

# Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

*Caring, Sharing, Learning Together*

**Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

## This day in history

**1870** The first British half penny stamp, in Lilac, was issued.

**1974** The first McDonalds restaurant opened in London.



## Children Showing COVID19 Symptoms

Can I remind all parents that if your child is showing COVID19 Symptoms – or is sent home showing symptoms - **they must take a PCR test** before returning to school. Keeping cases out of school not only protects everyone but reduces the need to return to bubbles, class closures and remote learning.

## Whole School Attendance

Year 1 = 94.7%  
Year 2 = 97.7%  
Year 3 = 95.7%  
Year 4 = 94.4%  
Year 5 = 92.0%  
Year 6 = 92.5%



## 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%.**

## School Photographs -with Phototronics

I can now confirm that this years school photographs will go ahead on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November**. This also include Family group photos. Details on organisation will follow in due course.

## Secondary School Places for September 2022

If your child is in Year 6 and will be transferring to secondary school in September 2022, you must apply for their school place before **October 31<sup>st</sup> 2021**. This is done through Durham County Council. Please visit [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) for further information. When you apply on-line you will receive an acknowledgement and you will be offered a school place for your child by email on **1<sup>st</sup> March 2022**. Late applications may not receive their first choice school. As Consett Academy was oversubscribed last year we would advise you to apply as soon as possible, if this is your first choice.

## Dog's Trust

We are looking forward to welcoming the Dog's Trust to Lower School on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October to teach the children awareness about how to interact with dogs.

## Year 1 Superhero Science

Year 1 will be participating in a Year 1 Superhero science workshop on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October** with Captain Chemistry as part of their new Topic. Be sure to ask them all about it!



## Forest Schools Update

Please find below a calendar of forest schools sessions for each class which will be ran by Mrs Bowe. This is a new initiative for the whole school this year and we would love to hear any feedback the children share with you about it. Forest School can increase a child's confidence and self-esteem through exploration, problem solving, and being encouraged to learn how to assess and take appropriate risks depending on their environment. This motivation can have a real positive impact on attitude to learning in school. Children have been shown to improve in their confidence and communication to work with others. Learners also gain a respect for nature through many small interactions and noticing changes around them through the seasons. Providing students with an opportunity to appreciate the wider, natural world encourages a responsibility for nature conservation in later life.



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## FOREST SCHOOL PLANNER 2021-2022

<i>Year Group Session Allocation</i>	<i>Autumn</i>	<i>Spring</i>	<i>Summer</i>
<b>EYFS (8 1hr sessions)</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Oct 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	2 <sup>nd</sup> May 9 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Year 1 &amp; 2 (12 1 hr session)</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> / 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	12 <sup>th</sup> / 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup> March	4 <sup>th</sup> / 11 <sup>th</sup> May 8/15 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Year 3 &amp; 4 (11 1hr sessions)</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> Oct 24Nov / 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	26 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 16 <sup>th</sup> / 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	18/25 <sup>th</sup> May 22 <sup>nd</sup> / 29 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Year 5 &amp; 6 (10 1hr session)</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> Oct 8 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9 <sup>th</sup> / 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar 6 <sup>th</sup> April	27 <sup>th</sup> Apr 6 <sup>th</sup> / 13 <sup>th</sup> July

Please note dates for sessions may change as other dates are confirmed within the school diary. Mrs Bowe will notify parents / carers of any date changes via Class Dojo as they come up.

### Year 6 Trip

Year 6 will be visiting Washington Wetland Trust as part of their new Topic on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October – so an advance warning for suitable coats and footwear. I'm sure they will have a wonderful time and come back having learnt lots.



### Year 6 Residential

Just a reminder that payments for the Year 6 residential will be falling due. Please ensure that you keep your payments up to date. Texts will be sent out as reminders of the dates that payments are due. Any queries contact Miss Sarah on 01207 610351

### Non Curriculum Days

Alongside our new thematic curriculum I am pleased to say that we have planned to reintroduce our termly non curriculum days looking to provide a range of additional activities which broaden our children's range of experiences, develop challenge, self-esteem and support personal growth. Upper School will have its Non Curriculum day on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October focusing on physical and mental health. Lower School will have its Non Curriculum day on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October focusing on Diwali and a range of Indian based activities.



### Autumn Term Parents Evenings

This term Parent Evenings will be on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November for all classes except Year 3 which will be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> due to diary commitments. We will remain with remote meetings over telephone. Can you please ensure that your contact details are up to date. You can contact Upper School directly on 01207 610351. You can contact Lower School directly on 01207 610353. Normal text messages will be sent nearer the time to arrange an appropriate time.



Christmas Pantomimes are back and booked! Oh yes they are!!  
More information to follow.

