

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

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Friday, November 18th 2016

This day in history

- 1913** The first ship sails through the Panama Canal, which connects the Atlantic and Pacific oceans
- 1916** General Douglas Haig called off the first Battle of the Somme



Whole School Attendance

Year 1 = 92.9 %
Year 2 = 96.7%
Year 3 = 96.9%
Year 4 = 97.3%
Year 5 = 95.5%
Year 6 = 93.5%



Congratulations

Well Done Year 2 for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 4 for the best attendance in Upper School.

Diary Dates

- Tuesday 29th November** Year 1 Visit to Beamish
- Wednesday 30th November** 2 Mini Police visit to Police Headquarters to decorate Christmas tree
- Friday 9th December** Year 2 Visit to Centre for Life – Science

Provisional Dates

- Tuesday 6th December** Joint Schools Christmas Church Service 10am
- Thursday 8th December** Whole School Christmas Carol Service
- Thursday 8th December** School Christmas Fayre – Upper School Site
- Tuesday 13th December** Nursery & Reception Christmas Play
Year 1 visit to the Pantomime
- Tuesday 14th December** Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Play
Year 3 visit to the Pantomime
- Tuesday 15th December** Upper School Christmas Coffee Morning
- Friday 16th December** Christmas Jumper Day

Closure due to Strike Action

Strike action is being taken by members of Unison on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th of November.

As you may be aware our Teaching Assistants are greatly integrated into all aspects of school life and cover many crucial roles within school. Due to the number of staff members taking part in the industrial action we would be unable to provide the statutory supervision ratios, first aid cover and classroom support, Teaching Cover and external provision necessary to ensure the welfare of the children both within the school and at break times. As a result, in consultation with the Chair of Governors, the decision has been made that the school will be closed to all pupils on these days for the health and safety of the children.

We appreciate that closing the school will cause inconvenience for families and it is not a decision that we have taken lightly.

School Photos

The school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 30th of November in Upper and Lower school.



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PARENTS – Useful Contacts

Leadgate Junior School – 01207 610361

Press 1 to report an absence

Press 2 for Lower School Office

Press 3 for Upper School Office

Leadgate Surgery - 01207 583555

Don't forget to ask for an appointment card

Leadgate Pharmacy - 01207 502774

Consett One Point - 03000 261 121

101 - The police non-emergency number

New Text Service

We are introducing a new service - 'School Gateway'. This means that you will be able to communicate via the School Gateway smartphone app or website.

It's quick and easy to activate your School Gateway account. All you need are your email address or mobile number that school holds on record for you. If you have a smartphone, please download School Gateway free from your app store (Android and iPhone). The app shows the same information as the website PLUS it saves the school money when we send you a text message and you will be able to message us through the app rather than using your text messaging allowance. You can also use the website www.schoolgateway.com and click on 'New User'. You'll receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this PIN to log into School Gateway. We have sent out a new contact pack and would ask you to complete this and return it school as soon as possible. Please include an email address if you have one.

We hope that you will find School Gateway to be a fast and easy way to communicate with school. If you need any help setting up the app please contact the office and we would be happy to help.

Coding Club

On Monday 21st of November Coding Club will have a special visitor to do some Robotics training with the children. As this training will take a little longer Coding Club will finish at 4.30pm instead of 4.15pm. The later finish is just for this one session.



Children in Need

Thank you for your support of our Children in Need non-uniform day today. We raised £150 for this great charity!



E Cadets

To celebrate anti bullying week next week we are proud to announce we've become an eCadet school. The eCadets is an award winning programme which trains, empowers and supports a team of pupils to keep their friends safe online.

The programme is run by a team of former police officers and there is also the opportunity for every other child at the school to benefit and get involved through Bubble – the 100% safe social platform which is run and moderated by eCadets HQ and enables children to safely engage with children the same year group age as themselves in complete safety.

If you'd like to know more please visit: <https://ecadet.zone> or check out their Twitter account: [@ecadets](https://twitter.com/ecadets)

Fruit and Milk

Both Upper and Lower school now provide fruit and milk to all pupils.

