

# Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

*Caring, Sharing, Learning Together*

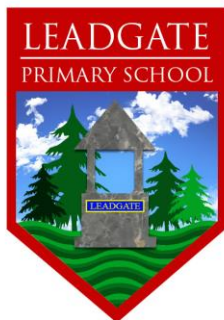
**Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

## This day in history

**1776** Colonel John Nixon gives 1<sup>st</sup> public reading of the Declaration of Independence.

**1951 Paris celebrates 2,000th birthday**  
On July 8, 1951, Paris, the capital city of France, celebrates turning 2,000 years old.

**2021** A tiny **Leonardo da Vinci sketch** 'Head of a Bear', the size of a post-it sells for £8.9 million in London Auction.



## Whole School Attendance

Reception = 88.4 %

★ Year 1 = 98.1 % ★

Year 2 = 92.4 %

Year 3 = 91 %

★ Year 4 = 100 % ★

Year 5 = 96.9 %

Year 6 = 95.8 %



## Congratulations

Well Done Year 1 for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 4 for the best attendance in Upper School.

**Our school target is 97%.**

Weekly Primary Attendance for the North East  
(w/e 1<sup>st</sup> July) = 93.1 %

National Primary Attendance (w/e 1<sup>st</sup> July) = 93.7 %

## School Dates

Dance and Theatre Club sessions for Year 5 and Year 6 have now finished

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

Year 3 Visit to Consett Library – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

## Transition Dates

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

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> - Nursery, Reception class, Year 1 Afternoon transition to new classes

**Reminder for Sun Cream and Hats next week with the long term forecast showing lots of hot weather in the week ahead**



## School Dates

School closes for Summer Holiday on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July And Reopens Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September



## **REMINDER**

### **Summer Events**

It's that time of the year where the Summer term is coming to an end and we are planning the last few remaining events that will take place over the coming weeks. We are delighted that this year following a turbulent few years, we have a much more 'normal' end to the term as we start to invite parents back into school to share with us in celebrating the success of our children. We would like our children to have the best possible end to the school year and as such have carefully planned events. We are looking forward to welcoming parents back to special events but also must consider that some of our younger children may find this a little daunting. Our children in Early Years have no previous experience of seeing their loved ones in school so we have carefully planned sports events for each key stage to ensure everybody has a fantastic sports event and end to the term.

### **Summer Sports Stay and Play**

Children in the Early Years Foundation Stage will have a summer stay and play session with a focus on outdoor games. There will be an opportunity for parents to join children to take part in various games within the classroom and outdoor environment. Please be mindful that this is quite a big step for some of our children and to help us plan the session we would appreciate confirming with your child's class teacher if you are able to attend. Unfortunately, we do not have the space to accommodate younger siblings. Nursery will hold their session on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 10.45am-11.45am.** Reception will hold their session on the afternoon of the **13<sup>th</sup> July from 1.30pm- 2.30pm.**

### **Key Stage 1 Summer Sports Games**

Children in Year 1 and Year 2 will have a more traditional sports day style events which will be held on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 9am.** The games should last around an hour and we will celebrate all children who take part in the traditional egg and spoon race, sack race, relay race and of course let's not forget the skipping race. The children love some audience participation so we will welcome back the return of the parent's race! So pop your running shoes on and come join in the fun!

### **Key Stage 2 Summer Sports Day**

Children in Key Stage 2 are excited to see the return of the traditional more competitive sports day. The level of sports achievements children have accomplished this year are staggering we have some sports stars in the making and we are very proud of all the children. Mr Baker has his clipboard ready and children are ready to show off their excellent sports skills and of course impress us with their sportsmanship. Parents are more than welcome to spectate and cheer the children on! This is provisional planned for **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at ?** Please note that all events may be changed at short notice depending on the weather. We would also like to remind parents that videoing and photography at such events is strictly prohibited. We know that you would like to capture those memories but it is just not possible in today's society with social media being so prevalent. This is solely because of safeguarding as we may have children who do not have parent or guardian permission for photographs. We appreciate your help to keep everyone safe.

