

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday, 27th May 2022

This day in history

1907 The Bubonic Plague breaks out in San Francisco.

1937 San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge opens.



1647 Achsah Young becomes the first woman known to be executed as a witch in Massachusetts.



Whole School Attendance

Reception = 93.3 %

Year 1 = 91.1 %

★ Year 2 = 94.6 % ★

★ Year 3 = 94.9 % ★

Year 4 = 93.3 %

Year 5 = 93.1 %

Year 6 = 92.9 %



Congratulations

Well Done Year 2 for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 3 for the best attendance in Upper School.

Our school target is 97%.

Staff Changes

I regret to inform parents and carers this Miss Pedro is currently absent from school on a long term sickness absence as she deals with treatment and procedures for stage 1 Chondrosarcoma.

As a result, the opportunity has arisen to bring forward and enhance plans to support and manage the transition of Reception class children, preparing to end the year and looking to moving into Keystage 1, whilst maintaining their long term teaching provision. Therefore, following half term Mrs Bowe will move to Reception class and take the children who will then form her Year 1 class in September. This will allow Mrs Bowe and the children to build a stronger relationship, support their transition into Keystage 1 but also ensure greater stability with staffing.

Over the last week Miss Handy, who currently works in Upper School and will be teaching the children in Year 3 in September, has been working with the children, Mrs Bowe and Miss Debbie in preparation for taking over in Year 1 class after the half term holiday. To ensure that Year 1 continue to build on the work they have been currently doing Miss Handy and Mrs Bowe have worked together on site to manage a week long hand over and Mrs Bowe will also be returning to the Year 1 class to teach every Thursday until the end of the Year.

Hopefully, this solution will support all classes and children however if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact school.

Can we also take this opportunity to wish Miss Bobbi and her partner best wishes as she has now left us to start her Maternity Leave with the baby due any day!



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Durham Neurodevelopmental Family Support Hub Webinars

An Introduction to Autism Webinar Thursday 23rd June at 10am Microsoft Teams

Tickets available to book on Eventbrite -
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/347818182547>

An Introduction to ADHD Webinar Friday 24th June 10am Microsoft Teams

Tickets available to book on Eventbrite -
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/347819817437>

Webinar's will be recorded for those who are interested

Forest Schools Request

Mrs Bowe is looking for old pots, pans and metal ware you may be able to donate to her forest schools lessons. If you can supply any of these items, please contact Mrs Bowe or deliver them straight to the lower school site.

Many thanks



End Of Half Term

It has been a wonderful week this week to bring to a close the end of the Summer First Half term. Children enjoyed and engaged with the whole school Non Curriculum day, facing all the challenges and activities of Circus Skills in Lower school to Mental health and well-being strategies at Upper School.

If U Care Share Foundation worked with every class from Reception to Year 6 and worked with all children. Jubilee Lunches were had on both sites with extra games and celebrations forming part of the Garden Party on Lower School and Picnic at Upper School. And not to forget Early Years Afternoon Tea Party on Monday.



Year 6 End of Year

Following contact from several Year 6 parents / carers I can confirm that we will be providing all Year 6 children with an end of year Leavers T Shirt. The design will incorporate every Y6 Child's name and form part of their leaving celebrations!!



E-SAFETY UPDATE

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents. It is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues.

Conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel thatonlineasafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about CROSS-PLATFORM SHARING OF INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Creepy characters like Slender Man or Huggy Wuggy. Dangerous online challenges. Songs or videos that aren't suitable for youngsters. When things like these begin trending online, it can be difficult to prevent children accidentally stumbling across them – especially if they use a range of platforms, like online games, social media, streaming sites or messaging apps. A trend can originate in one online space and rapidly spread to other platforms or via chat apps. The frightening Huggy Wuggy character, for instance, first emerged as part of a game on Steam; now there are parody songs on TikTok, videos on YouTube and more than 45,000 results for #huggywuggy on Instagram.

UNSUITABLE VIDEOS AND IMAGES

Anyone can upload footage to a video-sharing platform, which has resulted in clips that appear age-appropriate but actually aren't so innocent. The audience for Peppa Pig, for instance, is very young – but there have been reports of Peppa cartoons with extreme violence spliced into them. Likewise, footage of the razor-toothed game character Huggy Wuggy has been inserted into numerous child-friendly videos (even on YouTube Kids), scaring many young viewers.

INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE

On a similar theme, there is always the possibility that user-uploaded video content could include language which really isn't suitable for children. The on-screen imagery may look child-friendly, but if your child is wearing headphones, then you'll remain unaware of what is being said: some videos have featured songs containing explicit language or characters graphically describing violence.

