

# Leadgate Primary School - Friday Newsletter



# Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

## Friday, December 16th 2016 This day in history

1901 "The Tale of Peter Rabbit," by Beatrix Potter, was printed for the first time.

1913 Charlie Chaplin began his film career at Keystone for \$150 a week..





From all the staff and Governors at Leadgale Primary School, have a very Merry, Safe and Kappy Christmas and our best wishes for the New Year

## Whole School Attendance **Autumn Term**

Year 1 = 94.1 %

Year 2 = 96.3%

Year 3 = 94.9%

Year 4 = 95.1%

Year 5 = 96.2%

Year 6 = 94.2%



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%

## **Christmas Jumper Day**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Cash for Kids Christmas Jumper day. The children looked wonderful in their Christmas Jumpers and the money raised will stay in the North East to help disadvantage children.



### Santa Tracker

**How to Track Santa on Christmas Eve** 

http://www.noradsanta.org/

This website tracks Santa's sleigh and shows where he has been and when he will arrive. So sprinkle your reindeer dust and see where Rudolph stops!



## **Salvation Army Toy Appeal**

Thank you to everyone who donated presents for the appeal. We had a large amount donated and all the presents are distributed locally in the Derwentside area so it really is a case of helping thy neighbour in the true spirit of Christmas.



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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**

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.

#### **SCHOOL REOPENS**

THE SCHOOL REOPENS AFTER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ON WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

#### A busy year so far...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, staff and foremost children across the whole school who have helped to maintain such a busy first term. It has brought a wealth of experiences and opportunities to all the children and enriched their education alongside the normal day to day in class lessons.

To give just a sample of this the school has:

Arranged and Visited the Hancock Museum, a Sikh Gurdwara, Centre for life, Hindu temple, Discovery Museum, Beamish Museum, University Safari, Durham Botanical Gardens, Dance Festival, Pizza Express, Official opening of the new Leadgate Road.

Ran a range of clubs including: Rugby, Drama, Gardening, Joga, Homework, Coding, Robotics training, Board Games, Football, Cross country, Boys football, Girls football, Christian Club, Art, Choir, Film Club, Cookery

We had a host of visitors, A STEM Engineer, DNA talk, Year 3 to 6 Play in a day, FISCH, Dogs Trust, road safety, Alcohol awareness, Father David Assemblies.

Celebrated National and International Days including: Jeans for Jeans Day, International Peace day, World Smile day, World Hello Day, Parliament week, European Day of Languages, Harvest Festival, Children In Need, Day of democracy, World space week, World Handwashing Day.

**We have renewed** our School Council, Eco Group, SNAG group and continued our work with Mini police and started working on e Cadets.

Year 1 and Year 3 went to the theatre to watch a Pantomimes

Held 3 Christmas discos, 1 Halloween Disco, Christmas fayre, 3 Christmas parties, 2 visits from Santa...
And all ended happily with everyone in their Christmas Jumpers.