

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday 14th October 2022

On this day in history:

1066 Battle of Hastings: William, Duke of Normandy and his Norman army defeat the English forces of Harold II who is killed in the battle.

1586 Mary Queen of Scots goes on trial for conspiracy against Elizabeth

1892 Arthur Conan Doyle publishes "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" collection of 12 stories originally published serially in "The Strand Magazine"



Whole School Attendance Weekly Attendance figures

Reception = 90.4 %

Year 1 = 94.23 %

★ Year 2 = 98.96 % ★

Year 3 = 94.05 %

Year 4 = 98.33 %

★ Year 5 = 98.81 % ★

Year 6 = 93.75 %



Congratulations

Well Done Year 2 for the best attendance in Keystage 1 and Year 5 for the best attendance in Upper School across the whole year.

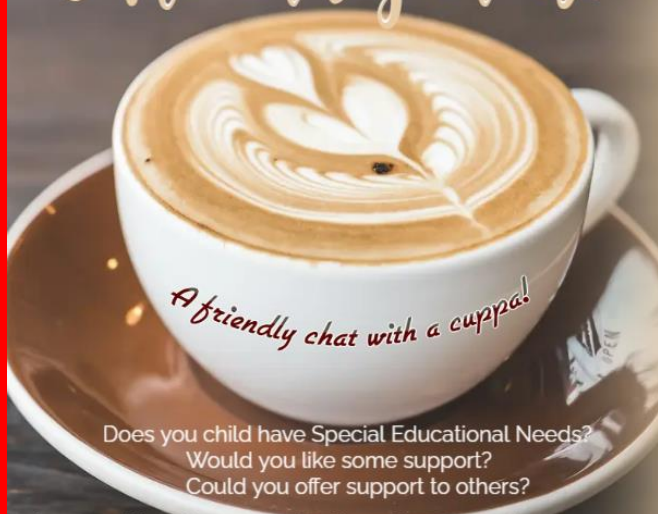
LEADGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEND COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 15th November 2022

8.45am - 9.30am

Come and join us!



A friendly chat with a cuppa!

Does your child have Special Educational Needs?
Would you like some support?
Could you offer support to others?

Share with others in similar situations in a friendly, supportive environment. All Welcome!

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Lower site (West Street)

NEW END OF DAY PROCEDURE AT UPPER SCHOOL

Following a review of the number of children that now leaving the Upper School Site from the back gate it has been decided that following the half term holiday parents will be asked to collect their children from the class porch door. Parents / Carers collecting will be able to access the school site once the back gate is opened by the caretaker at approximately 3.10. This will remove the large number of children leaving through one single gateway and ensure the safe hand over to those collecting. Staff will also then be available for parents and carers and also eliminate the large number of adults that stand a great distance away from the gates. If you wish your child to leave without being collected from the class porch door a letter will be sent home to all families at Upper school next week for you to sign giving permission for your child to leave and meet you elsewhere / walk home. Children being collected will be released first. Those without permission will be kept in class until collected or the appropriate adults contacts school to inform of end of day routines. Thank you for your understanding in this matter. This decision has been made to further safeguard all children at the end of the day and will remain under review.

School Dates

Date for the Diary

Photographs this year will take place on Friday 25th November

School Holiday Dates

Half Term school closes Friday 21st October and reopens Monday 31st October

School Closes for Christmas on 16th December.

Forest School Sessions Year 1 & Year 2

Monday Morning 31st October until Monday 5th December (weekly sessions)

Forest School

Children will need to wear warm clothing and bring wellies.

We are delighted to collaborate with 'Forest Adventures' to resume our forest school sessions after half term starting with KS1 followed by KS2 in the Spring Term 2023.

School dates confirmed so far :

- 17th Oct – Non Curriculum Day Upper School
- 18th Oct – Non Curriculum Day Lower School
- 18th Oct - Nasal Flu vaccinations (provisional date)
- 19th – 21st Oct – Year 6 Residential Visit
- 19th Oct – Lower School Police Visit and Talk
- 21st Oct - Consett Fire Station Bonfire Talk – Year 1 and 2
- 4th Nov – Reception Class - National Measurement Programme
- 7th Nov – Parents Evening – all Years except Year 3 (details to follow)
- 8th Nov - Parents Evening – all Years (details to follow)
- 9th Nov - Parents Evening – Year 3 (details to follow)
- 15th Nov – SEND Coffee Morning with Miss Weaver 8.45 Lower School
- 25th Nov – school Photographs
- 6th Dec – Pantomime on site for Upper School
- 8th Dec – SAVE THE CHILDREN Christmas Jumper Day
- 7th Dec - Panto at Empire Theatre for Year 1 and 2
- PROVISIONAL DATE 12th Dec – Christmas Performance Years 1 to 6 to be held at Our Lady and St Josephs Church next to Brooms School
- PROVISIONAL DATE 13th Dec – Christmas Dinner day on both sites
- 13th Dec – Early Years Christmas Performance 2.15pm
- 16th Dec – School Closes for Christmas Holiday

Additional Dates will be added once bookings are confirmed

Gentle Reminder – school uniform

School Uniform will be in full effect after the Half term holiday. Children should bring sports and swimming kits into school to change for these lessons. Any one without a School Jumper will be provided with one on the day.

