

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday, 10th December 2021

This day in history

1901 First Nobel Peace Prizes awarded to Red Cross founder Jean Henri Dunant and peace activist Frederic Passy

1901 First Nobel Prize in Physics awarded to Wilhelm Röntgen for his discovery of X-rays

1936 Edward VIII signs Instrument of Abdication, giving up the British throne to marry American divorcee Wallis Simpson



Whole School Attendance

Year 1 = 93.0%

Year 2 = 92.3%

Year 3 = 91.8%

Year 4 = 96.4%

Year 5 = 96.5%

Year 6 = 84.5%



Congratulations

Well Done Year for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 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 **ANY** 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

Key Symptoms Main symptoms of coronavirus are: • a high temperature • a new, continuous cough – coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours • a loss or change to sense of smell or taste • Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms. • Some people have no symptoms (asymptomatic)

If any doubt please keep your child off school and help us to protect Christmas for everyone

Christmas Cards

Dear parent / carers,
After discussing the issue of hundreds of Christmas cards coming into school over this week and next with the children. If you haven't already sent your cards in the children and I have decided to do the following where possible.

To relieve the pressure and costs of buying Christmas cards, which for some families with multiple children can become very expensive, we are asking that each child only send 1 card to all their friends in each class, e.g. 1 card to all my friends in Year 3.

It is our hope that this:

- 1) Will remove pressure from parents and reduce costs, as Christmas is already expensive enough.
- 2) Remove the transmission risk across bubbles and phases.
- 3) With the money saved if anyone wishes to make a donation, of any amount, to school it will be donated to Crisis at Christmas to help those homeless and alone at this most difficult time of year.

This way we can help all families and let our children /school spread the true meaning of Christmas by helping others in greatest need. All staff will be doing the same and making donations to Crisis at Christmas instead of sending cards.



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)



LET'S BE A COVID SAFE COUNTY



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Christmas Dates and Events



The following events are still planned to continue at present however, they are subject to ongoing risk assessment.

Keystage 1 Christmas carols around the tree -

Lower School Yard Friday 10th December

Keystage 1 Christmas party (year 1 and Year 2 bubble – held in classes) – **Monday 13th December**

Christmas Dinner – Upper school – **Tuesday 14th December**

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

Keystage 2 (years 3, 4,5, 6) Christmas Party/Disco – arrangements to be confirmed **1pm – 3pm –**

Thursday 16th December

Christmas Jumper Day

A huge thank you to everyone that helped to celebrate Christmas Jumper day – the whole school looked amazing – with musical Jumpers, sequins and flashing lights in every corner of the school. All money raised from your donations will be donated to Save the Children. So, thank you all once again !



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

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>

Winter Food Vouchers

Dear Parent/Carer

We have only just received our free school meals Winter Food vouchers, as of yesterday. These vouchers will be distributed next week.

If you believe you are eligible and have not received one by Wednesday. Please contact us as there will be no facility to sort this out once we break up for the Christmas holidays.

School Dates

School closes on Thursday 16th December and reopens for Spring Term on Tuesday 4th January 2022

School closes Friday 18th February for Half Term and reopens Monday 28th February.



School Closes for Easter on Friday 8th April 2022