### **Moving Up and Moving On Celebrations Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

It is very nearly time to say goodbye and wish our Year 6 pupils all the best for their next adventure as they move into the next phase of their education. We are celebrating their success and personal growth throughout their time in Leadgate Primary School with a celebration day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July. More details to follow. Year 2 children are ready to continue on their educational journey and will soon be leaving lower site to move up to Key Stage 2 at the Upper School building. Their time at Lower site has flown by and all the children are really excited. We have had a brilliant year with lots of fun, laughter and learning. We have been privileged to watch the children grow from toddlers to the kind, responsible and enthusiastic children they are today. We will be celebrating all they have achieved so far and saying goodluck moving up to your new phase in our end of term party. On the morning of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July we will have a dome disco bouncy castle. Then on the afternoon we will have a party with a disco in the hall, games and party food. Children can come to school in their party clothes must be bouncy castle appropriate or if they prefer they can bring their clothes to school in a named bag and change at lunch time.



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## Staffing Update for September

I am pleased to share and congratulate Mrs Bowe on her very recent appointment as Early Years Lead, and joining the senior leadership team, at The Grove Primary. Miss Bowe is an outstanding Early years Practitioner who has work so hard at the school and most definitely in support of the current Year 1 class who she has supported throughout their time and transition from Nursery to becoming the current Year 1 class. However, Miss Bowe's new position will not commence until within the Autumn term at the earliest. Therefore, I have made the decision to keep Miss Handy in year 1 to support the ongoing stability of the new Year 1 class and build upon on the high expectations of learning and behaviour now established by Miss Bowe.

Miss Handy has already worked within Year 1 this term and has met all the children coming into the class as part of their transition. Miss Bowe will work part time at the school across the Autumn term as she transitions into her new management role at her new school and this also gives us the opportunity to maintain Forest schools lessons in as many classes as possible.

Once again, I hope you will join me in congratulating Mrs Bowe on her successful appointment.

## September Staffing

Nursery Class Teacher - Mrs Nesom	Year 3 Class Teacher – Mrs Reed
Reception Class Teacher - Miss Pedro	Year 4 Class Teacher – Mrs Hannon
Year 1 Class Teacher – Miss Handy	Year 5 Class Teacher – Miss Scarr
Year 2 Class Teacher – Miss Weaver	Year 6 Class Teacher – Miss Edwards

**Year 3 Library Visit**  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 3 will be visiting Consett Library next week during school time. This builds on the wonderful work every one has done to promote reading and reading for pleasure this year



**STEM**  
**(Science, Technology,**  
**Engineering and Mathematics)**  
**workshop**

Year 6 have enjoyed a wonderful afternoon today working with staff from Consett Academy on the Helipad Construction challenge as part of a STEM workshop. Working in teams the children created helipads and tested them for both Stability and weight. Congratulations to all of them for their perseverance and ingenuity!



## Summer Support Offer – Primary School

### Piece of Mind - Mental Health Support Team

The Piece of Mind team are currently working within your child's school. We offer early intervention and preventative support including 1:1, groups and whole school approaches. Our team includes a number of roles depending on the area of need. Education Mental Health Practitioners (EMHP) and Psychological Wellbeing Practitioners (PWP) from the team would like to offer their support to parents and caregivers over the summer holidays.

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### Anxiety – 1 Session support for parents/caregivers

Delivered by our EMHPs/PWPs via **Microsoft Teams**

**1hr 30mins** session aiming for parents/caregivers:

- To develop an understanding of what anxiety is and how it presents in children.
- Develop basic strategies to support your child's symptoms of anxiety.
- Discuss next steps if you identify that you/or your child would benefit from further support

**Dates/Times: (only need to attend 1)**

- **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> of August at 9.30am**
- **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of August at 3.30pm**

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### Transition (Primary to Secondary)- 2 Session support for parents/caregivers

Delivered by our EMHPs/PWPs via **Microsoft Teams**

1hour 30mins with an EMHP/PWP.

- **To help parent(s)/caregivers to prepare you and your child for the transition to secondary school.**
- **To develop strategies to support your child through the transition process.**
- Discuss next steps if you identify that you/or your child would like further support.

