

# Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

*Caring, Sharing, Learning Together*

**Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

The Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square is donated to the people of London every year by the people of Oslo, Norway in thanks for their assistance during World War II.



## Christmas Schedule

### Whole School/Upper and Lower

The **Christmas Church Service** is taking place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of December at St. Ives's Church and begins at 10am. Year 2 to Year 6 will be attending. Please ensure your child has a warm coat and appropriate footwear for the walk.

**Christmas Fayre** is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> from 2pm. If your child is at Lower School and you would like them to attend, please come to the school office at Lower School to sign your child out. Staff at Lower School are not available to walk the children across to Upper School. If you have any donations for the Fayre please drop them off at the Upper School Office.

**Christmas Jumper Day** is on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> on both sites. We would ask for a small donation which will go to Cash For Kids to help disadvantaged children here in the North East.

**Christmas Dinner** is also on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> on both sites. If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like a school dinner please let the office know. There is a charge of £2.00 for children at Upper School if your child is not eligible for free school meals.

### Lower School

**Nursery and Reception Christmas performance** is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of December at 9.30am. **Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas performance** is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of December at 9.30am. Tickets are limited to two tickets per child due to fire regulations and are available at the School Office at Lower School. If you would like extra tickets we have a waiting list. Please let us know if you would like your name on the list.

**Christmas Party for Nursery and Reception** is Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. **Christmas Party for Year 1 & 2** is Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> in the afternoon. If your child would like to wear party clothes please send them in in a bag and they can get changed after lunch for the party.

### Upper School

**Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas performance & Coffee Morning** is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of December at 9.30am. Coffee and Tea will be available after the performance.

**Christmas Party** is Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> in the afternoon. If your child would like to wear party clothes please send them in in a bag and they can get changed after lunch for the party.

## Whole School Attendance

Year 1 = 96.1%  
Year 2 = 94.8%  
Year 3 = 96.4%  
Year 4 = 91.0%  
Year 5 = 94.8%  
Year 6 = 95.7%



## Congratulations

Well Done Year 1 for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 3 for the best attendance in Upper School.

**Our school target is 96%.**

## Calendar Dates

Tuesday 12th December	Joint Schools Christmas Service
Wednesday 13th December	Early Years Christmas Nativity 9.30am
Thursday 14th December	Keystage 1, Year 1 and 2 Nativity 9.30am
<b>Thursday 14th December, 2.00pm Christmas Fayre, Upper School</b>	
Monday 18th December	Early Years Christmas party and visit from Santa
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Dinner on both Sites
Wednesday 20th December	Keystage 2, Years 3-6, Christmas Coffee Morning / Assembly 9.30
Thursday 21st December	Keystage 1 Christmas Party and Santa Visit / Keystage 2 Christmas Party

School closes on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of December and reopens on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2018

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## Christmas Church Service

The Christmas Service will take place on Tuesday 12th December 2017 at 10am. The service is a coming together of children and staff from the two Leadgate Primary schools.

Our Year 2 to Year 6 will be attending. Due to limited capacity at St. Ives's church, next to Redwell Hills on St Ives Road, Year 1 are unable to attend. Neither will Brooms Year 1 and 2. Parents and carers are most welcome to attend but should note a very limited capacity of seats in order for Year 2 to attend.



## Severe Weather Disruption

Well done to all those of you who braved the snowy weather today in order to get in to school this morning. A number of parents asked about closure procedures. In taking the decision to close a school, the safety of pupils, staff and visitors is of paramount importance. Making a decision to close is not something that is ever taken lightly and we will endeavour to remain open providing it is safe to do so. Over the winter period there may be times where we must make adjustments to the school day in order to ensure the safety of all. This may include cancelling breakfast club to give pupils and staff sufficient time to travel in the morning and ensure sufficient adults are on site.

In times of snowy weather we do understand that you may not make it into school on time and you must travel when it is safe to do. In these circumstances we will keep the register open longer than usual as we would prefer to see children arrive safely, slightly later than usual, than not at all. Should it be necessary to close fully, then wherever possible, we will try to ensure the decision to close is made early enough to help avoid unnecessary journeys and provide parents/carers with enough time to arrange childcare.

However, there are very occasionally unexpected events that come along requiring instant decisions to be made based upon site specific risk assessments which could mean closing all or part of the school if it is determined to be no longer safe for pupils or staff.

We will always text priority contact numbers to advise if school is closed, therefore, please ensure all contact numbers are up to date.



## Governor Elections

Following the retirement of Councilor Watts Stelling as our Chair of Governors, the Governing Body has elected Mr Neil Jackson as our new Chair and Mr Andy Plant as our new Vice-Chair.

We would again like to thank Councilor Stelling for his years of hard work for our school and welcome Mr Jackson and Mr Plant to their new posts.

## Christmas Fayre

Our annual Christmas Fayre takes place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of December from 2pm. 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.



## Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal

We appeal to you to help make Christmas special by donating new, unwrapped gifts for children & young people who face the reality of waking up to nothing under the Christmas Tree this year.

From Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November until Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 the Salvation Army will be collecting gifts for children and young people (age range is new born to 16 years)

We would be most grateful if new, unwrapped gifts could be dropped off to the donation boxes placed at various locations including School.

If you would like further information or would like to nominate a family for the appeal, please contact Julie Patterson 07507 887257 or The Salvation Army on 01207-501712

 **SANTA IN LEADGATE** 

**SANTA WILL BE TOURING  
LEADGATE ON SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**THERE MAY EVEN BE SOME EARLY  
PRESENTS**

SANTA WILL ARRIVE AT THE ENGINE SHED AT 1.30  
AND THEN WILL BE AT:

- \* LEADGATE CRICKET CLUB 1.45 \* ST IVES 2.15 \*
- \* DERWENT CRESCENT 3.00 \*
- \* WATLING PLAYING FIELD 3.45 \* COMMUNITY CENTRE 4.30 \*

TIMES MAY VARY

 