

# Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

## Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

**Friday, December 2nd 2016**

### This day in history

**1697** St Paul's Cathedral, designed by Sir Christopher Wren is consecrated for use (previous building destroyed in the Great Fire of London).

**1804** Napoleon Bonaparte is crowned Emperor of France in Paris.



### Whole School Attendance

Year 1 = 94.2%  
Year 2 = 92.6%  
Year 3 = 91.4%  
Year 4 = 95.9%  
Year 5 = 98.4%  
Year 6 = 89.5%



### Congratulations

Well Done Year 1 for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 5 for the best attendance in Upper School.

### Diary Dates



**Thursday 8th December**

School Christmas Fayre – Upper School Site **2.10pm – 3.30pm**



**Friday 9th December** Year 2 Visit to Centre for Life – Science



**Tuesday 13th December**

Nursery & Reception Christmas Play followed by Coffee Morning **starting at 9.15**

Year 1 visit to the Pantomime



**Wednesday 14th December**

Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Play followed by Coffee Morning **starting at 9.30**

Year 3 visit to the Pantomime



**Thursday 15th December**

Upper School Christmas Coffee Morning **starting at 9.30**



**Friday 16th December** Christmas Jumper Day  
School closes for Christmas Holidays

### Flu Vaccinations

Flu Vaccinations will take place in school on **12<sup>th</sup>** of December for Year 1, 2 & 3. Parent packs will be sent out next week with further details.

### Christmas Fayre

We will be holding our Christmas Fayre next Thursday at Upper School. The Christmas Fayre will be held on Thursday **8<sup>th</sup>** December from 2.10pm to 3.30pm.

Any donations can be sent to school from Monday. Any bottles containing alcohol must be brought to school by an adult.

Items needed: toys in good condition, cakes, toiletries, books, bric-a-brac, tombola items and raffle prizes.

Everyone is welcome so please come along and support us.

### Lower School Christmas Performances

Tickets for the lower school performances will be available for the office from Monday **5<sup>th</sup>** of December. Due to fire regulations tickets will be limited to two tickets per family. There will be a waiting list for any spare tickets.



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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

## Clubs

Due to the threat of industrial action all clubs on both sites will be cancelled from Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. The final club session for Film Club and Coding Club will take place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of December.

## New Text Service

Following the introduction of our new service - 'School Gateway' many parents have signed up are now receiving emails, weekly newsletters and messages direct to their phones. 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 not yet sent back your new contact pack we 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.

## Mini Police

Two of our Mini Police together with Mr Watson and Mrs Haley Wilson (Parent Governor) attended the Police Headquarters on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November to help decorate their Christmas Tree and join other mini police from across the county to visit the new police Headquarters. Their effort in decorating the tree and behaviour, at all times, was exemplary. They spent some time talking to Mrs Sue Snowdon, H.M. Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham and questioned her about her role.



## Head Lice

Unfortunately we have head lice in school

Please check your child's hair carefully and treat if necessary



## What do the Advent Candles stand for?

The candle of *Hope* so prayers on this day focus on hope.  
This candle is a symbol of God's *Peace*, reminding Christians of the Prophets who said that the Messiah would be born.  
The candle of *Love*, represents John the Baptist who baptised Jesus.  
The candle of *Joy* reminds Christians of Jesus' mother, Mary.  
The fifth candle reminds Christians of the birth of Jesus.

