

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday, 4th December 2020

This day in history

1937 The first issue of the Dandy comic. With a fan club of over 350,000, Desperate Dan proved a durable character. A copy of this first edition is worth between £850 and £1,000.



Attendance

Year 1	97.8%
Year 2	95.2%
Year 3	98.2%
Year 4	96.3%
Year 5	97.7%
Year 6	93.6%



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 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 9th December

Lower School – Thursday 10th 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 th December afternoon
Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party	Friday 11 th December afternoon
Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party	Wednesday 16 th December afternoon
Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party	Tuesday 15 th 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 30th November to Friday 4th December – where they will be quarantined and shared out to the appropriate class after Tuesday 8th 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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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 your 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 of 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 72 hours so would need to be brought in at the beginning of the final week.



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.

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**

School closes on Thursday 17th of December and reopens on Monday 4th of January 2021



TIER 3

VERY HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

<p>MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY </p> <p>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).</p>	<p>BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS </p> <p>Hospitality is closed, with the exception of sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery.</p>	<p>RETAIL </p> <p>Open.</p>	<p>WORK AND BUSINESS </p> <p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
<p>EDUCATION </p> <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	<p>INDOOR LEISURE </p> <p>Open. Group activities and classes should not take place.</p>	<p>ACCOMMODATION </p> <p>Closed (with limited exceptions)</p>	<p>PERSONAL CARE </p> <p>Open.</p>
<p>OVERNIGHT STAYS </p> <p>We advise against overnight stays other than with household or support bubble.</p>	<p>WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS </p> <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships and wakes; 30 for funerals. Wedding receptions not permitted.</p>	<p>ENTERTAINMENT </p> <p>Indoor venues closed.</p>	<p>PLACES OF WORSHIP </p> <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
<p>TRAVELLING </p> <p>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.</p>	<p>EXERCISE </p> <p>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.</p>	<p>RESIDENTIAL CARE </p> <p>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).</p>	<p>LARGE EVENTS </p> <p>Events should not take place. Drive-in events permitted.</p>

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

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