

Leadgate Primary Lower School Newsletter

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Friday December 4th 2015

Key Diary Dates for the Autumn Term

Thursday 10th December '15 – Y1 children visit the Empire Theatre, Consett to see Jack & the Bean Stalk

Friday 11th December '15 – Reception class visit the Discovery Museum and Fenwicks Window, and Y1 children take part in the gymnastics festival at the Louisa Centre, Stanley

Monday 14th December '15 – Key stage 1 Christmas nativity. 2pm in the school hall. Everyone welcome.

Tuesday 15th December '15 – Christmas dinner.

Wednesday 16th December '15 – Early year's nativity for beginning of week and end of week nursery children also reception children, will be held at 11am. We look forward to seeing you all there. There will also be a Christmas Carol service 1.30-2.30pm at Leadgate Methodist Church.

Thursday 17th December '15 Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas parties in the afternoon.

Friday 18th December '15 – Christmas jumper day - Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on payment of £1. Proceeds will go the national appeal for McMillan Cancer Research, Make a Wish Foundation UK and Save the Children Fund.



Whole School Attendance

RECEPTION = 92.5%

YEAR 1 = 97.2%

YEAR 2 = 90.3%



Well done Y1 for achieving the best attendance this week. Our school target is to achieve over 97 % in all classes

Carol Service - Reminder

Please don't forget about the Carol Service which is being held at the **Methodist Church from 1.30 – 2.30pm on Wednesday 16th December**. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will all be attending the service, and we would like their parents /relatives to attend where possible. There will be refreshments and cake, raffle and tombola stalls for parents to enjoy following the service. Children will be taken back to school with staff at 2.3pm and can be collected at the normal time from school.



www.leadgate.durham.sch.uk

The website is smart phone enabled which means you can access all the information you need about the school, including up and coming events, whilst out and about. If you make it one of your favourites you will be able to go straight to the weekly Newsletter and keep up to date on all the events of the week and the weeks ahead.

Mobile Phone **TIP** : by holding your phone landscape you see more images and slides that would otherwise not show if you hold your phone upright

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PARENTS – Useful Contacts

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Lost Clothing

We are still searching for lost clothing for some children and Early Years now have a substantial box of unclaimed clothes. Could I please ask parents to check their child's clothing to see if there are any items that don't belong to them, and if you are missing any items please come into school and check our lost property boxes.



Parental Controls



Many children will be getting new electronic toys and gadgets over Christmas – and it important to help them use them safely.

The best way of protecting children is to play alongside them and help them learn safely, but setting up Parental Controls on new devices will provide additional safety. This website provides guidance on how to set this up on a wide range of devices.

<http://www.internetmatters.org/controls/interactiv-e-guide/>

After School Clubs - Payment

Could any parents who haven't paid for their child to attend art, cookery or film club this half term please do so as soon as possible. Art resources and cookery ingredients have been purchased to allow children to make items that they have then been able to take home. However, not all fees have been paid, and the cost of some of the raw materials has had to come from the school budget. As the clubs are not statutory we cannot subsidise them in this way and if fees are not paid on time then the clubs will have to be cancelled and cannot continue next term. If you are unsure if payment has been made this half term, please ring the office to check.

Tickets for School Nativity Plays

I would like to inform you that we will be issuing tickets for the school nativities from Monday next week. You will be allowed 2 tickets per family initially, which will be free of charge. Please collect your tickets before next Thursday as any unclaimed tickets will be issued to those parents requesting extras. The names of anyone requesting more tickets will be kept on a list, and distributed on a first come, first served basis.