

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

**Thursday 16th December
2021**



This day in history

1773 Taxes by Britain on tea and other commodities led Samuel Adams and 150 'Sons of Liberty' disguised as Mohawk Indians to hold what became known as the Boston Tea Party. 342 tea chests worth £18,000 were tossed off Griffin's Wharf into Boston Harbour. The War of Independence had begun.

1775 Jane Austen born today, English novelist (*Pride and Prejudice*), born in Steventon, England (d. 1817)



Whole School Attendance

Year 1 = 87.0%
 Year 2 = 93.1%
Year 3 = 95.3%
Year 4 = 88.2%
 Year 5 = 97.5%
Year 6 = 92.8%



Congratulations

Well Done Year 2 for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 5 for the best attendance in Upper School.

Our school target is 97%.



Christmas Message



As we close the school today and end the Autumn term I wanted to express my deepest thanks to all the children, parents, carers and staff who have made this term so successful and enjoyable. Despite the ongoing challenges of COVID, you have all done an amazing job in keeping our school open and safe whilst offering the children a wealth of opportunities, visits, visitors and experiences. Our new Curriculum has brought a wealth of new learning and memorable experiences, our work on anti-bullying continues, the school council and all its groups continue to represent the voice of all the pupils and continually affect the continued improvement of our school. The Reading Champions continue their work on improving reading across the school.

However, despite moving to Plan B we have no further certainties as to what January will look like in the light of Omicron but hope to see everyone return fit, well and ready to learn. Should there be any further updates over the Christmas period these will be shared ahead of reopening via Class Dojo.

Therefore, on behalf of the school Governors and myself, thank you all for your ongoing support and hardwork and may I wish you all a very safe and peaceful Christmas.



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Children Showing COVID19 Symptoms

Can I remind all parents that if your child is showing ANY 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 also reduces the need to return to bubbles, class closures and remote learning.

From 14 December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 has been introduced. All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take an LFD test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. Children under five years old do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 and do not need to isolate.

ANTI BULLYING QUESTIONNAIRE

If you haven't already, can I ask you to spend a few minutes completing our antibullying Survey. The survey will close at 5pm on Friday 17th December

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LPSParentAntibullying>

Benevolent Fund

Grants for School Shoes and Coats

With Winter fast approaching we would like parents to be mindful of the available grant for shoes and coats. The School Benevolent Fund runs across all schools in County Durham. This is a registered charity, which offers a grant towards shoes and coats for school pupils.

A grant of up to £35.00 can be awarded towards a winter coat and up to £35.00 for a pair of shoes depending on parents/guardians meeting a number of criteria.

To apply for the school benevolent fund, go to <http://www.durham.gov.uk/schoolbenevolentfund>

Winter Food Vouchers

Dear Parent / Carer,

Following my posts earlier this week on class dojo – all free school meal winter vouchers have now been processed. If you require any further assistance please contact the school office on 01207 610353 from January 4th.

Wishing you all a Very Safe and Merry Christmas Holiday
School Dates

School reopens for Spring Term on Tuesday 4th January 2022

School closes Friday 18th February for Half Term
and reopens Monday 28th February.

School Closes for Easter on Friday 8th April 2022

