

# Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

*Caring, Sharing, Learning Together*

**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**This day in history**

**1493** Christopher Columbus discovers Puerto Rico, on his 2nd voyage

**1906** London selected to host 1908 Olympics



**Whole School Attendance**

**Year 1 = 96.8 %**

**Year 2 = 94.1 %**

**Year 3 = 91.1 %**

**Year 4 = 96.4 %**

**Year 5 = 94.0 %**

**Year 6 = 86.7 %**



**Congratulations**

Well Done Year 1 for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 4 for the best attendance in Upper School.

**Our school target is 97%.**

**Children Showing COVID19 Symptoms**

Can I remind all parents that if your child is showing COVID19 Symptoms or is sent home showing symptoms, **they must take a PCR test** before returning to school. Keeping cases out of school not only protects everyone but also reduces the need to return to bubbles, class closures and remote learning. If anyone in the house tests positive – please ensure all members of the household take a PCR test and then follow up with LFT testing every day for 7 days as advised by Public Health

**Children In Need**

Dear Parent and Carers,  
A huge thank you for all your support for Children in Need today. The children looked amazing in all their different outfits and Pudsey ears! Thank you for all your donations and I am very pleased to say that we have raised a total of £210.83



Don't forget you can continue to make donations on our BBC Children in Need donations page, simply follow the link below. Every penny counts!

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=4519>

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ...

**Keep your child home if they are unwell**

If they have Covid symptoms, they should isolate and take a test.

[Gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](https://gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test)

LET'S BE A COVID SAFE COUNTY

Durham County Council

**School Photographs with Phototronics**

This year's school photographs will go ahead on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November**.

This also includes Family group photos.

If you have a younger sibling, who does not attend either site, and wish to have them included in a family photo you will need to attend Lower school site from 8.15 – 8.45. Nursery children are welcome to attend from 9 – 9.30

Adults entering the building should wear a mask at all times – please ensure you remain socially distant at all times and sanitise on entering. Further details will follow next week on Class Dojo.

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## Christmas Dates and Events



Although the ever present threat of COVID continues to impact on the way we are able to run events across the school we have endeavoured to ensure that as much as would be normally possible continues to be in place for the children this year. Obviously, we are still unable to have large gatherings indoors and whilst this may have an impact on parent engagement the children will certainly not be missing out. This year we have even organised a pantomime for both sites – after all it is all about the Children. They will still have their Christmas Parties, make cards and calendars, Create a Christmas Poster for the Roxy and whole community to enjoy, Christmas Dinner on both sites, enjoy Christmas Jumper day, and we hope that Santa will be making a visit. Therefore, please make a note of these dates in your diary.

KS1 (Years 1,2) Consett Empire Christmas Pantomime – **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

Christmas Dinner – Lower school – **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5, 6) Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime – **Upper School Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Nursery Sing Christmas Songs to Parents **2.15 – 2.45 - Lower School Yard Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Reception Sing to Parents outdoor area **2.15-2.45 - Lower School Yard Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Jumper Day – whole school - **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Keystage 1 Christmas carols around the tree - **Lower School Yard Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Keystage 1 Christmas party – **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Dinner – Upper school – **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Early Years Christmas Party (Nursery and Reception) **1pm – 3pm – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Keystage 2 (years 3, 4,5, 6) Christmas Party/Disco **1pm – 3pm – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December**



## Anti-Bullying Week and ODD SOCK Monday

Thank you to everyone for wearing their odd socks on Monday and supporting Antibullying week. As well as assemblies and class lessons the School Council met on Thursday to review the school policy and have come up with some fantastic ideas to add and change – we will share our new policy with you and seek your views shortly. In addition, they are also setting up a parent and pupil questionnaire which they will share with you to collect your views.



## Benevolent Fund

### Grants for School Shoes and Coats

With Winter fast approaching we would like parents to be mindful of the available grant for shoes and coats. The School Benevolent Fund runs across all schools in 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>

