

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday, 7th January 2021

This day in history

1610 Galileo Galilei discovers the first three moons of Jupiter: Io, Europa & Ganymede

1785 1st balloon flight across English Channel by Jean Pierre Blanchard and John Jeffries

1929 "Tarzan", one of the 1st adventure comic strips, 1st appears



Whole School Attendance

Year 1 = 94.7%

Year 2 = 97.8%

Year 3 = 95.4%

Year 4 = 98.3%

Year 5 = 93.2%

Year 6 = 96.5%



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%.

Benevolent Fund Grants for School Shoes and Coats

With Winter now here we would like remind parents to 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>

PCR Testing

If your child is showing any new signs of COVID remember that they must PCR test before returning to school. PCR testing following positive asymptomatic testing on LFD tests will change on the 11th Jan but will only impact on those testing on LFD tests as a result of being a close contact. I will update you as guidance comes into affect next week.

Change in Weather

Given the current change in winter weather can I remind everyone to ensure that children have appropriate coats and shoes for each day. Also given the current ventilation routines in school a school jumper or warm top layer is essential.

Forest Schools

Until Further notice we will be ceasing Forest schools sessions on Upper school site as we will not be allowing staff to work across both sites within the week to minimise transmission and close contact levels. Miss Bowe will continue within her bubble of Year 1 and 2.

Year 5 reminder

A gentle reminder that Year 5 children have already brought home their residential letter in preparation for next years Year 6 visit. If you would like your child to go, deposits and letters need to be returned to school by 1st Feb 2022.

School Dates

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

School Closes for Easter on Friday 8th April 2022 and reopens on Monday 25th April 2022



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Clarification on the changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days **in most circumstances**, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests **must be taken 24 hours apart**.

This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting from day 7. Test results **must** be reported on <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> so that confirmatory emails can be supplied to school before return.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Further information, including examples of when to end self-isolation if you have had COVID-19 symptoms, is available in the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).

