

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday, 26th March 2021

This day in history

1976 Queen Elizabeth II launched the Royal Yacht Britannia at Clydeside. She was used by the British Royal Family for state visits and diplomatic missions for the next 45 years and is now permanently moored as an exhibition ship at Ocean Terminal, Edinburgh



Whole School Attendance

Year 1 = 98.8%
Year 2 = 99.0%
Year 3 = 99.5%
Year 4 = 98.6%
Year 5 = 97.3%
Year 6 = 96.2%

Congratulations

Well Done Year 2 for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 3 for the best attendance in Upper School.

Our school target is 97%.

Welcome Back To Summer Term

It is lovely to have everyone return fit and well to start the new Summer Term after the Easter Holiday. However despite some restrictions lifting within the last week or so in order that we keep open to as many children for as long as possible, can I remind you to follow the current guidance on Hands, Face, Space so that we keep the school open for as long as possible this term. If your child or any one in the household is showing signs or symptoms of COVID 19 please be cautious and do not attend school as One positive case can still cause the closure of entire classes and bubbles.

With the summer weather fast improving we will be outside more often but until then children will still need to wrap up as all classes and rooms continue to be ventilate through out the day.

Arrival Times

Can I please remind parents the children should only attend the school site at their designated times.

On Upper school site some children are arriving early and we do not currently have any morning supervision on the yard. By arriving at the correct time they will have access into the building, be supervised and not cross bubbles with other age groups. I know this can be difficult with older children walking to school themselves and appreciate your understanding in this matter.

At Lower School could we please remind parents waiting in the car park not to allow their children to run between the parked cars as they risk damaging vehicles and themselves in a confined space. Thank you.

Nursery Places for September 2021

If your child turns 3 before September 2021 you are entitled to 15 hours of free childcare. We still have places available for September in our Nursery. We also offer 30 hours childcare for those who are eligible.

If you would like to apply for a Nursery place or would like some more information please contact the school office.

Tel: 01207 610355



Well Done to Year 5 and 6

Well done to year 5 and 6 who saw their first external visitor return to class this week – socially distanced and fully PPE'd. Rebecca Wrightson from Durham's Mental Health Support Team worked with both classes to gain an understanding of feelings, emotions, friendship and looking after our own mental health. Both classes showed excellent understanding, questioning and maturity when talking about our own and others mental health and mental health needs.

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Spring Term Parents Evening

Dear Parent / Carer,

Just a gentle reminder that next week, Tuesday 20th is remote parents evening if you do not have a time slot yet or have misplaced the time sent out on text message please contact the school offices to confirm appointments.

Lower School 01207 610355

Upper School 01207 610351

Update to Track and Trace Support Payment

Dear Parent / Carer,

Please read below an important update on Track and Trace payments should you be required to take time off work to care for your child whilst they are isolating. Please note this is managed by Durham County Council and the link to follow is: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/testandtracepayment>

Can I also remind all families, with only 2 more days until the Easter holiday to maintain social distancing at all times. The mixing of households, indoors, outdoors or in cars continues to pose a serious risk to closing multiple classes within the school as we have seen happen already in schools locally.

Financial support if you have to take time off work to care for your child while they are self-isolating

If you are on a low income and you need to take time off work to care for your child while they are self-isolating, you may be eligible for financial support from your local authority through the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme. The Test and Trace Support Payment scheme is open to people who live in England and who meet the following criteria:

- They are the parent or guardian of a child or young person in the same household and need to take time off work to care for them while they self-isolate; this is limited to one parent or guardian per household for the child or young person's self-isolation period
- Are employed or self-employed
- Are unable to work from home while undertaking caring responsibilities and will lose income as a result
- They are currently receiving or are the partner of someone in the same household who is receiving at least one of the following benefits:

- o Universal Credit
- o Working Tax Credit
- o Income-based Employment and Support Allowance
- o Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- o Income Support
- o Housing Benefit
- o Pension Credit

Their child or young person:

o is aged 15 or under (or 25 or under with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC) and normally attends an education or childcare setting

o has been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or by their education or childcare setting because they have been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19

Discretionary payments are also available for people on low incomes who are not on means-tested benefits but who may still face hardship as a result of the requirement to self-isolate. Your local authority may have additional eligibility criteria in place for discretionary payments.

If you are eligible, you will receive a £500 payment from your local authority in addition to any benefits and Statutory Sick Pay you receive currently. If you are unsure which local authority you should claim from, you can check on Find your Local Council on GOV.UK: <https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council>