

Leadgate Primary Lower School Newsletter

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Friday November 13th 2015

Key Diary Dates for the Autumn Term

Wednesday 18th November '15 – Parent Rep. Forum 1.30pm Your school needs you, we look forward to seeing you there.

Monday 23rd November '15 – Y1 children will visit Beamish Museum. (Please note change of date).

Tuesday 1st December '15 – Year 1 class assembly- 9.15am in the school hall. We look forward to seeing parents, relatives and friends. (Please note change of date)

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

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

Tuesday 15th December '15 – Christmas dinner. Further details will follow.

Wednesday 16th December '15 – Early year's nativity for beginning of week and end of week nursery children and reception children will be held at 11am. There will also be a Christmas Carol service 1.30-2.30pm at Leadgate Methodist Church. Parents can stay for a coffee afterwards, until their child is ready to be collected from school

Thursday 17th December '15 – Church Service at 10am – St. Ives Church followed by Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas parties in the afternoon.

Friday 18th December '15 – Christmas jumper day and last day of term.

Whole School Attendance

RECEPTION = 97.8%

YEAR 1 = 100%

YEAR 2 = 98.6%



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

FREE MEALS ELIGIBILITY

As you know Durham County carry out eligibility checks for free schools meals on behalf of the school on an annual basis. The check is based on information which parents provide relating to surname, date of birth and National Insurance number. This year some parents who were previously entitled to free school meals have been informed that they no longer qualify, and in the majority of cases this is due to the fact that they now receive working tax credit, which includes an element to cover the cost of their children's meals.

Please be aware that if your circumstances change and you think the changes may affect your eligibility to free meals, it is your duty to inform the school immediately, so that further checks can be carried out.



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

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

Leadgate Primary Upper School
01207 502937
Leadgate Primary Lower School
01207 503656
Leadgate Chemist - 502774
School Nurse – 03000261718



Children in Need



We sold out of Pudsey Ears and raised £105 for Children in Need in the process. Children have had a great day today dressed up as their own individual Super Hero and again we raised another £83 up to the present time making a grand total of £188. We will update you next week if this figure changes.

Many thanks to everyone who took part and contributed to this very worthwhile cause.

PHOTOTRONICS

Just a reminder that Phototronics are due in school on Wednesday 2nd December. They will be taking individual photos of the children as well as family groups, of the whole school, including both beginning and end of the week Nursery children. Children's photographs will be taken in class rotation throughout the day, but if you would like to have a family photo with older brothers, sisters or cousins these will be taken first and you should aim to come to school for approximately 8.30am. Please note that where children have siblings in school and you would like a family photo you must inform us otherwise the children will only have individual photos taken.



LOST CLOTHING

Could I please request that parents ensure that children's clothing is clearly marked with their child's name, as the number of items in our lost property boxes are increasing by the day. Indeed if you are missing any items of uniform/clothing, can you please check our lost property boxes as you may find the item there.



Winter Weather

Brrr winter is fast approaching and we would like to remind parents of the need to keep us updated with any telephone contact changes. This information is critical if we need to make contact regarding school closures etc. Parents can of course, also check the Durham County Website for a full list of all school closures when we have snow.

School Crossing Patrol & Parking on Zig Zags

We would like to remind parents that this is the last day that we will have a School Crossing Patrol on the lower school crossing. Please be extra careful when crossing the road. With this in mind we would also like to request that parents **DO NOT** add to the danger by stopping or parking on the Zig Zags outside school, please keep in mind that this is also illegal

