

# Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

*Caring, Sharing, Learning Together*

## Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019

The Feast day of St Nicholas, popularly known as Santa Claus. He is the patron saint of children. The name Santa Claus is a phonetic alteration from the German Sankt Niklaus.



## Christmas Schedule

### Whole School/Upper and Lower

The **Christmas Church Service** is taking place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> of December at St. Ives's Church and begins at 10.30am. Year 2 to Year 6 will be attending. Please ensure your child has a warm coat and appropriate footwear for the walk.

**Christmas Jumper Day** is on Friday 13<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 on Tuesday the 17<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 £2.05 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 11<sup>th</sup> of December at 9.30am. **Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance** is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> of December at 9.10am. Tickets are limited to two tickets per family 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. Tickets for a raffle will be available to buy before each performance.

**Christmas Party for Nursery** is Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> in the morning. **Christmas Party for Reception, Year 1 & 2** is Wednesday the 18<sup>th</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 18<sup>th</sup> of December at 9.30am and 2.15pm. Coffee and Tea will be available after the performance.

**Christmas Party** is Thursday the 19<sup>th</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, no deodorants or hairsprays.

**School closes on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> of December and reopens on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2020**

## Whole School Attendance

Year 1 = 93.8%  
Year 2 = 91.8%  
Year 3 = 95.4%  
Year 4 = 96.9%  
Year 5 = 92.8%  
Year 6 = 91.2%



## Congratulations

Well Done Year 1 for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 4 for the best attendance in Upper School.

**Our school target is 97%.**

## Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Christmas Fayre. It was, yet again, a great success and raised **£798.82** for our school fund.

A special thank you to all the children who worked so hard making all the Christmas decorations to sell and all the staff for their beautiful Christmas creations.



## 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.

We would be most grateful if new, unwrapped gifts could be dropped off to the donation boxes placed at various locations. There will be a collection at both Upper and Lower School.

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

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## Charity Fundraising

We are very proud to be supporting Mia in Year 5 with her amazing fundraising efforts. Mia is cutting her hair on Friday 13th December. Her beautiful long hair is being donated to Little Princess Trust which provides free real hair wigs to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions.

Mr Watson is then shaving the rest of her hair off to help her collect donations for the Great North Air Ambulance. Her target is £2000. She has raised over £800 so far. Any donations to help her reach her target would be gratefully received.



## After School Clubs

Just a reminder that clubs have finished. There will be no clubs the last two weeks of term. Clubs will start again week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> of January

## Lateness

Just a reminder that school begins at 9.00am. Doors open at 8.50am to give the children time to get their coats off and have breakfast before they start their first lesson. We understand that there may be some occasions when you are unavoidably late due to unforeseen circumstances but persistent lateness can disrupt to your child's own learning and that of others. If you are late please ensure that you come through the school office, especially Reception and Nursery, to ensure your child gets their mark.

## Circus Day

The children had a fantastic time last week learning circus skills with Marty from Circurama. There was plate spinning, juggling and magic tricks to entertain. They also learned about team work and resilience and tried really hard with all the challenges. Marty will be on Cbeebies on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 4.10pm if you would like to tune in and see his performance!

## Winter Bug

Over the past two weeks, a number of schools in the area have had to close due to an outbreak of Norovirus. The Norovirus, also called the "winter vomiting bug", is a stomach bug that causes vomiting and diarrhoea. It can be very unpleasant, but usually goes away in about 2 days. We have not had many instances and would like to remind parents and carers if your child is showing any signs of having Norovirus not to send them into school.

The symptoms start suddenly within 1 to 2 days of being infected. The recommended absence from school is 48 hours after the last time your child were sick.

The spread of most infectious illnesses is reduced through good hand hygiene. Please encourage your child wash your hands frequently with warm water and soap, particularly after using the toilet, after using a tissue to catch a cough or sneeze, and before eating.

## Sport Hall Athletics

Congratulations to Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics Team for finishing second in the Derwentside competition last Friday.

