

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday, 12th November 2021

This day in history

1933 First known photo of so-called Loch Ness monster is taken by Hugh Gray

1936 1st ever TV Gardening show "In Your Garden" shown on BBC television



Whole School Attendance

Year 1 = 95.1 %

Year 2 = 97.5 %

Year 3 = 99 %

Year 4 = 90.9 %

Year 5 = 100 %

Year 6 = 97.6 %



Congratulations

Well Done Year 2 for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 5 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

Message from our Reading Champions

Dear Parent and carers,
We would like to introduce ourselves. We are the Reading Champions in school and we would like to encourage more children in our school to read.

We are a team of Year 6's who enjoy reading and we are working with Kirsten and Rebecca, two business women working with Magic Breakfast. Magic Breakfast are the charity who provide our free morning breakfast bagels. We meet every 2/3 weeks to talk about and look at reading in our school.

As a team, we have different roles, like timekeeper, chair and scribe and one of our main jobs is to look at how we can encourage more adults and children in our school to read more and enjoy their reading. We will update you in the next few weeks about what we have achieved and what more we are doing with reading. Please try to encourage your child(ren) to read more at home – even if it is a magazine or newspaper. Every little helps

Many Thanks

Grace, Jesamine, Joe, Haydyn, Lexi, Lincoln



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://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test)

Durham County Council

Times Table Rockstars

A gentle reminder from Mrs Hannon to all year 4 children to keep up their practise on Times Tables Rock Stars. If you have lost your password, please contact Mrs Hannon.

School Photographs with Phototronics

I can now confirm that this year's school photographs will go ahead on **Friday 26th November**. This also includes Family group photos.

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Children In Need - Nov 19th

We have our very own BBC Children in Need donations page simply follow the link below. Every penny counts!

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

Together, we can change the lives of the children and young people that need us most.

On Friday 19th November we will also have a non-uniform day in school and any and all donations are welcome, going directly to Children in Need – Why not try to wear something spotty!



Remembrance



Thank you to Mr Andy Plant and those parent helpers whose support meant our Year 1 and 2 children were able to show their respects on Thursday by laying a poppy wreath at the village War memorial. In addition, the children placed remembrance stones and handmade woven poppies. The rest of the school were able to participate in a remembrance assembly and observe the 2 minutes silence.

REMEMBRANCE DAY



ONE KIND WORD

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Let kindness fuel kindness
this Anti-Bullying Week.

**ANTI-BULLYING
WEEK 2021**

15th - 19th November

**ODD SOCKS
DAY 2021**

Monday 15th November



Antibullying week will soon be upon us and this year's theme is ONE KIND WORD. Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. To mark the start of this very important week we will be taking part in Odd Sock Monday (**Monday 15th November**). Odd socks day is an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! If you wish to make a donation, all money raised will go to the anti-bullying alliance to support their work.



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SEND UPDATE

For Parents/Carers of Children with Additional Needs/Disabilities in County Durham
"Making Changes Together XXVI"

The twenty sixth friendly Conference organised By PARENTS

To help inform and support you with the latest changes in Education, Health and Social Care.
YOUR opinion matters!

Thursday 25th November 2021
10.00am – 2.30pm

Bishop Suite, Ramside Hall Hotel & Golf Club,
Carrville, Durham, DH1 1TD

Information Stands and Registration from
9.30am

This conference is free, refreshments and Lunch are included.

Please note places must be booked via Eventbrite <https://bit.ly/3na6jlo>

Parents Evening

A big thank you for everyone that kept appointments made for parents evening. If you were unable to participate or did not receive an appropriate slot, please contact the appropriate school office should you wish to make arrangements to speak to your child's class teacher.

Dog Mess

I have received several complaints about the amount of dog mess currently accumulating on the grass and path around the bowling green. Can I kindly ask that you remind children to watch where they are walking to and from school and hopefully spread the message that there are dog bins located around the village.

Dog fouling spoils the environment, upsets local residents and can cause serious health risks, particularly to children. Please pick up your dog's waste using a bag and put the dog waste in a rubbish bin. Please encourage your family and friends to do the same.



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>

