

# Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

*Caring, Sharing, Learning Together*

**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

This day in history

**1984** Apple Computer Inc unveils its revolutionary Macintosh personal computer



**Whole School Attendance**

Year 1 = 98.6%  
Year 2 = 95.9%  
Year 3 = 93.8%  
Year 4 = 99.2%  
Year 5 = 95.9%  
Year 6 = 93.5%



**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%.**

**Calendar Dates**

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Lower School Parent's Evening
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Upper & Lower School Parent's Evening
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Upper School Parent's Evening
<b>HALF TERM - School closes on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm for Lower School and 3.15pm for Upper School. Reopens Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Reading Workshop for Parents
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Kingsway Year 6 Residential
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	SEND Coffee Afternoon, 2 pm, Lower School
Week Commencing 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 6 Booster Sessions, Tuesday and Thursday
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception & Nursery Stay, Play and Learn 9.00am – 12.00pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9.10 am
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9.10 am
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Trip to Beamish – Science week
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9.10 am
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 SATS Meeting for Parents, 9.30am
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Class Assembly, 9.10 am – <b>this is change to previous dates due to the confirmation of a class trip.</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9.10 am
Week Commencing 23 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Phonics Meeting for Parents, 9.30am
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9.10 am
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 2 SATS Meeting for Parents, 9.30am
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Service, KS2, TBC
All Egg Competition entries to go home on Thursday	Easter Egg Competition Entries
	Easter Assembly, Lower School, 9.15am
	Easter Assembly, Upper School, 9.15am

**Easter Holidays–School closes on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 3pm for Lower School and 3.15pm for Upper School. Reopens Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.**

Please note additional dates will be added to the calendar, once confirmed with outside agencies including Class Trips and will appear on forthcoming weekly newsletters.

**Caught Reading**

We are inviting the whole school to take part in a reading competition from now until the end of this half term (14th February). Not only are we promoting a love of reading, but the educational benefits are staggering:

- Reading increases intellect
- Children who enjoy reading are more academically successful
- Reading increases vocabulary
- Children who read more produce better pieces of writing
- Reading improves spelling

We would like you to get a photograph of your child reading in an interesting location-this could be at the park, on the bus, or anywhere your imagination takes you! You can then send the picture into school or email it to the school email address (p2259.admin@durhamlearning.net) and an independent judge will pick a winner from each class-whomever they think has been caught reading in the most interesting location. The prize is a £5 book voucher for the winner in each class and the overall winner will receive a £10 book voucher.

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## School Games Level 2 Gymnastics Competition

Well done Jordan, Imogen, Maisie, Emily, Leoni, Mia, Isla, Kaitlyn, Lucas and Ruby for representing Leadgate at the event.

An excellent day, floor and vault exercises in the competition and then the opportunity to enjoy the fantastic facilities.



## Children's Mental Health Week

The next Children's Mental Health Week will take place 3-9 February 2020. Set up by children's mental health charity Place2Be, the week shines a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health. We will be marking it with a series of different events in school including special assemblies on mental health with the children. And Time to Talk Mental Health Day on Feb 6<sup>th</sup>, Reading workshop for parents on how to enjoy quality time talking with your child and sharing time together and A VIP assembly from the Rotary club to award the work of our Eco group.

## Year 3 Meet the Romans

Year 3 will be enjoying a wonderful day on Tuesday - all day with a 'Meet the Romans' visit from Durham University. They will have the chance to dress as romans and handle roman artefacts. Please ask them all about it when they get home and give them the opportunity to share what they have learnt from the experience.



## SEND Coffee Afternoon

Our SENDCo, Mrs Nesom, is holding a Coffee Afternoon on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00pm at Lower School.

This is an opportunity to meet other parents with children with Special Educational Needs and share experiences.

## Dancing at the Empire

Year 3 & 4 will be performing in the Dance Festival at the Empire in Consett on Thursday. We are very proud of how hard they have worked practising in preparation for the show. We are sure they will perform beautifully.

## Nursery Places Available

We are taking applications for Nursery places in September 2020. We offer both 15 hour and 30 hour provision. Give your child the best possible start to their education by enrolling now.

Our nursery is run by a fully qualified Teacher with a wealth of experience in teaching Early Years, giving children many exciting learning opportunities. Children get to know the school environment and routines before officially starting school in Reception. They make friends and establish relationships with our school staff. This helps the transition into Reception as they are already part of school life. If you need an application form please call into the school office.

## Chinese New Year

It is Chinese New Year tomorrow. Lower school have been busy learning all about the food and culture of China. They have made sweet and sour chicken and spring rolls, Chinese lanterns and a fantastic clay terracotta army! Thank you to Yumei who spent time in every class.

Today they have taken part in a Chinese New Year workshop and learned more about how New Year is celebrated. They loved learning about all these traditions. Why not ask them all about it tonight!