COPIES OF LIVE STREAMS

Social media and messaging apps can inadvertently spread extremely harmful content very quickly. Footage of violent attacks (such as the recent Buffalo supermarket shootings) can often be viewed on multiple platforms as people start to share the video. Moderators try to react swiftly to remove upsetting content, but the rate at which it goes viral makes it difficult to prevent the spread completely.

ACCIDENTAL EXPOSURE

Even if your child doesn't have access to social media platforms or video-streaming platforms (where the majority of issues arise), they might still use messaging apps to communicate with family and friends. There is always going to be a risk, therefore, of them seeing something which isn't child-friendly: either shared by one of their peers or sent accidentally by a relative.

Advice for Parents & Carers

USE SAFETY FEATURES

Enable safety settings like Google SafeSearch and the optional restrictions on video-sharing platforms like YouTube. Whenever possible, stick to YouTube Kids for young children, as the software will help to filter out unsuitable content. Remember that filters aren't always enough to block all inappropriate material – especially when child-friendly videos have been edited maliciously.

LESS IS BEST

Manage the number of online platforms your child has access to, based on their age and maturity. Just because their friends use a certain game or app, it doesn't mean your child must have it too. Follow the age guidelines for games and apps, and check regularly that privacy settings are in place.

KEEP IT COMMUNAL

Encourage your child to stay in a communal family space when they're watching videos or playing online games on their devices – without headphones, if possible. This will make it far easier for you to keep one eye (and ear) on what they are seeing and hearing while they're online.

AVOID FAN-MADE CONTENT

If your child watches cartoons and shows on YouTube, spend time with them making a playlist of videos that you're comfortable with them watching. Always source videos from official channels, as opposed to fan-made content: you can never be completely confident about material that another user has created or uploaded.

REACT CALMLY

If you hear or see anything unsuitable on your child's device, calmly ask them to turn off the game or video in question. Explain that they haven't done anything wrong, but that you don't like what you saw or heard and you would much rather they watched or played something else instead.

SUPPORT AND REASSURE

Remind your child regularly that anyone can post anything online – and that not everything online is real. If your child is sent something that scares or worries them, ask them to show you. Watch it alone (to avoid unnerving them further), then praise them for coming to you and talk about what upset them. Recommend a break from their device to do something which helps them feel calm and happy.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BCyberAware, who has developed anti-bullying and cyber-safety workshops and policies for schools in Australia and the UK. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government, comparing the internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



Source: <https://www.whatsonparenting.com/parenting/youtube-fil-makes-peppa-swear-like-a-salad-hwe-story/8c2d7088d0c606c6d3d0070e994d7>



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| LUNCH MENU | | WEEK 1 | | | | |
|------------------|--|---|---|------------------------------------|---|--------|
| | | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Hot Main Dish | Meatballs Mashed Potato Gravy | All Day Breakfast with Bacon <small>Potato Wedges</small> | Roast Chicken Yorkshire Puddings Roast Potatoes Gravy | Mince and Dumplings New Potatoes | Chicken Goujons with Potato Wedges | |
| Alternative Dish | Cheese Wrap ** Vegetable Sticks | All Day Breakfast with Veggie Sausage <small>Potato Wedges</small> | Vegetable Pie Roast Potatoes Gravy | Risotto with Homemade Garlic Bread | Quorn Bites with Potato Wedges | |
| Third Choice | Pasta Carbonara | Jacket Potato With Baked Beans | Tomato Pasta | Jacket Potato with Cheesy Coleslaw | Macaroni Cheese | |
| Salads | Fresh Salads <small>Including Lettuce, Cucumber, Tomato, Grated Carrot & Mixed Salads</small> | | | | | |
| Deli Choice | Freshly made Sandwiches, Rolls & Wraps | | | | | |
| Vegetables | Carrots Peas | Sweetcorn Broccoli | Carrots Cabbage | Broccoli Sweetcorn | Baked Beans Peas | |
| Desserts | Vanilla Ice-Cream | Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate custard | Jelly with Fruit Slices | Apple Crumble Custard | Orange, Sultana and Carrot Slice Custard* | |

