

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday, 25th May 2018

This day in history

1932 Goofy, aka Dippy Dawg, 1st appears in 'Mickey's Revue' by Walt Disney

1977 Original "Star Wars" movie (Episode IV – A New Hope) is first released



Whole School Attendance

Year 1 = 92.8%
Year 2 = 97.9%
Year 3 = 94.3%
Year 4 = 95.2%
Year 5 = 97.3%
Year 6 = 97.1%



Calendar Dates

May Half Term Monday 28th of May to Friday 1st of June
School re-opens Monday 4th of June.

Transition Meetings to meet your child's new teacher for Sept 2018

Monday 11th June, 2.30 – New Reception Parents Meeting
Tuesday 12th June, 2.30 – New Year 1 Parents Meeting
Thursday 14th June, 3.00 – New Year 6 Parents Meeting
Monday 18th June, 2.30 – New Year 2 Parents Meeting
Tuesday 19th June, 2.30 – New Year 3 Parents Meeting Upper School
Wednesday 20th June, 3.00 – New Year 5 Parents Meeting
Thursday 21st June, 3.00 – New Year 4 Parents Meeting

Wednesday 13th June – Year 5 visit to French Bus
Thursday 14th June – Father's Day Picnic, Upper School
Friday 15th June – Father's Day Picnic, Lower School
Tuesday 19th June – Mrs Hannon transition work with Year 2
Thursday June 21st June – Year 2 Transition to Year 3, Morning
Tuesday 26th June - Year 2 Transition to Year 3, Morning & Lunch
Wednesday 27th June – Key Stage One Transition, children will have an opportunity to spend time in their new classes with new teachers.
Thursday 28th June – Upper School Summer Fayre
Friday 29th June – Lower School Summer Fayre
Monday 2nd July – Sports Day Upper School p.m.
Tuesday 3rd July – Year 6 Induction Day, Consett Academy
Tuesday 3rd July – Upper School Transition Day – all pupils spend half day in the new class from Year 2 to Year 5
Wednesday 4th July – Sports Day Lower School p.m.
Thursday 5th July – 2nd Lower School Transition p.m.
Tuesday 10th July – Lower School Parent's Evening
Wednesday 11th July – Lower & Upper School Parent's Evening
Thursday 12th July – Upper School Parent's Evening
Thursday 12th July – Lower School Trip to the Beach
Wednesday 18th July – School Picnic, Upper School Field, p.m.
Thursday 19th July - Leavers Party / Disco, Year 2 and Year 6, p.m.

End of Year Class Assemblies

Monday 16th July – Year 1, 9.10am & Year 3, 10.30am
Tuesday 17th July – Reception, 9.10am & Year 4, 10.30am
Wednesday 18th July - Nursery, 9.10am Year 5, 10.30am
Thursday 19th July - Year 2, 9.10 am Year 6, 10.30am

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%.

Year 2 SATS

Well done to all the Year 2s who have worked so hard this year for their SATs. We are all very proud of you and thank you for trying so hard this week for the last two weeks. The results will be included in the end of year report.



After School Clubs

As it is the last week of term there will be no after school clubs next week or the first week of next term. Clubs start again next week commencing 11th of June.

Mathletics Hall of Fame

1st	Maisie F	(Y6)	1060
2nd	Skye D	(Y6)	864
3rd	Lola E	(Y6)	586
4th	Mia W	(Y6)	555
5th	Ellyse L	(Y6)	531

Keep up the good work!

HALL OF FAME

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Staffing Changes

With the approach of the new academic year comes the opportunity to reorganise and restructure the school. In light of the vacancies generated by staff leaving, the personnel committee and myself, have made the decision to address the issues raised in our latest Ofsted report and continue to build on the numerous strengths already identified by taking immediate action to build capacity within the staffing team and disseminate the strengths we already have.

Therefore, we have appointed two new staff to join us in September. Firstly, Mrs Lauren Bowe will take over as our new Nursery teacher. Mrs Bowe is an Early Years specialist and former EYFS lead who will work with Mrs Nesom, our EYFS leader, to build upon the many strong areas identified by inspectors.

Mrs Reed is reducing her days next year to 4 days a week and will therefore come out of class to cover senior leaders and SENCO Management time allowing us to make optimum use of her musical skills and talent, raising the profile of music within school, with children that she will know well from teaching in both Reception and Nursery.

Mr Todd will be moving to take Year 4 in Upper School. Our second new teacher, Mrs Melissa Pedro, will become our new full time Year 1 teacher. Mrs Pedro will be known to many parents from the time she covered teaching in Nursery over this last year before leaving on Maternity Leave. These changes will allow us to create capacity within the school for leaders and teachers to undertake the many roles they perform, use the strengths of specialist teachers in more than one age group.

Both new staff will be in school this term as part of our transition so the children will have an opportunity to meet their new class teacher, and work with them, before entering their new class in September. Parents and carers will also have an opportunity to meet both new staff at parent/carers meetings.

I hope you will join me in welcoming both new staff to the school and look forward to them working with our children.

Head Lice



Additionally we have had 6 cases of chickenpox in the last 2 weeks – please check for rashes and contact your GP

Family Fun Night Tombola Donations

Miss Debbie is organising a Family Fun Night to raise money for the school on Friday 15th June at Consett Football Club.

We are asking for any donations you may have for the Tombola. Please drop your donations off at the School Office.

Tickets for our FUN NIGHT are available from the School Office

School Parking

Child safety is a priority and we ask that you have due respect for all children's safety when parking outside the school sites. It is an offence to park on the yellow zigzag lines outside the schools from 8am to 6pm. This also applies to Parents at Happy Smiles Nursery.

Please be aware that registrations numbers will be taken and passed on to the relevant authorities, which may incur a fine. Parents may also register complaints over parking by emailing parkingservices@durham.gov.uk

Online Safety Update

As part of their #WakeUpWednesday campaign, the National Online Safety Team have created this FREE guide for parents about Instagram – the app with over 800 million monthly users.

The guide informs parents and carers about the issues associated with Instagram and contains useful tips about how they can help protect their children when using the app.

This free guide for parents available at <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/instagram-guide-for-parents/>

After School Book Fair

We are hosting an After School Book Fair on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th of July at Upper School and Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th of July at Lower School. So come along and stock up on some summer reading for your children during the holidays. All sales will help the school to acquire even more books for our libraries. We look forward to seeing you!

