

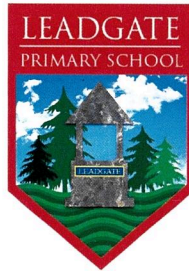
# Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

*Caring, Sharing, Learning Together*

**Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

## This day in history

**1936** After ruling for less than one year, Edward VIII becomes the first English monarch to voluntarily abdicate the throne. Edward planned to marry American divorcee Mrs. Wallis Simpson He was succeeded by his brother, George, who became George VI.



## Attendance

Year 1	98.8%
Year 2	98.6%
Year 3	94.1%
Year 4	98.2%
Year 5	98.1%
Year 6	96.6%



**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 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.

Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party      Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December afternoon

Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party      Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December afternoon



### 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!

## Christmas Festivities

We have enjoyed a very festive week this week! Christmas Dinner was a great success. Thank you so much to all the kitchen staff who worked so hard to provide a great meal for all the children and the staff. Everyone looked wonderful in their Christmas Jumpers. Early Years and Key Stage 1 celebrated their Christmas parties with lots of dancing, games, Christmas treats and a socially distanced visit from Santa Claus!

## Christmas Hampers

We have a limited number of small care packages donated to us by Feeding Families, a charity which supports families who may be under added pressure at Christmas. These can be collected from Lower School reception on a first come first served basis. The care packages comprise of food items and toiletries. It is limited to one per family.

## Vouchers

The government has made funds available through its Covid Winter Grant Scheme to support families this winter, by offering additional help towards household costs in the run up to Christmas. County Durham are making this support available as vouchers which you can choose to spend at ASDA, Morrison's, Sainsbury's and Tesco. Eligible families will be emailed a link from school to redeem the voucher. Full instructions on how to redeem the vouchers will be included in the email.

**School closes on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> of December and reopens on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2021**



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## Christmas



Christmas festivities and fun are upon us! As we come to the end of term, we know many families like to send Christmas gifts into school. Whilst staff very much appreciate the thought and sentiment behind these generous gifts, we all love our jobs and working with your children every day is our privilege and pleasure. There is nothing more rewarding for us as educators to see children succeed, overcome personal challenges and thoroughly enjoy their time with us at Leadgate Primary School.

We know that Christmas can place extra stress on families especially given the current circumstances and with such a challenging year we would like to make it clear that we do not expect gifts. As a staff, more than anything else, we appreciate your kind words. That kind of positivity can be so uplifting at the end of one of the most challenging terms we have ever faced. So we ask that instead of gifts please do get in touch with you own messages of support and thanks for staff- our most treasured cards are those that have been homemade with love.

As a staff at this time of year, we all individually support different charities mostly those that ensure no family is left hungry and that no child is without a Christmas gift. Instead of gifts this year, you could perhaps support one these charities.

We know that some families may be very organised and may have already purchased gifts. If this is the case then as with anything else that comes and goes in school including cards for staff they must be quarantined for 72hours so would need to be brought in at the beginning of the final week.



## Free Breakfast Bagels

Within the next week we will be receiving additional breakfast bagels, with hopefully enough supplies to cover approximately 100 families. We will send out a text to eligible families once stocks arrive to ask if you would like them and to make arrangements to collect.

## Winter is here!

Please send your child into school dressed for the weather with a warm coat and wellies when it snows. We only have limited supplies of spares in school. The children love to play in the snow but we would like them to be warm and dry when they come in afterwards. Please can you send your child in with spare socks so if they do get wet they have a change of socks.

## 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)

## Head Lice

Unfortunately we have head lice in school

Please check your child's hair carefully and treat if necessary



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 HM Government



## TIER 3

# VERY HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

### MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY



No mixing of households indoors, or most outdoor places, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six in some outdoor public spaces (e.g. parks, public gardens).

### BARs, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS



Hospitality is closed, with the exception of sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery.

### RETAIL



Open.

### WORK AND BUSINESS



Everyone who can work from home should do so.

### EDUCATION



Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.

### INDOOR LEISURE



Open. Group activities and classes should not take place.

### ACCOMMODATION



Closed (with limited exceptions)

### PERSONAL CARE



Open.

### OVERNIGHT STAYS



We advise against overnight stays other than with household or support bubble.

### WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS



15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships and wakes; 30 for funerals. Wedding receptions not permitted.

### ENTERTAINMENT



Indoor venues closed.

### PLACES OF WORSHIP



Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.

### TRAVELLING



Avoid travelling outside your area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply. Reduce the number of journeys where possible. Plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble.

### EXERCISE



Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but people should avoid higher-risk contact activity. Group exercise activities and sports indoors should not take place, unless with your household or bubble. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.

### RESIDENTIAL CARE



COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).

### LARGE EVENTS



Events should not take place. Drive-in events permitted.

## Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.  
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

## If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature • A new, continuous cough  
A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste  
**Get a test and stay at home**

For more information and detailed guidance visit:  
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