

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday, 14th September 2018

This day in history

1759 The earliest dated board game in England was sold on this day by its inventor John Jeffreys, from his house in Chapel Street, Westminster. The game was called 'A Journey Through Europe'.

1938 Graf Zeppelin II, world's largest airship, makes maiden flight



Whole School Attendance

Year 1 = 98.1%
Year 2 = 99.1%
Year 3 = 97.0%
Year 4 = 98.4%
Year 5 = 100 %
Year 6 = 95.2%



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%.

Calendar Dates

Tuesday 4th September – First Day
Tuesday 9th October – Year 3 Class Assembly, 9.10am
Wednesday 10th October – New Nursery Starters First Day
Wednesday 10th October – Year 4 Class Assembly, 9.10am
Thursday 11th October – Year 5 Class Assembly, 9.10am
Friday 12th October – Year 6 Class Assembly, 9.10am
Tuesday 16th October – Year 2 Class Assembly, 9.10am
Tuesday 16th October – Lower School Parents Evening, 3.20 – 6.00pm
Wednesday 17th October – Year 1 Class Assembly, 9.10am
Wednesday 17th October – Upper & Lower School Parents Evening, 3.20 – 6.00pm
Thursday 18th October – Reception Class Assembly, 9.10am
CANCELLED replaced with NEW EYFS Stay and Play
Thursday 18th October – Upper School Parents Evening, 3.20 – 6.00pm
Friday 19th October – Harvest Assembly, 10.30am (no parents to attend)

October Half Term Friday 19th October – Monday 29th October

School Photos

The School Photographer will be in school on Wednesday 19th September at both Upper and Lower School.

If you have children on both sites the photographer will be available for group photos from 8.30am at Lower School. The older children can then walk over to Upper School. Siblings on the same site will have their photos taken together through the course of the day so need not come for 8.30am.



PE Kits

PE kits should be sent in on a Monday and stay in school until Friday as we sometimes run other activities during the week that may require a PE kit.



Names in Uniform

Please ensure all your child's uniform items, PE Kits, coats and other possessions are clearly labelled with their name. This will assist in reducing the amount of lost property and help staff in returning items to their rightful owner. It is extremely difficult for us to find items that have not been clearly labelled.

Early Years Stay and Play

Mrs Nesom in Reception and Mrs Bowe in Nursery would like to invite their parents to an open morning with the opportunity to stay and enjoy activities with your child and see them in their learning environment. We will be undertaking a focus upon reading and phonics and hope you pick up lots of ideas on how play at home can support your child's learning. This will take the place of the normal Class assembly. For further details don't hesitate to ask Mrs Nesom or Mrs Bowe next week.

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Mathletics Hall of Fame

1st Brandon J	(Y3)
2nd Lucas A	(Y2)
3rd Logan H	(Y3)
4th James M	(Y3)
5th Rylee R	(Y4)

Keep up the good work!



Gardening Club - Upper School

Gardening Club at Upper School is cancelled on Tuesday 18th of September due to staff training.

Upcycling School Uniform

If you have any school uniform items which could be upcycled. Please drop them off at the school office. We would be grateful for any donations.

Leadgate Play Equipment

Would you like to see more play equipment in Leadgate? Could you help with ideas, or be part of a campaign, or help with fundraising?

Why not come along to the meeting of Leadgate Partnership to discuss ideas next Wednesday.

6.30 Community Centre Back Room

Reception Places for September 2019

If your child turns 5 between 1st of September 2019 and 31st August 2020 you need to apply for a Reception place for September 2019. 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 if your child already attends our Nursery.

Breakfast Club – Lower School

We are pleased to announce we have successfully been awarded funding from the Magic Breakfast to enable us to provide a breakfast to all children this year. There are multiple studies which show the significant impact that starting the day with a healthy breakfast can have on children's well-being, learning and development.

We are delighted to be able to offer children a healthy nutritious breakfast at the beginning of each school day. This will start for Lower School children on Monday, Upper school details to follow next week.

This can be accessed when the doors open at 8.50am in the Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms prior to the start of lessons at 9am. Children in Nursery and Reception will have access to breakfast from 8.50-9.10 in their classroom. Children will be offered a selection of cereals and fresh bagels.

Please note that our 'traditional breakfast club' will continue to operate from 8am with the £1.50 charge paying for childcare and contributing towards staff salary costs, which we already subsidise in order to keep the costs as low as possible.



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:

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