

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday, 28th May 2021

This day in history

1937 Volkswagen, the German automobile manufacturer, is founded.

1953 Premier of 1st animated 3-D cartoon in Technicolor - "Melody" by Walt Disney.



Whole School Attendance

Year 1 = 98.5%

Year 2 = 95.2%

Year 3 = 97.1%

Year 4 = 94.5%

Year 5 = 94.6%

Year 6 = 96.2%

Congratulations

Well Done Year 1 for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 3 for the best attendance in Upper School.

Our school target is 97%.

Hoopstarz

Both Upper and Lower School had a visit from Hoopstarz this week. The children really enjoyed the experience and were very enthusiastic. They impressed the coach so much so wrote a lovely letter complimenting the children.

Dear Mrs Scarr

I would like to thank you for hosting a morning for both schools with Kidz R Fit and Hoopstarz. I thoroughly enjoyed the mornings and hope that everyone within school did too! Thank you for making me feel so welcome, all the children and staff were lovely!

Please also pass on my compliments to your children on their attitude and behaviour, both of which were impeccable. They were a pleasure to teach and really are a credit to your school. It was wonderful to see the children (and staff) mastering new skills with their hoops, not quite sure who enjoyed it the most. The sheer determination on some of the faces was a delight, I hope they are able to use the skills and games they have learnt in the playground to make it more active and fun!

Regards

Tracy Davison
Kidzfit
Hoopstarz



Happy Smiles

Happy Smiles are running a holiday club over the summer break. They are open Monday to Friday, 8am-5:30pm.

Available for children aged 2 upwards. Holiday care includes hot and cold breakfast options, 2 course Lunch and Tea and snacks.

For more information, email happysmiles@live.co.uk or call 01207 583583

Academy Transition

We have already contacted the Academy to notify them that we are aware that some families will be on holiday during the period of their Summer School offer. They have advised that they are aware of this issue and that they are hoping to set up a booking system soon so they can check who will not be attending. For those children and families unable to participate Mr Wheelhouse is currently in discussions with senior leaders on what else they may be able to offer but this depends of course on the Prime Ministers announcements on the 21st June.

We will continue to keep a log of any transition questions or issues in the hope that these will be addressed by the Academy at some later date.

Half Term Holiday

School closes on TODAY for 1 week for Half Term. School reopens on Monday 7th of June.

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Consett Academy Transition

Our Ref RAS/MER

May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer



Year 6 Parent and Student Transition Information

Congratulations on gaining a place at Consett Academy for your child. We look forward to working closely with you during the next chapter of your child's education.

As we head into the last term of your child's education at Primary School we would like to be able to work with you to support their successful transition to the Academy. This will be different to our normal transition process due to the current restrictions caused by the pandemic. We will still be hosting a series of important events, as detailed below. In addition, key members of our transition team will also supplement these events with visits to your child's primary school. We are currently working with our primary schools on a curriculum transition plan, parental and/or student 'Getting to Know Us' sessions.

Induction Event - Due to the current restrictions we are unable at this point to confirm an induction day when your child would usually visit the Academy during term time. We are hoping however to be able to offer a summer event towards the end of the summer when the children can come together and have time in the Academy getting to know the building, some of the staff and one another.

Virtual Evening - We would like to invite you to attend a virtual evening hosted via zoom on the **29th June** where we will share relevant information that you may find useful in the lead up to September. We will also be able to answer any questions you may have. Please use this link <https://bit.ly/2RB2Tf5> to register for this event. We will be in touch with further details of any face to face sessions we are able to offer following further guidance from the government moving forward.

Uniform – We are currently unable to offer the opportunity for you to attend a uniform sizing session and would therefore ask that you direct any queries on sizing to the uniform company and/or use our guidance on the website: All uniform items are given on our website and all orders can be placed directly with the company. <https://www.consett-academy.org.uk/academy-life/uniform>

As part of getting to know your child better we would ask that you complete the questionnaire using this link: <https://bit.ly/3vdZsK5>. Following the information that you provide, we will arrange further opportunities for parents/carers to attend transition events specific to your requirements. You can keep up to date with all the latest Academy news via our website www.consettacademy.org.uk or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/ConsettAcademy.

We look forward to meeting you and your child in the very near future.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rachel Somerville
Deputy Principal

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TRANSITIONS

As we approach the final half term of this academic year we now look ahead to planning transition arrangements to support children prior to moving into their new class in September. We know change can be daunting for all children and have carefully planned opportunities to ensure a successful smooth transition into the next year group. We know that some transitions are bigger than others which is reflected in how we manage changes particularly for our younger children and our Year 2's moving to a new building- where has the time gone! This means that arrangements will look slightly different for the different Key Stages but all children will have ample opportunities to familiarise themselves with new staff, different environments and routines before we break up for Summer to help alleviate any worries before the holidays.

