

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday, 15th October 2021

This day in history

1993 Nelson Mandela and F.W. de Klerk were named the recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize “for their work for the peaceful termination of the apartheid regime, and for laying the foundations for a new democratic South Africa.



Whole School Attendance

Year 1 = 95.1%
Year 2 = 93.7%
Year 3 = 97.8%
Year 4 = 96.0%
Year 5 = 94.0%
Year 6 = 93.1%



Congratulations

Well Done Year 1 for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 3 for the best attendance in Upper School.

Our school target is 97%.

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.

School Photographs with Phototronics

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

Magic Breakfast Holiday Breakfast Support

We are delighted to let you know that, thanks to the huge generosity of Amazon and Magic Breakfast, we can continue to offer future Magic Breakfast ‘School Holiday Breakfast’ food deliveries direct to your doorstep. This is for Christmas Holiday 2021, Easter Holiday 2022 and Summer Holiday 2022.

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. 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 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 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 Holiday Breakfast deliveries please respond via text message, email or call the school office by no later than 4pm this Monday 18th of October. We 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.

Half Term

School closes on Friday 22nd of October for 1 week for Half Term. School reopens on Monday 1st of November.



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Show Racism the Red Card

On Thursday 21st October we will be supporting Show Racism The Red Card charity by wearing something red to come to school. Show Racism The Red Card is an anti-racism educational charity that aims to combat racism through enabling role models, who are mainly footballers, to present an anti-racist message to young people and others.

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Autumn Term Parents Evenings

This term Parent Evenings will be on Monday 8th Tuesday 9th November for all classes except Year 3 which will be on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th 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.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations will be taking place in school on Tuesday 23rd of November. We will be in contact to provide information about the online consent link for parents to give consent for their child to receive the influenza immunisation closer to the time

Year 6 Trip

Year 6 will be visiting Washington Wetland Trust as part of their new Topic on Monday 18th October. Please send your child in a suitable coat and footwear.



Indian Theme Day

Please send your child in their PE Kits as they will be taking part in the dance workshop

India Theme Day

On Monday 18th October all children in Lower School will be learning about India in our first theme day of this academic year. We will be learning about Diwali, which is India's biggest and most important holiday of the year. The festival gets its name from the row (avali) of clay lamps (deepa) that Indians light outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness. Diwali is a festival celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs and Jains.

As part of the day we have several workshops running including: Indian Dance, Indian Drumming, a cooking session making samosas and finally learning about rangoli patterns and the history of Diwali. We are thoroughly looking forward the day which will be packed full of exciting learning opportunities. We are also going to have a themed lunch menu.



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Stay Safe

County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service are encouraging kids to be #ScaryButSafe this spooky season, and here is some of our top tips to stay safe:

1. Check the labels on any fancy-dress outfits you buy and see what fire resistance they offer
2. Do not let your child or pet go near any ignition sources
3. Replace candles in pumpkins with battery powered candles – these are cheap, they do not blow out and they are much safer
4. Remain cautious when near roads and junctions – remove your masks to cross roads

For more safety advice and information visit our website, ddfire.gov.uk or follow us on social media!

Halloween

Next week is the last week of half term and as Halloween falls in the holiday our usual Halloween activities will be held a little earlier than usual.

Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) children are invited to come to school in their Halloween fancy dress costumes on Friday 22nd October.

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) children will have their usual Halloween disco on the Friday 22nd in the afternoon where we will have Spooktacular dancing competitions and some frightfully fun games. Please come to school in Halloween costumes.

Reception and Nursery will have their Halloween disco on the afternoon of Tuesday 19th October so they can come to school in their costumes.



Secondary School Applications – Final Reminder from School Admissions

If your child is due to transfer to secondary school in September next year you must apply for their place. If you have not yet applied for a Secondary School Place for your child this is a Final Reminder to ensure you make your application before the closing date. The application process opened on 6 September 2021 and will close on 31st October 2021. Failure to apply on time greatly reduces your child's chances of gaining a place at their preferred school.

You will need to read the Parent's Guide "Primary and Secondary School Admission Guide in County Durham 2022/23", as it contains essential information that will help you in making your child's application. The guide is available on our website www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Please apply on-line at www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions 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 March 2022. Please save your log-in details as you will also be able to accept your child's place on-line. If your child's offer of a school place is for an oversubscribed school (i.e., where there are more applications for a school than places available) we will offer your child a school place based on the child's/parent's address. We will request information on the child's/parent's address when we offer a school place, and the onus will be on you to prove your address if asked.

If you do not wish to apply on-line, you can contact us via e-mail at schooladmissions@durham.gov.uk or telephone at 03000 265896 and we will send you a paper application form. We strongly advise you to return the application form to us by "Royal Mail Signed for™" or "Royal Mail Special Delivery Guaranteed". If you complete a paper application form you will receive a letter to inform you of the school place offered to your child on the 1st March 2022.

Please note for both on-line applications and paper application forms, you will be required to read the disclaimer and sign/tick the box to agree that the information you provide on the application form is complete and correct otherwise the offer of a school place will be withdrawn.