

# Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

*Caring, Sharing, Learning Together*

**Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

## **This day in history**

**1941** Islanders on the Hebrides hid thousands of bottles of shipwrecked whisky from government officials. The episode was celebrated in the film "Whisky Galore."



## **School Attendance**

**This week whole school attendance is 99.1%**

**Well done everyone!**

## **Welcome Back**

We have had a great first week back and it is lovely to see the children back in school. They have quickly settled back in to routines and have been fantastic at restarting lessons and following all of the procedures put in place before Christmas. It's a pleasure to see them and have the school filled once again with the sound of children.

However, we are still unable to maintain our normal open door policy, but ask that you keep in touch via email, message on Class Dojo or phone should you have any query or concerns so that they can be dealt with immediately.

At present our current staggered start and end times will continue and any changes we make will be shared with parents before implementation.

I look forward to having everyone back in on Monday and offer a gentle reminder that if anyone in the household has any signs or symptoms of COVID 19 please book a test before coming back to school to ensure the safety of all our families, children, staff and Bubbles.

## **With Our Deepest Regret**

It is with great regret that we learned of the passing this week of Mrs Dorothy Maskery, one of our Governors. Mrs Maskery was passionate about her role and often generously gave of her time to read with children. She was also a director of Happy Smiles Nursery. She will be a great loss to the school and to Happy Smiles. Our thoughts are with her family during this difficult time.

## **Red Nose Day**

This year we are celebrating Red Nose Day by wearing spots and stripes. If you would like to make a donation to support their fundraising please send it in with your child on the day.

We will also have a Name the Teddy competition and ask for a 50p donation to enter, the winning name will win a fabulous white tiger teddy bear!



## **Water Bottles**

Can we remind parents the children should only have water or sugar free water based drinks in school. No fizzy drinks, energy drinks or milk shakes are allowed. Constantly sipping sugar based drinks through out the day is extremely harmful to your child's dental health. If you are unable to provide a water bottle please contact the office as we have a limited number of water bottles which can be sent home for home to school use.

## **Bags and Additional Equipment**

Please do not send your child to school with bags unless necessary. Additional equipment such as pencil cases should also not be sent in. Everything required is provided for the children in school.

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## Nursery Places for September 2021

If your child turns 3 before September 2021 you are entitled to 15 hours of free childcare. We still have places available for September in our Nursery. We also offer 30 hours childcare for those who are eligible.

If you would like to apply for a Nursery place or would like some more information please contact the school office.

Tel: 01207 610355

## PE Kits

PE kits should worn to school on the days the children have PE to minimise the number of bags coming in to school. The PE days for each class are listed below

REC – Tuesday and Thursday

Y1 – Tuesday and Wednesday

Y2 – Monday and Thursday

Y3 – Wednesday and Friday

Y4 – Tuesday and Friday

Y5 – Monday and Thursday

Y6 – Tuesday and Wednesday

Until further notice from the County – there will be no swimming lessons for any classes.

## Covid Test Kits

We now have a very limited number of COVID test kits in school and ask where ever possible that you book you tests online or through 119. If you are unable to access a test in exceptional circumstances please contact school if you require access to a school home test kit

## Packed Lunches and Meals

Since reopening on Monday both Kitchens have been open and providing Meals to all children. If you check our website and search menus we will be starting back on Week 1 next Week. We are still operating with children selecting their own meal at morning registration so no child will go without their first choice. If your child has a packed lunch can you please try to use a plastic one as these are easier to wipe down and sanitise daily. We are also asking that children keep their rubbish in their pack lunch to return home so that parents can see what they are eating and leaving. Please ensure lunchboxes are thoroughly washed every day.

## Shotley Bridge Hospital Consultation

Public Engagement – Phase 2 Shotley Bridge Community Hospital community services

NHS County Durham Clinical Commissioning Group has launched its latest phase of public conversations on the future of community hospital services in North West Durham. During this 'phase 2' engagement they want to talk to people and find out their views on how future services will be delivered by a new clinical model that has been developed by working with our partners in the hospital trust. They are also keen to talk about potential future locations for our clinical services. This is the next step in exploring a range of scenarios prior to testing them as part of a formal public consultation process, which they anticipate will take place in the summer.

You can share your views online by providing feedback to the survey questions using this link :

[https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SBCH\\_Phase2](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SBCH_Phase2)

Can I urge as many people as possible to respond and be part of the solution in reshaping the hospital services available in our area.