

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday, 2nd July 2021

This day in history

1819 The first Factory Act was passed in Britain. This banned the employment of children younger than 9 from working in textile factories, whilst those under 16 were allowed to work for 'only' 12 hours a day!



Reports

Dear Parents / Carers,

As reports come home today I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all children, parents, and carers for all of the effort, work and sacrifices you have all made as we come to the end of what has been the most extraordinary year in school.

I would like to thank you for your continued support, patience and understanding over these last 15 months dealing with remote learning, school closures and periods of isolation that have disrupted another year of your child's schooling - let alone any sense of normal family life.

As you read your child's report it is important that we recognise that for many children they may not have reached their 'normal' end of year attainment targets given all this disruption - having only completed 2 out of 3 terms in school. But that we recognise the sheer level of effort and progress that has been achieved despite all these disruptions. If any child has not met their expected target but has made a year's expected progress in this limited year this is a real credit to their perseverance and hard work. Credit should be given to every child for their determination and effort to keep up with their work and tasks.

Despite the huge range of curriculum changes, interventions and support work that has to be undertaken to support children in catching up there is no doubt that for many this work will need to continue next year as children move into new classes and new schools. We will of course continue to monitor and support children across the whole school.

I would also like to say a massive thank you to all the staff across both sites for what they have undertaken this year to deal with the constant changes to Government policy, working practices and the demands they have also faced with their only families and children.

Above all, each and every child has been amazing in what they have achieved and, reports aside, they should know that we are all extremely proud of them and our school community.

Whole School Attendance

Year 1 = 98.3%

Year 2 = 97.1%

Year 3 = 98.9%

Year 4 = 98.6%

Year 5 = 95.1%

Year 6 = 95.6%

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%.

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.

Parent's Evening

We will continue at the end of this term with remote parents evenings conducted via telephone. Information will be coming out next week to book appointments if you require them after receiving reports.

The dates are :

Monday 12th 1pm to 6pm and Wednesday 14th 3.30 – 6pm for Reception, Year 3, 6 and 1 (Mrs Bowe, Mrs Hannon, Miss Scarr and Mr Suddick)

Monday 12th 3.30 pm to 6pm and Wednesday 14th 1pm – 6pm for Nursery Year 2, 4 and 5 (Mrs Pedro, Miss Weaver, Mrs Reed and Miss Edwards)

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Calendar for Next Year

2021-2022

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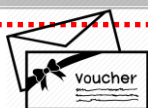
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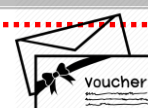
Events

- Sep 6 First day of classes
- Sep 1 School Closed Training day
- Sep 2 School Closed Training day
- Sep 3 School Closed Training day
- Dec 17 School Closed Training day
- Jul 21 School Closed Training day
- Dec 16 School Closes for Christmas
- Jan 4 School reopens for Spring Term
- Apr 8 School closes for Easter
- Apr 23 School reopens for Summer Term
- Jul 20 School closes for summer Holiday

Blue Boxes = School Holidays
Red Boxes = Bank Holidays



Covid Support Grant



Parents/ Carers with children entitled to Free School Meals (not Universal Free School Meals) will shortly be receiving a voucher from Durham County Council to cover the Summer Holiday (£80). Exactly the same as at Christmas, Easter and Half Term, Vouchers these will come direct to your email from our school email address. As of today, vouchers will be processed before we break up for the summer holidays.



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Short Breaks Solutions

Short Breaks Solutions aim to Support families to make their own choice about accessing a community activity for children and young people with SEND. They also allow parents/carers a short break from their caring role. Their vision is that all children and young people with SEND in County Durham are an important part of their local communities and that these are inclusive.

How having a short break can help a family?

It allows a short and natural break for a parent/ carer to catch up with everyday activities

A parent/carers can attend a physical and psychological wellbeing activity and maintain and develop social networks.

A child / young person can benefit from development of new interests, keeping fit, social networks with peers and taking part in hobbies.

The frequency and duration of short breaks can vary, such as;

- A virtual activity
- Fun activity pack
- Attending a leisure facility for a few hours per week
- Attending after school clubs

Inclusive community short breaks

Virtual activities - There is a range of online activities including gaming communities, cookery, fitness, bingo, discos and pamper parties. Some these activities can be done online individually and others as part of an online group.

This is our provider for the central Durham and Chester le Street areas. Although during Covid they are offering their virtual activities to families across the whole County.

Keeping Families Connected - One of our providers provides regular activity packs to families, these packs are delivered every few weeks with a different theme. Their current theme is Mini Beasts, packs can be linked to online activities or do on your own. They also host a family book club, online youth club and arts & crafts club. Once restrictions are lifted, they are planning on phased return of their face to face activities such as 'Picnic in the park'. They are hoping to start their weekly clubs up again in September.

Physical Activity Group Programmes - this is where your child or young person can attend an activity group every Saturday for 5 weeks, at a cost of £5 per session. Then they will have another 5 weeks of virtual, online activity groups. The sessions are morning 10am to 12.30 and afternoon 1.30pm to 4pm. They are being held at Seaham, Wolsingham, Shotley Bridge and Spennymoor.

Specialist Youth Groups – We in the process of setting up specialist youth groups across County Durham for children who are unable to access any mainstream youth groups/ activities in their area. These will hopefully be up and running in the next few weeks.

Community Enabler – Community Enabler can provide a 5-week programme of 1:1 support. It is only available to extremely anxious children and young people who cannot manage in a group situation or get out of their home without 1:1 support. This is followed by 5 weeks online activities.

For further Information and support please contact the Short Break Solutions team:

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