

# Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

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**Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022**

**This day in history**

**1891** London-Paris telephone connection opens

**1918** The Royal Air Force is created from the Royal Naval Air Service and the Royal Flying Corps.

**1976** Steve Wozniak and Steve Jobs found Apple Computer in the garage of Jobs' parents house in California



**Whole School Attendance**

Reception = 80%  
Year 1 = 75.4 %  
Year 2 = 96.3 %  
Year 3 = 95.3 %  
Year 4 = 97.4%  
Year 5 = 98.0 %  
Year 6 = 91.0 %



**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%.**

## Current COVID Update

We currently have 4 reported positive cases of COVID 19 within the school community, including Staff. These are currently clustered predominantly around Reception Class and ask that parents be extra vigilant. Please remember to inform us of any positive cases.

**We also have 4 confirmed cases of Chickenpox in lower school**

You'll need to stay away from school, nursery or work until **all** the spots have formed a scab. This is usually 5 days after the spots appeared.

## Sickness

Please remain vigilant to the symptoms of Scarlet Fever also present in the community

### Check if you have Scarlet Fever – NHS Guidance

The first signs of scarlet fever can be flu-like symptoms, including a high temperature, a sore throat and swollen neck glands (a large lump on the side of your neck).

A rash appears 12 to 48 hours later. It looks like small, raised bumps and starts on the chest and tummy, then spreads. The rash makes your skin feel rough, like sandpaper. **Scarlet fever is very easily spread.** Check with a GP before you go in. They may suggest a phone consultation. Scarlet fever lasts for around 1 week.

You can spread scarlet fever to other people up to 6 days before you get symptoms until 24 hours after you take your 1st dose of antibiotics. If you do not take antibiotics, you can spread the infection for 2 to 3 weeks after your symptoms start.

## School Dates

**School Closes for Easter on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
and reopens on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022**



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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 5th April – **Last session this coming week**

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

Year 1 Washington Wetlands trip – **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

Year 2 Alnwick Castle Trip – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April

Year 4 Vikings Online Museum – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April

Year 5 academy information evening – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April

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



## Year 5 Parent Information Evening

Want to find out more about what happens here at Consett Academy?



Following your child's visit to us on 5th or 6th April, come and join us to get **your** short taste of what life is like here.

An opportunity to ask those early questions that might help put your mind at ease or help decide if we are right for you.

Watch and experience some of our amazing dance and musical performances.

**Wednesday 6th April**

**5.30 - 6.15pm**

No booking required

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## Easter Egg Competition

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

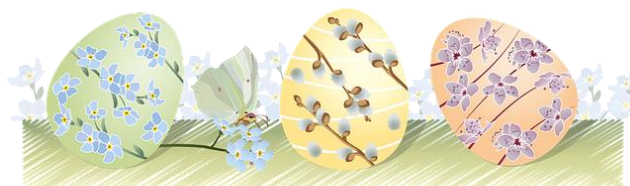
Entries (for Year 3, 4, 5, 6) brought to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April

(including any parent / carer entries)

Judging Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April

All entries returned home Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> April.



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## Fun & Food Activity from Derwent Valley AAP for the Easter holidays

Full details and sign up are on this link: <https://forms.gle/2FmW59XLRfQ19xUC8>



## Easter Extravaganza! Derwent Valley



**Monday 18th April (10am - 12pm)**  
**Consett Heritage and Arts Centre**  
**The Old Ambulance Hall, John**  
**Street, Consett, DH8 5LA**

Bring your kids to join Team ATOMS  
for some Easter crafts and an egg  
hunt.



### Home Activity Pack

Includes an Easter baking activity,  
Easter crafts, an item of sports  
equipment and a family meal.



Email [atomsvonni@gmail.com](mailto:atomsvonni@gmail.com) for more information.

Better for everyone

## Governing Body – Parent Governor required

**Dear Parent / Carer we currently have a  
vacancy on our school Governing body  
for a parent / carer governor.**

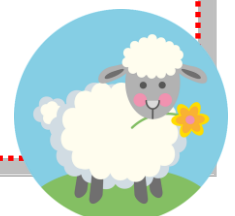
**If this is something you would be  
interested in finding out more about  
please contact the school office for more  
information or visit our school website,  
About Us, Our Governing Body :**

**[Our Governing Body \(leadgate.durham.sch.uk\)](http://leadgate.durham.sch.uk)**

## Message from The P.E. Coordinator

Please ensure your child comes to school  
in suitable PE clothing on their PE days.  
Children are welcome to wear leggings,  
tracksuit bottoms or shorts, a full length  
t-shirt (not cropped tops) and a hoody or  
jumper, as well as trainers. Can I also  
remind Year 5 that Swimming will  
continue every Thursday so please  
remember to bring you swimming outfits  
and towels every week.

Thank you,  
Miss Scarr



## Chickenpox Guidance

Chickenpox is common and mostly affects children, but you can get it at any age.

**It usually gets better by itself after 1 to 2 weeks without needing to see a GP.**

### Check if it's chickenpox

An itchy, spotty rash is the main symptom of chickenpox. It can be anywhere on the body.

Chickenpox happens in 3 stages.

But new spots can appear while others are becoming blisters or forming a scab.

### Stage 1: small spots appear

The spots can: be anywhere on the body, including inside the mouth and around the genitals, which can be painful / spread or stay in a small area / be red, pink, darker or the same colour as surrounding skin, depending on your skin tone / be harder to see on brown and black skin

### Stage 2: the spots become blisters

The spots fill with fluid and become blisters. The blisters are very itchy and may burst.

### Stage 3: the blisters become scabs

The spots form a scab. Some scabs are flaky while others leak fluid.

### Other symptoms

Before or after the rash appears, you might also get:

a high temperature / aches and pains, and generally feeling unwell / loss of appetite

Chickenpox is very itchy and can make children feel miserable, even if they do not have many spots.

The chickenpox spots look the same on children and adults. But adults usually have a high temperature for longer and more spots than children.

**It's possible to get chickenpox more than once, but it's unusual.**

### How to treat chickenpox at home

#### Stay off school or work

**You'll need to stay away from school, nursery or work until *all* the spots have formed a scab. This is usually 5 days after the spots appeared.**

#### Do

- drink plenty of fluid (try ice lollies if your child is not drinking) to avoid dehydration
- take [paracetamol](#) to help with pain and discomfort
- cut your child's fingernails and put socks on their hands at night to stop them scratching
- use cooling creams or gels from a pharmacy
- speak to a pharmacist about using [antihistamine medicine](#) to help itching
- bathe in cool water and pat the skin dry (do not rub)
- dress in loose clothes

#### Don't

- do not use [ibuprofen](#) unless advised to do so by a doctor, as it may cause serious skin infections
- do not give aspirin to children under 16
- do not go near newborn babies, people who are pregnant and people with a weakened immune system, as chickenpox can be dangerous for them
- do not scratch the spots, as scratching can cause scarring

