

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

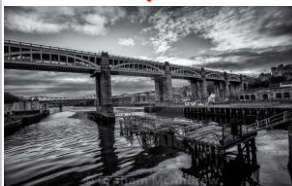
Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday, 27th September 2019

This day in history

1825 The world's first public railway service began with the opening of the Stockton and Darlington Railway.

1849 Newcastle's High Level Bridge was opened by Queen Victoria. It was designed by Robert Stephenson to form a rail link towards Scotland.



Whole School Attendance

Year 1 = 97.2%
Year 2 = 90.2%
Year 3 = 95.0%
Year 4 = 93.2%
Year 5 = 96.6%
Year 6 = 96.6%



Congratulations

Well Done Year 1 for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 5 & 6 for the best attendance in Upper School.

Our school target is 97%.

Reception Places for September 2020

If your child turns 5 between 1st of September 2020 and 31st August 2021 you need to apply for a Reception place for September 2020. This is done through Durham County Council. Please visit www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions for further information.

You still need to apply for a Reception place even if your child already attends our Nursery.

Secondary School Places for September 2020

If your child is in Year 6 and will be transferring to secondary school in September 2020, you must apply for their school place before October 31st 2019. This is done through Durham County Council. Please visit www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions for further information.

When you apply on-line you will receive an acknowledgement and you will be offered a school place for your child by email on 2 March 2020. Late applications may not receive their first choice school. As Consett Academy was oversubscribed last year we would advise you to apply as soon as possible, if this is your first choice.

Reading

Please ensure your child reads at home – this is the biggest support you can provide to them accessing all areas of the curriculum.

Check out www.oxfordowl.co.uk which is packed with expert advice, top tips and activity ideas to help your child with reading, including access to over 100 free E-Books!



Grants for School Shoes and Coats

With Winter fast approaching we would like parents to be mindful of the available grant for shoes and coats. Thornhill Primary now administers the School Benevolent Fund on behalf of all schools across County Durham. This is a registered charity which offers a grant towards shoes and coats for school pupils.

A grant of up to £35.00 can be awarded towards a winter coat and up to £35.00 for a pair of shoes depending on parents/guardians meeting a number of criteria.

To apply for the school benevolent fund, go to <http://www.durham.gov.uk/schoolbenevolentfund>

download and complete School Benevolent Fund Application Form and return to:

School Benevolent Fund
Thornhill Primary School
Thornhill Gardens
Shildon
County Durham
DL4 1ES
01388 772 906



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Calendar Dates and Diary Information

All dates will be repeated in the weekly newsletter and may be subject to change.

Tuesday 8th October – Year 6 Class Assembly, 9.10am
Wednesday 9th October – Year 5 Class Assembly, 9.10am
Thursday 10th October – Year 4 Class Assembly, 9.10am
Friday 11th October – Year 3 Class Assembly, 9.10am
Monday 14th October – Lower School Parents Evening, 3.20 – 6.00pm
Tuesday 15th October – Year 2 Class Assembly, 9.10am
Tuesday 15th October – Upper & Lower School Parents Evening, 3.20 – 6.00pm
Wednesday 18th October – Reception Class Assembly, 9.10am
Wednesday 18th October – Upper School Parents Evening, 3.20 – 6.00pm
Thursday 17th October – Year 1 Assembly, 9.10am
Wednesday 24th October – Halloween Disco Upper School, 3.15 – 4.45pm

October Half Term Friday 26th October – Monday 4th November

Tuesday 12th November – Flu Immunisations
Friday 6th December – Upper School Christmas Fayre, 2.00pm
Wednesday 11th December – Nursery / Reception Christmas Assembly, 9.10am
Wednesday 11th December – Church Christmas Service 10.30am at St Ives Church Leadgate
Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 17th December – Lower School Christmas Assembly
Tuesday 17th December – Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 18th December – Lower School Christmas Party
Thursday 19th December – Upper School Christmas Assembly
Thursday 19th December – Upper School Christmas Disco
Thursday 19th December – Last Day of Term

Christmas Holidays Thursday 19th December – Monday 6th January

International Work - Nepal

We are very excited to inform you that we have now received funding from the British Council to be part of a Connecting Classroom project this year. We have been partnered with Golden Peak High School in Kathmandu, Nepal and will be working alongside staff and children within this setting to look at the issue of waste disposal at both a local and global level.

This means that the children will take part in a number of activities such as monitoring the amount of litter produced within school, considering how this is disposed of, designing a zero-waste meal to be cooked for lunch, planning improvements around school for recycling waste material and writing a global pledge to be adopted by all children. The children in our partner school will be carrying out similar activities and the results will be shared and discussed collaboratively along the way. Children will be sharing their findings with the rest of the school through school assemblies and displaying their work.

Mr Watson will be travelling to Nepal in November to work in our partner school, get to know the staff and children and bring back first-hand resources for the children in Leadgate. Similarly, a Nepalese teacher will visit our school in June 2020 to meet the children, share experiences from Nepal and learn about our community.

This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to learn about the Nepalese culture and customs, expand their horizons and develop a worldwide view of environmental health and how this impacts upon a culture other than their own through first hand study and exploration. We will be organising a celebration event at the end of the year to celebrate this work. However, I anticipate that you will learn a lot more about this project as it develops, either through correspondence from school or conversations with your child!