

# Leadgate Primary Lower School Newsletter

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## Friday October 16th 2015

### Key Diary Dates for the Autumn Term

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October '15** – Messy Church arts and crafts at Leadgate Methodist Church 3.30 – 5.30PM.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October '15** – Year 2 class assembly- 9.15am in the school hall

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October '15** – 11.25am Beginning of the Week Nursery Harvest Festival in the Early Years Centre. We look forward to seeing you all there.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October '15** – NSPCC Fund Raising Thank You Service- 10.30am in the lower school hall.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October '15** – Lower school Halloween disco- 1-3pm and End of the Week Nursery children's Harvest Celebrations.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November '15** – Y1 children will visit Beamish Museum. (More details to follow)

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November '15** – Year 1 class assembly- 9.15am in the school hall. We look forward to seeing you all there.

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December '15** – Reception class assembly- 9.15am in the school hall we look forward to seeing you all there.

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

### Whole School Attendance

RECEPTION = 93.2%

YEAR 1 = 98.8%

YEAR 2 = 95.7%



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

### Key Diary Dates for the Autumn Term (Cont)

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December '15** – Christmas dinner. Further details will follow.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December '15** – Early year's nativity 9.30am and Christmas service 2pm.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December '15** – Church Service at 10am followed by Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas parties in the afternoon.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December '15** – Christmas jumper day.



	Closing Date	Reopen for Teaching Purposes
Autumn Half Term 2015	Friday 23 October 2015	Monday 2 November 2015
Christmas 2015	Friday 18 December 2015	Tuesday 5 January 2016

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[www.leadgate.durham.sch.uk](http://www.leadgate.durham.sch.uk)

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## **PARENTS – Useful Contacts**

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## **WEBSITE**

Don't forget to check out the new Primary school website:

[www.leadgate.durham.sch.uk](http://www.leadgate.durham.sch.uk)

It 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

## **E Safety Update**

Following an incident in a primary school where children received images and messages (which may not have originated in this country) we would like to remind parents to try and engage with their children and discuss online safety issues.

Both Instagram and Twitter have a minimum age policy of 13. To keep your child(ren) safe on social media parents should ensure that the correct privacy settings are enabled, and that appropriate adult supervision is provided.

Further information is available at the NSPCC site Net Aware

<http://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

This website will provide information on a variety of sites, including the minimum age policy and what children have to say about each - including their worries over using them.

## **MESSY CHURCH**

Don't forget Messy Church, this Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> October - Leadgate Methodist Church from 3.30-5.30pm approximately. Children can get creative, hear stories and sing songs whilst interacting with their friends and family. Parents stay and join in the fun and everyone enjoys a 2 course meal at the end of the session, all for a small donation. A great time can be had by all. Put the date in your diary – **Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in the month –MESSY CHURCH.**



## **IMPORTANT NOTICE –ALL PARENTS**

I would like to remind all parents that when bringing Reception, Y1 and Y2 children to school, they need to be safely left in the charge of a member of staff, and not just dropped off at the school gates or left to cross the road on their own.

Nursery children also, must be escorted into the Nursery Centre and left in the charge of a member of staff, not just left in the cloakroom area to find their own way into Nursery.

We need to keep children safe and would welcome your support and help in this matter.

## **Dogs fouling the Pavement**

There have been instances of dogs fouling the pavement directly outside the school gates, which can cause health problems for children.

For the sake children and local residents alike, if your pet fouls the pavement, please ensure that you clean up after them. Leave the area clean and free from any health hazards.



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## Gardening Club Update

Once again we would like to thank the generous parent who has once again bestowed us with a wonderful selection of flowering plants, bulbs and seeds. They really are amazing and will be a great addition to our garden.



## Bicycle Refurbishment Scheme

Our bicycle refurbishment scheme is going well. All but one of the newly refurbished bikes have been claimed and are being enjoyed by their new owners. We have also had new donations to the scheme which will be repaired and restored in due course. We would like to thank everyone involved.



## NSPCC FUND RAISING

We have received a good response to our BIG BUDDY WORKOUT NSPCC fund raising campaign and would like to remind parents that sponsor forms and money should be sent into school by next Wednesday. Anyone who has already sent in sponsor forms without donations could you please collect the money at your earliest convenience and return to school. Thank you

## School Fund

As we are getting ever nearer to the festive season with parties, discos, pantomimes and school visits to fund and Santa's gifts to buy, our school funds will be stretched to the limit. If you would like to make a donation, either a weekly amount or a one off payment it would be greatly appreciated.



## Reception & Nursery Children's Clothing

I would like to ask parents of Reception and Nursery children in particular, to ensure that as far as possible, children wear clothing which is easily removed and replaced. This will prevent a lot of toilet accidents if children have left things to the last minute.

