

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday, 18th March 2022

This day in history

1662 - First public bus service begins, promoted by Blaise Pascal, operates in Paris as the "Carosses a Cinq Sous" until 1675

1989 - In Egypt, a 4,400-year-old mummy is found in the Pyramid of Cheops and is believed to be the oldest mummy ever found in Egypt. Even more interesting, the mummified young woman was found with a smile frozen onto her face, adorned with a bronze crown covered with gold leaf.



Horse Drawn Bus!

Whole School Attendance

Reception = 87.9%
Year 1 = 78.92% (Covid cases)
Year 2 = 86.5%
Year 3 = 95.8%
Year 4 = 95.6%
Year 5 = 95.6%
Year 6 = 88.4%



Congratulations

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

Our school target is 97%.

Weekly Primary Attendance for the North East (7th – 11th March) = 94.4%
National Primary Attendance = 93.6%
Leadgate Primary (7th – 11th March) = 91.2%

Current COVID Update

We currently have 6 reported positive cases of COVID 19 within the school community and a further 3 suspected cases awaiting confirmation. These are currently clustered predominantly around Year 1 and ask that parents be extra vigilant in order to reduce the risk of reintroducing any further restrictions or 'closures'.

If your child is showing any signs or symptoms they must take a PCR test before returning to school. And please remember to inform us of any positive cases.

Sickness

In addition, we are currently experiencing absences due to a tummy bug causing sickness and diarrhoea. If your child has suffered a bout of sickness or diarrhoea they must remain off school for 48 hours following their last bout of sickness and only return to school if they are well enough to do so.

Ukraine Appeal

Ukrainian Appeal Day



A huge thank you and well done for supporting our non-uniform Ukrainian Appeal Day today.
We raised a massive £355 pounds.
Thank you to everyone for your kindness and generosity.

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day

Another huge thank you and well done for supporting our Comic Relief Red Nose day today.
We raised an impressive £114.51. The children all looked amazing again today and have shown they are always up for participating in actions that make a difference to others



Mental Health - World Sleep day

Today is also World Sleep day – and the slogan of World Sleep Day this year is "Quality Sleep, Sound Mind, Happy World". Enjoying World Sleep Day can be super easy! Just make some efforts to move towards Healthy sleep – Healthy sleep is sleep which restores and energises a person (both child and adult), so that they feel wide-awake, dynamic and energised for the day ahead. Healthy sleep can change life for the better. Check out :

<https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/world-sleep-day/>

School Dates

School Closes for Easter on Friday
8th April 2022
and
reopens on Monday 25th April
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School Dates

Dance and Theatre Club for Year 1 and Year 2 (see Dojo Message) -Tuesday After School 3pm - 3.45pm

Tuesday 22nd March

Tuesday 29th March

Tuesday 5th April

Every Thursday afternoon Year 5 Swimming until the end of the term

Every Wednesday until the end of the Year - Year 3 and Year 4 Ukulele Instrument Tuition

Every Wednesday until the end of this term – Taekwondo Instruction for Years 3 – 6, Lower school in the Summer Term

Mothers Day – Sunday 27th March

Year 1 Washington Wetlands trip – Monday 4th April

Year 2 Alnwick Castle Trip – Wednesday 6th April

Year 4 Vikings Online Museum – Wednesday 6th April

Year 5 academy information evening – Wednesday 6th April (TBC)

In addition, Forest Schools has been reinstated on both sites – messages will come out on class dojo when children need outdoor footwear and coats.

Extra dates will be added once trips, visits and visitors have confirmed

Consett Academy Letter to Year 5 Parents

Year 5 Taster Day – 5th April

We are delighted to invite your child to a Year 5 Taster Day on 5th April. This day is prior to our Information Evening, being held on Wednesday 6th April at 5.30pm. We would encourage you and your child to attend this event to find out more about our campus and facilities. Due to increased numbers of student in our local feeder schools, it is more important than ever that you seize every opportunity to gather as much information as possible to secure your child's place at Consett Academy.

For the Taster Day your child will be escorted by staff from their primary school. Transport will be provided leaving at approximately 9.00am and returning before the end of their normal school day. Your child will need to bring a packed lunch with them and wear clothes suitable for a PE activity during the day, including their school polo shirt.

We hope the day will be fun, engaging and sociable as we have planned a number of exciting activities in subjects such as Music, Sport and Performance, and Science, which will allow students to see the Academy and take advantage of some of the great facilities we have.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to the Academy.

Yours sincerely

Mr C Brierley

Deputy Principal

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County Durham School Benevolent Fund

Dear parent / Carer,

Please note **County Durham School Benevolent Fund** is no longer accepting applications for school shoes and winter coats with effect from Monday 15th March 2022.

County Durham will be signposting families who are in receipt of child benefit and require help with buying items for school to apply for a [NE First Credit Union Family Loans](#). The Credit Union could provide a loan of up to £500 without having a credit check - this will be conditional upon an affordability check and child benefit being paid directly from the DWP to the Credit Union.

A Family Loan provides access to a cash loan up front to purchase the required items and also the option of saving something each month for the future.

All previously confirmed Benevolent Fund applications will still be valid and families have 6 months (from the confirmation date) to return receipts to school for a refund.

Durham University Easter Camp Advert

** Please see below and please note charges apply - full details on the links below.**

Durham University are running a range of sports and activity camps during the Easter holidays that cater for children aged 5-16 years of age. Holiday camps include Multi sports, Dance and Drama, Adventure, Football and Tennis camps.

Mini sports/Multi sports/Dance and Drama are all £15 per day (09.30am-4.30pm) with wraparound care available between 08.30-09.30am and 4.30-5.30pm for an extra £1.50 per hour. The Adventure camp is for 12-16 year olds and is £120 for 4 days and includes all onsite/offsite activities and lunch each day.

Here is the link to find out more/book -

<https://www.dur.ac.uk/conference.booking/details/?id=1893>

Here are some FAQ's relating to the camps including costs and additional charges -

<https://www.durham.ac.uk/colleges-and-student-experience/team-durham/community/faqs/>

Easter Egg Competition

Our school Easter Egg Competition is back this Year and we would love to see how creative you can be!

Entries (for Year 3, 4, 5, 6) brought to school on Monday 4th April (including any parent / carer entries)

Judging Wednesday 6th April

All entries returned home Thursday 7th April

Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will make their eggs in School as part of the competition. Please can all parents/carers provide a hard-boiled egg on Monday 4th April.