Cool Water, Fresh Fruit, Freshly Baked Bread and Yoghurt available daily

| LUNCH MENU | | WEEK 2 | | | | |
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| | | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Hot Main Dish | Veggie Pasta Bolognese ** Tomato Bread Twist | Sticky Chicken Noodles | Roast Pork Roast Potatoes Gravy | Minced Beef Pie New Potatoes Gravy | Fish Fingers and Chips | |
| Alternative Dish | Margarita Pizza with Vegetable Sticks | Cheese and Onion Pasty with Potato Wedges | Shepherdess Pie Gravy | Spanish Tortilla | Quorn Bites and chips | |
| Third Choice | Jacket Potato with Cheese | Pasta Carbonara | Jacket Potato with Tuna and Cucumber | Tomato Pasta | Jacket Potato with Beans | |
| Salads | Fresh Salads <small>Including Lettuce, Cucumber, Tomato, Grated Carrot & Mixed Salads</small> | | | | | |
| Deli Choice | Freshly made Sandwiches, Rolls & Wraps | | | | | |
| Vegetables | Carrot Sticks Cucumber Sticks | Peas Broccoli | Carrots Cabbage | Parsnip Sweetcorn | Baked Beans Peas | |
| Desserts | Flapjack and fruit slice | Peach shortbread pudding* and custard | Raspberry Yogurt cake with Custard | Cocoa Finger and Orange Wedge* | Sponge Cake and custard | |

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| LUNCH MENU | | WEEK 3 | | | | |
|------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|--------|
| | | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Hot Main Dish | Macaroni Cheese | Spaghetti Bolognese ** Garlic Bread | Roast Turkey New Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding Gravy | Chicken Curry with Rice | Fish Fingers and Chips | |
| Alternative Dish | Veggie Sausage Mash Gravy | Quiche Salad and Coleslaw | Quorn Roast Mash Yorkshire Pudding Gravy | Vegetable Lasagne | Mexican Tacos With Chips | |
| Third Choice | Jacket Potato with Cheese and Tomatoes | Pasta Carbonara | Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayo | Tomato Pasta | Jacket Potato with Beans | |
| Salads | Fresh Salads <small>Including Lettuce, Cucumber, Tomato, Grated Carrot & Mixed Salads</small> | | | | | |
| Deli Choice | Freshly made Sandwiches, Rolls & Wraps | | | | | |
| Vegetables | Peas Carrots | Sweetcorn Broccoli | Carrots Cabbage | Mixed Vegetables Sweetcorn | Baked Beans Peas | |
| Desserts | Oat Biscuit and Fruit Slices* | Pear Upside Down Cake and Custard* | Strawberry Ice-Cream | Jam sponge with Custard | Banana and Apricot flapjack* with Custard | |

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🌿 Vegetarian
🥗 Nutritionists Choice
🍏 Fruit Based
🌾 Wholegrain
🐟 Oily Fish

Changes to School Meals Provider

Our school meals provider is currently Taylor Shaw, however, from September the schools meals contract will be transferring to Chartwells.

Chartwells have provided the proposed menus for September (see opposite) for schools and parents to preview ahead of taking over the Kitchen – as you can see there will now be 4 meal options including a plant based option and Deli Choice every day.

Library Book Amnesty

We will be holding a library Book amnesty after the half term – please check all over the house to see if your child has any library books that haven't been returned and send them back after the holiday to restock our libraries.

If you have any other reading books that your child no longer requires and you wish for more children to enjoy them, please feel free to send them in after the holiday too – they must be in a good condition and age appropriate.

Tree Planting

To mark the Jubilee children in Lower school and Upper school have planted new Horse Chestnut and Oak trees on site to mark this historic occasion for many, many years to come.



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School Dates

Dance and Theatre Club has now finished for Year 3 and Year 4 children – the club will reopen after half term for children in Year 5 and 6. A message will be sent on class dojo once the school reopens to organise the club starting on the 14th June.

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 Year 1 and Year 2,

Monday 6th – Friday 10th June Year 1 Phonics Check ups

Wednesday 8th June - Rotary Club Trip to Beamish Year 5 and Year 6, 10 – 2.30pm

Thursday 15th June – Reception Class Vision Checks

Transition Dates

Tuesday 21st June - Year 2 Visit / Tour and stay and play to Upper school site 9.30 -11.30

Tuesday 21st June – New Reception Parents Talk and Tour of School 10- 11am

Tuesday 28th June – Transition day for Year 6 to the Academy and Parent Induction Evening, all classes move up for the day and Year 2 to visit for full morning plus stay for dinner

Week Beginning Monday 4th July – Parents evening week – details to follow closer to the event.

Friday 8th July – Nursery, Reception class, Year 1 transition morning to new classes

Tuesday 12th - Nursery, Reception class, Year 1 Afternoon transition to new classes



*Have a Happy
Jubilee Celebration*



School Dates

School closes today for Half Term Holidays and reopens
on Monday 6th June 2022

