

# Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

*Caring, Sharing, Learning Together*

**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

## This day in history

1605 Gunpowder Plot - Celebrated with fireworks as Guy Fawkes Day, this English holiday marks the anniversary of the Gunpowder Plot, led by Robert Catesby who tried to blow up Parliament, the king, and his family.



Greenwich meridian



## 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.

## Children In Need - Nov 19th

We have our very own BBC Children in Need donations page which has now been published for our school. Just simply follow the link below, or copy it into a new browser page, to make donations. Every penny counts!  
<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=4519>

Together, we can change the lives of the children and young people that need us most.

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November we will also have a non uniform day in school and any and all donations are welcome, going directly to Children in Need – Why not try to wear something spotty!



## Whole School Attendance

Year 1 = 95.2%  
Year 2 = 95.7%  
Year 3 = 92.9%  
Year 4 = 97.3%  
Year 5 = 94.4%  
Year 6 = 94.0%



## Congratulations

Well Done Year 2 for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 4 for the best attendance in Upper School.

**Our school target is 97%.**

## School Photographs with Phototronics

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

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ...

**Keep your child home if they are unwell**

**If they have Covid symptoms, they should isolate and take a test.**  
[Gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test)

**LET'S BE A COVID SAFE COUNTY**



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## Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations will be taking place in school on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of November. We have sent home letters from the childhood immunisations team with details of how to give consent. If you do not give consent your child will not receive the vaccine.

1. Go to <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent/>
2. Enter the School Code 114039 and click "Find School".
3. Complete the form with your child's information and parent/guardian contact information\*.
4. Click the green "Submit" button.

For further information please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine> for more information about the childhood influenza vaccination programme. You can also contact the childhood immunisations team on [hdft.immunisationteam@nhs.net](mailto:hdft.immunisationteam@nhs.net) or 0300 003 2554 or 01423 55769

## UPDATE FROM THE IMMUNISATION TEAM

Dear Parent/Carer,  
Due to the risk of both flu and COVID-19 this winter, the national flu immunisation programme will be essential to protecting vulnerable people and our communities and health and care system against the flu. For further information regarding the vaccine please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/flu-influenza-vaccine/>

Parents who have refused 'Fluenz' nasal spray flu vaccine, due to porcine gelatine content, are being offered an injectable vaccine which does not contain porcine gelatine.

If you wish your child to receive this vaccine, please contact the school immunisation team on [hdft.immunisationteam@nhs.net](mailto:hdft.immunisationteam@nhs.net) so that your child can be booked into a community clinic.



## Autumn Term Parents Evenings

Parent Evenings will be next week 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.

If you have not booked an appointment please contact the school office as soon as possible :

You can contact Upper School directly on 01207 610351.

You can contact Lower School directly on 01207 610353.

## Poppy Appeal

We will still have the Poppy appeal in school at both Upper and Lower Sites this half term— should you wish to donate or purchase items, the children can come to the school office.



Let kindness fuel kindness this Anti-Bullying Week.

**ONE KIND WORD**

**ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2021**  
15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> November

**ODD SOCKS DAY 2021**  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November

# ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

## Anti Bullying Week and ODD SOCK Monday

Antibullying week will soon be upon us and this year's theme is ONE KIND WORD. Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. To mark the start of this very important week we will be taking part in Odd Sock Monday (**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November**). Odd socks day is an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! If you wish to make a donation, all money raised will go to the anti bullying alliance to support their work.

**GET THOSE SOCKS READY**

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## SEND UPDATE

For Parents/Carers of Children with Additional Needs/Disabilities in County Durham  
"Making Changes Together XXVI"

The twenty sixth friendly Conference organised By PARENTS

To help inform and support you with the latest changes in Education, Health and Social Care.  
**YOUR** opinion matters!

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**10.00am – 2.30pm**

**Bishop Suite, Ramside Hall Hotel & Golf Club, Carrville, Durham, DH1 1TD**

**Information Stands and Registration from 9.30am**

This conference is free, refreshments and Lunch are included.

Please note places must be booked via Eventbrite <https://bit.ly/3na6jlo>



### Durham Autism Hub - Opening event

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
10am-2pm  
Lee House, Easington Village

Ticketed sessions with information stalls – tickets bookable on Eventbrite

Supported by

- MCT
- Rollercoaster
- Durham Carers
- Live Well NE
- Include in Autism
- DADLG
- North East Autism Society
- CAMHS
- One Point
- And many more....

For more information, please contact Heidi Donkin  
[Heidi.donkin@durham.gov.uk](mailto:Heidi.donkin@durham.gov.uk)



## Remembrance Day Thursday, 11 November

We will be marking this day with a special assembly on both sites and Year 1 and 2 will be visiting the War memorial in the village to lay a wreath.

**This Bonfire Night**

# PLEASE RESPECT

YOUR  
FIREWORKS

YOUR  
NEIGHBOURS

YOUR  
EMERGENCY  
SERVICES



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## COVID UPDATE

Dear Parent /Carer,

Many of you may be aware that we, like all schools in County Durham, have received a letter from Durham County Council requesting us to review Additional control measures to manage COVID-19 transmission in education settings.

Currently we have had only 1 positive case ( 0.4% of the school community) within the last 19 days and continue to use a range of strategies and control measures to reduce contact and transmission of COVID19 within the school setting.

The additional recommendations suggested include : Reintroducing Staggering start and finish times, Reduce mixing between year groups and classes as far as possible, Schools to carefully consider whether educational visits should go ahead, Schools carefully consider whether open days, events and meetings and could move to a virtual format.

Given that we continue to follow COVID measures include soft bubbles, separate lunches on both sites, hand hygiene, limited visitors and no gatherings/assemblies on site, increased ventilation etc myself, Chair and Vice Chair of the school governing body have decided that introducing any further restrictions on staff and children at this time would not be proportionate to our current position and could be detrimental to the other benefits gained from allowing children at such a young age to socialise and continue as far as normal as possible. We will continue to review the situation and may reintroduce some or all of these measures should they become necessary.

Our priority remains, to maximise the number of children in face-to-face education and minimise any disruption to their education. A huge thank you to every family that continues to support us through PCR testing to ensure we remove every case from the school setting as soon as possible. We would ask that from next week you follow these 2 recommendations :

- PCR testing for all adults and pupils if they are a close contact of a positive case in their household\*.
- Daily LFT testing for 7 days at home for any adult or secondary age pupil or **primary key stage 2 pupil** who is a household contact of a positive case and is exempt from isolation and continues to attend school. Testing should start from the day the household member has symptoms or if they don't have symptoms from when they tested positive\*.

\*Note: People who have tested positive with a PCR test within the last 90 days should not be encouraged to test unless they develop new symptoms

We will continuing to monitor the COVID-19 case rate and the impact on our school very closely. We will review our recommendations if the position changes and inform you as soon as there are any changes to our recommendations.

Thank you for your support, understanding and ongoing patience.

*Mr Watson*

