

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday, 20th November 2020

This day in history

1947 Queen Elizabeth II married Lieutenant Duke of Edinburgh at Westminster Abbey. The BBC made the first tele-recording of the event, which was broadcast in the US 32 hours later.



Attendance

Year 1	96.1%
Year 2	96.6%
Year 3	96.4%
Year 4	95.1%
Year 5	96.4%
Year 6	95.9%



Our School Target is at least 97% .

Christmas Arrangements

Even during this very different and difficult time we are determined to make the most of Christmas for the children. It will be a little different this year but we will do everything we can to make it as fun and festive as it can be!

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Both schools sites will continue to have the normal Christmas dinner within their class and Bubble. We will celebrate Christmas Jumper Day on the same day and ask that if you have any old Christmas jumpers your child has grown out of that you donate them to school in a sealed bag, where we will launder and have them ready for those who do not have one. Please during this difficult Christmas time don't buy a new Christmas jumper at unnecessary expense.

Upper School – Wednesday 9th December

Lower School – Thursday 10th December



Christmas Parties

We will continue to hold our normal Christmas parties on each site with just a few changes to work within our bubbles. This will mean that parties will be on different days to allow access to hall space etc. We will provide all the food and treats and games without any charge. Children can wear their party clothes to school on the day.

Early Years Christmas Party	Tuesday 8 th December afternoon
Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party	Friday 11 th December afternoon
Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party	Wednesday 16 th December afternoon
Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party	Tuesday 15 th December afternoon



Santa

Arrangements have been made with Santa so that if he has time he will be making a Covid Secure personal appearance at Lower School.



Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards are a Covid challenge this year and therefore we ask if your child does want to send in a Christmas Card that they send it to the whole class rather than to individual children. This will reduce the number of cards brought into school by the thousands, stop additional materials from multiple households being sent home – as cards will stay in school, but also hopefully save your family some money at Christmas. Cards can be sent in from Monday 30th November to Friday 4th December – where they will be quarantined and shared out to the appropriate class after Tuesday 8th December.

Christmas Plays and Nativity

With current restrictions, we are unable to provide any Christmas Performances therefore the children will be creating a Christmas card poster going on display on the Roxy at the start of December to wish everyone in the village a Merry Christmas so please keep an eye out for the art work. Additionally the children are creating something to add to the whole school via Class Dojo – more details to follow!

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Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations will be taking place in school on Tuesday 24th of November. If you would like your child to be vaccinated please return your form as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Children MUST have parental consent for the vaccination. This cannot be given over the phone.

If your child is absent on that day there will be local catch up clinics available.

If you have any questions please call the Childhood Immunisation Team on 0300 0032554

Reception Places for September 2021

If your child turns 5 between 1st of September 2021 and 31st 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 for further information. Applications are now open.

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

Grants for School 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

Bikes to donate

We have some old bikes and a scooter that have been in the bike shelter at Lower School for a number of years. If anyone would like to take some or all of the of the bikes to repair they are more than welcome to give Lower School a call to arrange collection. There are 2 small childs bikes and 3 medium size bikes.

Face Masks

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

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

Self Isolation and Free School Meals

If your child is self isolating and entitled to free school meals, we will provide a packed lunch for every school day they are self isolating.

These will now only be made to order. Please ring the school to confirm your requirement.

**We must
keep on protecting
each other.**



HANDS



FACE



SPACE