

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday, 6th November 2020

This day in history

2005 "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire", the 4th film based on the books by J. K. Rowling, premieres in London. Goes on to become most successful film of the year, earning almost US \$ 900 million.



Attendance

Year 1	98.7%
Year 2	97.0%
Year 3	89.6%
Year 4	88.0%
Year 5	98.4%
Year 6	92.8%



Our School Target is at least 97%

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 be made by the school kitchen and will be available to collect from outside the main reception on each site from 11.45.

Poppy Appeal

We will have the Poppy appeal in school at both Upper and Lower Sites after half term– should you wish to donate or purchase items, the children can come to the school office.



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 mask are stored in a plastic ziplock bag until home time and washed everyday.

School Photographs

We had planned to have the school photographer in school this month, however given the new lockdown restrictions we would be unable to have any family photographs, no additional adults on site, be able to move children between their bubbles to take sibling photographs and only to have individual photos. We have therefore postponed until the 25th of March 2021 when, hopefully, we can go ahead as normal and have family photographs.



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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

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

Following an update to our Class Dojo Policy all pupil photographs will now only appear in your own messages. From Monday staff will be uploading a weekly timetable so that you can see what your child is doing in school and so that you can help them should they become isolated to follow the same lessons as the rest of the class. Teachers will be updating portfolios and individual children/groups with work either in the form of tasks or photographs that allow you to see what they should be doing in class. Parents can then follow this at a time and routine that fits with their own family needs. Should you require paper based resources each class has a one off paper pack of work that will last for the 14 day isolation period – please contact school to request. If the class bubble / school were to close we have purchased a book resource for each child in Keystage 1 and Keystage 2 for both Maths and English which can be followed under the direction of the class teacher using Class Dojo. We are currently resourcing workbooks for EYFS. Please remember that all children still have access to a range of online learning resources initially set up during the last National lockdown, these include : Mathletics, Rising Stars Reading Planet, Lalilo (phonics), Duolingo, Lexia, Timestable Rockstars and Purple Mash.



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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

No
They do not 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.*

Do they have **diarrhoea or vomiting?**

No
They do not have diarrhoea or vomiting

Yes
They have diarrhoea or vomiting

Do they feel unwell?

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

No
They do not feel unwell

Yes
They 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.

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.

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

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

Children in Need

We will be celebrating Children in Need day on Friday the 13th November. The theme for this year is 'All together' so on that day classes will come together to do the things which bring us closer together – like team games and sports, starting with a Joe Wicks work out. As well as this, we will be taking some time out to reflect and think of our own mental health and how we can support each other through the current times we are all experiencing.

We would kindly ask for a £1 donation with all money donated to Children in Need.

Visit :

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/> to find out more



We must keep on protecting each other.



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