This year has been challenging maintaining COVID guidelines whilst ensuring school is as normal as possible. Under the circumstances we have had to carefully plan our transitions in line with current bubbles so it is slightly different than past years but is still as important as it has ever been that children have those opportunities. As we are unable to cross bubbles, we have planned for a full day transition so tables, resources and the classroom can be fully cleaned and ventilated before any other groups return to use the space.

Nursery

Starting school is an exciting time but also can be somewhat of a worry for our youngest children (and parents) so Mrs Pedro moving up to Reception will help aid transition enormously. Our Nursery and Reception work closely with each other so children will already have had ample opportunities to get to know the classroom and all Early Years staff. We are welcoming new children who have not attended our Nursery so a staggered transition building up to staying for lunch will mean children have a good opportunity to get to know their new class. Letters have been sent to all families explaining arrangements.

Reception

The transition from Early Years to Key Stage 1 is a big step for our younger children but this year with the continuity of Mrs Bowe and Miss Debbie moving up into Year 1 it will make the transition so much easier. In order for Mrs Bowe and the children to develop their familiarity with the new classroom and Key Stage 1 routines they will spend three full days on the final week of term Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th in their new classroom before returning for the last day of term to the Reception classroom. Mrs Bowe having taught most of the children in Nursery and Reception has an excellent relationship with pupils but also knows their personal and academic achievements very well.

Year 1

Year 1 children share a bubble with Year 2 so they do already know Miss Weaver and Miss Kirsty through playtimes, lunchtimes and often share their news or achievements. As part of transition Miss Weaver will meet with Mr Suddick to discuss individual pupils achievements both pastorally and academically. Miss Weaver and Miss Kirsty will visit children in their own class getting to know pupils better prior to the transition days. Children will then spend three full days on the final week of term Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th in their new classroom before returning for the last day of term to the Year 1 classroom.

Year 2

It is time for our Year 2's to move to upper site in the next chapter of their learning journey joining Key Stage 2. They are more than ready for the next challenge in Year 3! Mrs Reed will spend the morning on Thursday 8th July in our Year 2 classroom getting to know children but also see them working in their own Classroom. Miss Weaver will discuss every child's progress, achievements and needs with Mrs Reed ensuring a comprehensive transition.

On Friday 9th July the children will spend the day at upper site in the Year 3 classroom getting to know the new environment but also the routines. Miss Weaver will meet children at Upper Site at the beginning of the day spending some time with them in their new class before leaving them to enjoy the day with Mrs. Reed. Please drop off and pick up from upper site more details to follow.

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Year 3

Our Year 3 children will be moving up into Year 4 with Mrs Hannon and Miss Mandy who have already established excellent relationships with all pupils this year. The children have a very good understanding of the routines in year 3 which will continue through to Year 4. They will spend Friday 9th July in their new classroom.

Year 4

Mrs Scarr and Miss Kay are excited to be taking our Year 4 children into Year 5 next year and are both already familiar to some families having taught many siblings. Mrs Scarr will meet with Mrs Reed to discuss pupils before spending the day with them on Friday 9th July in their new classroom.

Year 5

As our older children embark on their final year of Primary School we are pleased that Miss Edwards and Mr Baker will continue their learning journey with them. They have already forged positive relationships and have an excellent understanding of all children's needs so the transition to Year 6 will be seamless. Children will spend Friday 9th July in their new class.

Contact Tracing over the Half Term Holiday

Dear Parent / Carers,

Schools are required to track and trace for 48 hours after school finishes today.

Where pupils or staff attending school test positive, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is required to identify close contacts and advise self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. So, similar to the last Half Term Holiday, pupils or staff who develop symptoms on Saturday 29th or Sunday 30th May will need to be contact traced by the school. If your child develops COVID symptoms on either day this weekend and tests positive you must inform the school via:

emailing p2259.admin@durhamlearning.net

or phone 01207 610355 (and leaving a voice mail)

The school will contact you to confirm close contacts and any self-isolation period if advised by Public Health. The school will then notify the close contacts via email and text. ONLY those impacted will be contacted. Please ensure you are regularly checking your emails and texts as this will be the only official means of communication during this period. If you are contacted, you will receive an email containing all the information you need to know.

Many Thanks.

