

# Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

*Caring, Sharing, Learning Together*

**Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

## This day in history

**1947** In New York City, the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is held. It went on to become the world's largest parade with over a million people watching it each year.



## Attendance

Year 1	94.3%
Year 2	93.3%
Year 3	98.6%
Year 4	91.7%
Year 5	98.0%
Year 6	90.7%



**Our School Target is at least 97% .**

## Christmas Arrangements

Even during this very different and difficult time we are determined to make the most of Christmas for the children. It will be a little different this year but we will do everything we can to make it as fun and festive as it can be!

### Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Both schools sites will continue to have the normal Christmas dinner within their class and Bubble. We will celebrate Christmas Jumper Day on the same day and ask that if you have any old Christmas jumpers your child has grown out of that you donate them to school in a sealed bag, where we will launder and have them ready for those who do not have one. Please during this difficult Christmas time don't buy a new Christmas jumper at unnecessary expense.

Upper School – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Lower School – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December



### Christmas Parties

We will continue to hold our normal Christmas parties on each site with just a few changes to work within our bubbles. This will mean that parties will be on different days to allow access to hall space etc. We will provide all the food and treats and games without any charge. Children can wear their party clothes to school on the day.

Early Years Christmas Party	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December afternoon
Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December afternoon
Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December afternoon
Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December afternoon



### Santa

Arrangements have been made with Santa so that if he has time he will be making a Covid Secure personal appearance at Lower School.



### Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards are a Covid challenge this year and therefore we ask if your child does want to send in a Christmas Card that they send it to the whole class rather than to individual children. This will reduce the number of cards brought into school by the thousands, stop additional materials from multiple households being sent home – as cards will stay in school, but also hopefully save your family some money at Christmas. Cards can be sent in from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December – where they will be quarantined and shared out to the appropriate class after Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

### Christmas Plays and Nativity

With current restrictions, we are unable to provide any Christmas Performances therefore the children will be creating a Christmas card poster going on display on the Roxy at the start of December to wish everyone in the village a Merry Christmas so please keep an eye out for the art work. Additionally the children are creating something to add to the whole school via Class Dojo – more details to follow!

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## Covid Symptoms

If your child has a new cough or a high temperature please do not send them into school.

Any child showing these symptoms should be tested and the results of the test sent to school before return.

It is vitally important that our whole school community follows the guidance so we can continue to keep all our bubbles open and make sure all of the children are able to attend school without the need to self isolate.

## Reception Places for September 2021

If your child turns 5 between 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 you need to apply for a Reception place for September 2021. This is done through Durham County Council. Please visit [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) for further information. Applications are now open.

**You still need to apply for a Reception place even if your child already attends our Nursery.**

## Grants for School 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:

School Benevolent Fund  
Thornhill Primary School  
Thornhill Gardens  
Shildon, County Durham, DL4 1ES  
Telephone: 01388 772 906



## Face Masks

Face masks are not required for children under 12 according to the government guidance. If your child wears a mask to school, we would ask that disposable masks are disposed of in the bin at the door and reusable mask are stored in a plastic ziplock bag until home time and washed everyday.

## Covid Test Kits / RESULTS

The government has provided schools with a very limited number of kits to be provided in exceptional circumstances. Please contact school if you require further information.

**IF YOU OR A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY TEST POSITIVE OUTSIDE OF NORMAL SCHOOL HOURS PLEASE CONTACT US VIA EMAIL OR TELEPHONE SO THAT WE CAN FOLLOW THE NECESSARY PROCEDURES BEFORE CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL**

TELEPHONE 01207 610351

EMAIL [P2259.admin@durhamlearning.net](mailto:P2259.admin@durhamlearning.net)

## Self Isolation & Free School Meals

If your child is self isolating and entitled to free school meals, we will provide a packed lunch for every school day they are self isolating.

These will now only be made to order. Please ring the school to confirm your requirement.

**We must  
keep on protecting  
each other.**



HANDS



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