

# Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

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**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

## **This day in history**

**1967** The first ever all-British satellite, Ariel 3, was successfully launched into orbit from the United States

**1952** HM the Queen took up residence at Buckingham Palace



## **Whole School Attendance**

Year 1 = 96.3%  
Year 2 = 96.9%  
Year 3 = 97.8%  
Year 4 = 93.8%  
Year 5 = 99.2%  
Year 6 = 98.6%



## **Congratulations**

Well Done Year 2 for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 5 for the best attendance in Upper School.

**Our school target is 96%.**

## **Facebook and Social Media Guidance**

The school believe that we always try to do the best for our pupils and their families and it is hoped that if parents feel there are any problems, in respect to the school, then parents can approach the school in the first instance and discuss any issues you may have, so that we can try and resolve these matters appropriately. We have always maintained an open door policy and are happy to meet with any parent or carer.

We are, on occasions, disappointed that some parents seem to be associated with or responsible for discussions on social media, which aim criticism at the school/staff and seem to be of a derogatory nature.

If any parents have concerns regarding the school then they are welcome to contact the school office to arrange an appointment with either deputy or myself, to discuss any ongoing issues.

If parents do not feel that issues are resolved, after talking matters through with the school, then parents can be given a copy of the formal complaints procedure.

There are laws relating to social media and if parents ignore the legislation then the school may be forced to seek legal advice and take matters further. The school may report the defamatory comments to the social networking site (e.g. Facebook, etc).

The use of social media to make derogatory comments about the school, pupils and also staff members is not in the best interests of the children or the school community as a whole.

## **PE Kits**

As the weather is improving could we please remind parents to send in outdoor PE shoes so the children can enjoy the good weather while we have it and have their PE lessons outside.



## **Year 6 Transition to Consett Academy Dates**

Uniform Sizing - All sessions 4pm - 6pm  
Wednesday 24th May  
Tuesday 6th June  
Thursday 15th June

Tuesday 20th June Year 6 taster day  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June Parent Student Induction Evening

Please note these sessions all take place at the Academy.

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## Diary Dates

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs week begins  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Year 2 SATs testing begins  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Mini Police Visit to Spennymoor Cells  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May school Closes Half Term  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – School Reopens

### Transition Parents Meetings to meet your child's new teacher for September 2017

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2.30 – New Reception Parents Meeting  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 1.30 – Nursery Parents Open afternoon  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2.30– New Year 1 Parents Meeting  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2.30 – New Year 2 Parents Meeting  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – New Year 3 Parents Meeting at Upper School (3.30pm)

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Mrs Hannon transition work with Year 2 in Lower school 9.30 – 12.00

June 20<sup>th</sup> June – Upper School transition Day – all pupils spend half day in the new class from Year 2 to Year 5 with Year 6 transition day at the Academy 9.00 – 12.30

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day Upper School p.m.

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day Lower School p.m.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Nursery Sports Day a.m.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Upper School Transition Day – all pupils spend half day in the new class from Year 2 to Year 5, 9.00 – 12.30

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Lower School fayre p.m.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> Lower School Transition Day 1.15 – 2.15 all lower school children will have an opportunity to spend time in their new classes with new teachers.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5 Parents Evening at the Academy

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Upper School Fayre p.m.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> Lower School Transition 1.15 – 2.15

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> Lower School Transition 9.15 – 11.15

### End of Year Class Assemblies

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 3, 10.30am

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Year 4, 10.30am ; Reception , 9.10 am

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Year 5, 10.30am ; Year 1 , 9.10 am

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6, 10.30am ; Year 2 , 9.10 am

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Leavers Party / Disco, Year 2 and Year 6

**School Closes Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

## E Safety Update

We would like to remind parents that we discourage pupils bringing mobile phones, tablets or cameras into the school as they can distract pupils from their learning and damage children's privacy. If your child needs to bring a phone into school, parents should complete a mobile phone contract available from the school office and then hand the phone to each class teacher to be sent to the office for safekeeping during the school day. The school may impose sanctions on pupils who break these rules. Parents will also want to help ensure that their children are safe when using their phone or tablet at home, and will want to know about what they are sharing online. Any Social Media site used by children will have inherent risks; the website [net-aware.org.uk](http://net-aware.org.uk) provides advice on many popular sites along with a suggested minimum age. If our pupils see unpleasant or hurtful comments they have been taught to take a screenshot and show a trusted adult. Our school will treat cyberbullying seriously and may impose sanctions on pupils.

## Parents Meetings

As part of our planned transition this year we will be holding parents meetings for parents across lower school and parents new to upper school. This will give parents an opportunity to meet the class teacher and learn a little about the class your child will be moving into. This is especially important for these age groups as it often involves a change in keystage and a move to a new building and a shift in curriculum. Please check the diary dates to find out which day your new class will be holding its meeting, further reminders and letters will follow nearer the time.