**Dates/Times: (will need to attend both sessions)**

- **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August: 5:30pm - 7:00pm**
- **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August: 10am - 11.30am**

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**If you are interested, please speak to a member of school staff and provide:  
Which session you would like to attend, your full name, child's full name, email address and contact number.**



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SALE

GAME SALE

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about STEAM

Steam is a computer gaming digital distribution platform and storefront. It is the biggest platform for desktop- or laptop-based gaming, with a range of more than 30,000 games available. The platform has become a lively social environment for many gamers, and allows people to trade, sell and buy gaming items for real money. Valve, the developers behind Steam, have also released different hardware that works with the platform, including the Steam Deck – a hand-held console that lets users play their favourite games while away from their computer.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### UNSUITABLE GAMES

Among the 30,000+ games on the platform, there are many that aren't appropriate for children. Individuals can view and download games featuring adult content if they verify their age – but, of course, it's easy to enter a false date of birth online. This can lead to children and young people finding games that they shouldn't have access to: featuring violence or profanity, for example.

### SPENDING SPREES

Steam hosts regular sales – including some where game prices are reduced by up to 90%. Some sales promotions also include a mini-game or event which encourages users to spend more money. The sales can be an excellent time for young gamers to purchase the titles they've been wanting, but the attractive discounts can also promote impulse buys driven by the fear of missing out.

### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Steam isn't a social media site, but it certainly shares some of their elements. Users can add other people as 'friends', for example (whether they know them in real life or not), and then communicate privately with them using text or voice chat. The platform also hosts public discussions and groups for socialising. Steam users can also leave comments on the profiles of other players.

### POTENTIAL SCAMS

Sadly, Steam's immense popularity has made it a lucrative destination for internet scammers. The most common ruse is phishing: scammers send links to other users, aiming to trick them into entering their login details – which are then stolen. Once in control of the account, the scammer sends messages to everyone on the victim's friend's list, in an attempt to hijack their accounts too.

### SHADY TRADERS

The Steam Community Market is a built-in trading area where players can trade resources for their games on the platform. Gamers can exchange items, or buy and sell them using real-world currency. However, it's possible for unwary users to be scammed through bad trade deals, and Steam doesn't usually get involved when this happens. There are also third-party trading websites, which can be risky to use.

### SPARSE AGE RATINGS

Steam is a digital distribution platform for games of all kinds, including ones not rated by regulatory bodies. Getting a game rated takes a long time, and can be expensive, so developers only tend to follow that process when releasing a title that will be physically sold in shops. Most games on Steam, therefore, don't have an advisory age rating on the store page.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### ENABLE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Steam does have some limited parental controls that can restrict exactly what games someone's account can view and access. This can be set up by navigating to the 'Family' tab in 'Settings', then selecting 'Manage Family View'. The platform then allows parents and carers to share a Steam account with their child and limit them to age-appropriate games.

### USE GIFT CARDS

Having payment methods (like card details or PayPal) linked to a Steam account makes it very easy for a child to purchase new games or spend money on items in the marketplace. An excellent and safe alternative would be to buy a Steam gift card and let your child make their purchases with that instead – putting a manageable cap on how much they can spend on the platform.

### APPLY STEAM GUARD

Steam Guard is an optional additional layer of security that protects accounts. Enabling it ensures that anyone attempting to log in to that account also needs to provide authorisation via their phone or email. The computer that your child uses Steam on can be authorised to prevent having to provide separate authentication for each login.

### SHARE A LIBRARY

Using Family Library Sharing lets everyone at home share games across accounts (while still keeping their accounts separate). The entire game library from each account is shared with the other account holders – a great way to avoid having to purchase a different copy of the game for each of your children. However, if two users want to play the same game separately, you would need to buy it twice.

### SAFE MODDING

Modifying a game to customise it or to introduce new content – known as 'modding' – is common on Steam. There's nothing inherently bad about modding, but installing the wrong mods can be disastrous: they can stop games from working properly, or at all. Steam's mods are unlikely to contain viruses or malware, but it's still possible – so ensure your child reads the mod's reviews first to avoid anything dangerous.

## Meet Our Expert

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