas Hamper

Are you in need of help to feed your family at Christmas?

Feeding Families aims to help those most in need of help and support at what can be a difficult and expensive time of year, with the help of volunteers willing to use their own money to provide some Christmas cheer to those less fortunate than themselves. They can't guarantee to supply everyone who applies, as they are reliant on the generosity of their donors, so please do think carefully before applying - please don't just apply because you can, but because you really need help.

Feeding Families is a small charity and they do their best to help as many families as possible enjoy the Christmas season without worrying about food. Due to the Covid pandemic this year we expect applications to increase and we may not be able to guarantee that every applicant will receive a matched hamper. In order to increase your chance of receiving, please remember these points and help us to help you.

Apply early - The application process is open between 6th October and 30th November 2020.

Submit the documents you are asked for correctly first time

Inform them of any changes

Communicate with your donor

Please visit the website [www.feedingfamilies.org](http://www.feedingfamilies.org) for more information.

## Donate a Christmas Hamper

Christmas raises expectations in all of us of happy times, good food and gifts. For many families, however, it is just another stress on top of the daily challenges of living. The added expense of providing special things for their family can be overwhelmingly difficult and none of us would want to see our children without a decent meal and a present under the tree. For others, especially those who are alone, it might not seem that anyone cares and it's not worth making the effort.

This is where Feeding Families can help. Feeding Families is built around the generosity of people willing to help those less fortunate than themselves to enjoy Christmas.

They accept requests for hampers from anyone who is in genuine need (subject to meeting our criteria), and match them up with kind hearted people who 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.

The matching process will open later in the year, and they will accept registrations from donors from 1 November 2020. If you would like to donate a hamper please register at the website below.

Their application process is open between 6th October and 30th November 2020.

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**Well done to everyone for a fantastic week of attendance!**



Reception 100%  
Year 1 98.4%  
Year 2 95.2%  
Year 3 99%  
Year 4 99.1%  
Year 5 94.2%  
Year 6 98.9%



**Our School Target is at least 97% attendance.**

## Annual Term Dates

Holiday	Closing date	Date re-opens
Summer 2020	Monday 20 July 2020	Tuesday 1 September 2020
Autumn half-term 2020	Friday 23 October 2020	Monday 2 November 2020
Christmas 2020	Friday 18 December 2020	Monday 4 January 2021
Spring half-term 2021	Friday 12 February 2021	Monday 22 February 2021
Easter 2021	Friday 26 March 2021	Monday 12 April 2021
May Day 2021	Friday 30 April 2021	Tuesday 4 May 2021
Summer half-term 2021	Friday 28 May 2021	Monday 7 June 2021
Summer 2021	Tuesday 20 July 2021	Wednesday 1 September 2021

## Training Days

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021**