

# Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

*Caring, Sharing, Learning Together*

**Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

## This day in history

**1975** 1st oil pumped from North Sea oilfield.

**1982** "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial", directed by Steven Spielberg, starring Henry Thomas and Drew Barrymore, is released.



## Date Changes

Due to all agreed training days being cancelled this term to ensure the school has remained open for full weeks since returning in March the school will now close on **Thursday the 15th of July** and not the Friday the 16th as originally planned for the Summer Holiday.

## Next Year

As we are still unaware of any changes that may come in for the reopening of school in September we have planned to place 3 training days together at the start of the year rather than our normal 2 training days.

This will mean that the school will reopen to all children on Monday the 6th September rather than opening on Friday the 3rd for one day. It is our hope this time can be used to ensure we reopen fully taking into account any changes that may come into place. It will also mean we have less broken weeks through the year to take into account training days and may also mean as things open up more at the end of the Summer Holiday families will benefit from being able to take late deal holidays.

## Nursery Changes

This year we have suffered a rapid shortfall in the number of children and families needing 30 hour provision and therefore we are unable to offer this from September. We will of course continue with 15 hours provision from Monday to Wednesday Lunchtime and have partnered with Happy smiles childcare for any families whose situation should change and require the additional 15 hours provision.

I am pleased to announce that upon her return Mrs Nesom will be our Nursery Teacher working alongside Mrs Pedro in Reception. Mrs Nesom will also be returning before the end of this Term to get to see all the children and meet those already in Nursery.

## Whole School Attendance

Year 1 = 96.9%

Year 2 = 96.6%

Year 3 = 96.2%

Year 4 = 98.2%

Year 5 = 91.9%

Year 6 = 95.8%

## 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%.**

## Happy Smiles

Happy Smiles are running a holiday club over the summer break. They are open Monday to Friday, 8am-5:30pm.

Available for children aged 2 upwards. Holiday care includes hot and cold breakfast options, 2 course Lunch and Tea and snacks. For more information, email [happysmiles@live.co.uk](mailto:happysmiles@live.co.uk) or call 01207 583583

## Streetgames

This week the children have had a visit from a coach who has led exciting sessions in street games. She visited Upper School on Thursday and Lower School on Friday.

All of the children loved the outdoor activities and learned some fun new games.

## Nursery

If anyone has any old pots, pans or cooking utensils to spare Mrs Pedro would be very grateful for any donations for the Nursery outdoor kitchen.

## Home time

Can we please remind parents that our Covid procedures for home time are still in place. Please continue to follow the procedures and maintain social distance when collecting your child.

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## Early Years Outdoor Area

I hope that as you have dropped off and collected you will have seen that we have used this last holiday period to have some major works in our Nursery Outdoor Provision. We have successfully divided up the outdoor area so that both Nursery and Happy Smiles can have all day provision outdoors. This will be great for all the children as the areas can be set specifically for their needs and allow them to learn and play both indoors and out all day long.

## School Uniform

From September we will be reinstating school uniform and as such I realise that many children may have outgrown previous uniforms – If your child has a uniform that no longer fits their needs can I ask that you consider bagging it up and sending it into school so that we can set up a uniform swapshop free of charge at the end of the year.

Depending on the amount of uniform we can collect we will then make arrangements for the Swap Shop at a later date. All donated uniforms will be laundered in school and will help all families to save money on purchasing new uniform.

## DFE Tablets

Can I ask all families who received a DfE loaned Laptop or Tablet to please make arrangements to return them to school as soon as possible. The machines will no longer be supported by the Department for Education from September and as such we will need our school technician to set them up ready for use in case of any further closures of COVID impact. The machines can be dropped off at each school office or sent in when your child comes to school.

## Summer Holiday Breakfast

We are delighted to let you know that, thanks to the huge generosity of Amazon and Magic Breakfast, we are able to offer future Magic Breakfast 'Summer Holiday Breakfast' food deliveries direct to your doorstep.

### Who can apply?

Any one with a free school meal child can apply however they do have a limit as to how many children they can deliver to across the summer. If demand is greater than the number of deliveries they have available, they may need to cap the number of parcels they can offer to our school.

### What will the children receive?

Each family will receive three fortnightly deliveries of breakfast food in a box for their child, delivered by Amazon directly to their home doorstep. The box will contain a selection of popular healthy breakfast food items such as cereal, bagels, and porridge sachets. This summer breakfast support is delivered like a normal Amazon parcel, direct to the family home.

### What will I have to do next?

You will need to contact the school in order to opt in as we will need permission to share your name and home address with Magic Breakfast for this purpose.

If you wish to participate in Magic Breakfast Summer Breakfast deliveries please respond via a private message on Class Dojo to me directly by **9am Monday 14th**. I will update you as final arrangements are put in place. Remember that by opting in you give permission for the school to share your details with Magic Breakfast.