Reception Early Years Stay and Play Session

We are delighted that so many parents and carer could attend the stay and play on Thursday. It was a huge success and so many positive comments were received afterwards. It was a pleasure to see such a fantastic turnout and to welcome parents/carers and grandparents back into school. Children thoroughly enjoyed showing their grown ups our learning environment, elements of our daily routine and some of the work they have done so far this year. The children loved showing how we learn new sounds and how we use them to read, during the phonics session modelled to parents/carers. We look forward to welcoming parents/carers/grandparents in again soon.



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Lower school will be holding its Halloween disco on the afternoon of Monday 31st October (that's the first day back after the Half Term Holiday) Children should bring their costumes / clothes into school and will change after lunch. All children will be ready to collect at the end of the day. There is no cost for this event.

Upper School will be holding its Halloween activities on Friday 21st October and again during school time. Children can bring outfits to school to change at lunchtime (but no deodorants, face paints or fake blood please) and change at lunchtime. The decision to hold both these events during school time is so that there is no cost to any family for participation and helps to continue to poverty proof the school whilst maintaining activities for ALL children.

Leadgate Primary School
Parent and Toddler Playgroup

STARTING AFTER HALF TERM ON
FRIDAY 4th NOVEMBER

Sharing

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Learning together

Lot of games, toys, stories, music,
soft play, activities and fun!
Come for a play and a chat!

West Street, Leadgate, DH8 7PN

Every Friday (term time only)

1.30pm – 2.30pm
(to vacate by 2.45pm ready for school pick ups)

Tea & coffee available
£1 admission

After School Dance Club

The lessons will start straight after school at 3pm and finish at 3.45pm. The dates are every Monday on the : **17th October and the final session on the 31st October.**

If you would like to book a place for your child to attend please message me directly on Class Dojo to have their names added to the list. **We currently still have places available for the last 2 sessions.**

There will not be a charge for this club. Children will need to be collected from the main reception door at the end of the session. If you are not successful in getting a place another 5 sessions will run for years 1 and 2 in February and March.

NEW READING AND SPELLING APP - REMINDER

In order to support each child's reading and spelling I have purchase access for each child in Years 3 to 6 to an online App which they will use in school called Nessy Learning. As this is an opt in learning programme you will have received an email from Nessy Learning earlier this evening, to your registered primary email address, to give consent for your child to use during school hours.

Please follow the link in the email to grant consent and allow your child to start using. If you have any issues with the link please message me directly to say that you give consent and I can authorise on your behalf.

There is a store feature on this programme *however* there is **NO** need to use this at all.

Many thanks for your support with this.



E-Safety Update / Information

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FIFA 23

FIFA 23, like its many predecessors, is a massively popular football simulator featuring lifelike recreations of thousands of real-world players, drawn from teams around the globe. While the gameplay is subtly improved year on year, the publisher EA Sports' tweaks tend to focus on FIFA Ultimate Team mode, which can tempt gamers of all ages to spend real money recruiting better players for their side. With each new release of FIFA comes a host of new players to unlock – meaning that youngsters can feel pressured to keep buying to compete with their friends.

AGE RATING
PEGI 3

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RELEASE RAZZAMATAZZ

FIFA 23 will be the last in the blockbuster series, before EA goes solo with its own football title next season. This 'end of an era' vibe – coupled with a huge advertising budget making the new release almost impossible to miss – will elevate FIFA 23 into even more of a 'must have' for football-mad young gamers, no matter how minor the updates are on last year's version.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CHAT

Based on a popular sport which appeals to people of all ages, the FIFA franchise draws a huge audience of both children and adults. Communication is a key element, with many players enjoying in-game audio chat via headsets. With the mixed age range of players and a lack of regulation, however, chats can often turn offensive or toxic – especially in the heat of competitive matches.

IN-GAME PROMOTIONS

Unless precautions are taken, dedicated FIFA fans can spend significant sums when attempting to improve their Ultimate Team. Most top-level players can be unlocked by simply participating in matches, but some sought-after stars can be obtained more quickly in limited-time promotions which cost a large amount of FIFA points (the in-game currency, often paid for with real money).

CIRCLING SCAMMERS

The popularity of FIFA Ultimate Team (FUT) mode has led to online scammers convincing many impressionable gamers to pay real money for non-existent FUT coins and player cards, or directing unwary FIFA fans to phishing sites. If your child gives these individuals their login details, the scammers can access not only their carefully built team but potentially your payment information.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

One match on FIFA (usually around 15 minutes, but often lengthened by extra time and penalties) almost invariably leads to another. It can be a powerful temptation for young players, regardless of unfinished homework or an approaching bedtime. If the "just one more game" mindset starts to impact a child's daily routine, it could be a sign of gaming disorder: a recognised mental health issue.

GAMBLING-ADJACENT BEHAVIOUR

Ultimate Team has become a major feature in FIFA due to the revenues it generates. It can also be addictive, with children striving to earn coins and level up while swapping, selling and buying players. Spending FUT coins to open a player pack (which many experts have likened to gambling) is designed to be an exciting act – with bright lights, fanfare and attention-grabbing prizes.

Advice for Parents & Carers

BE SELECTIVE WITH CHATS

It's enormous fun for FIFA players to chat online with friends, even as their teams do battle in the game. It's probably the safest idea, though, to restrict contact with strangers. By turning off voice chat in FIFA and allowing cross-party chat in their device's settings, your child can speak to people who are already on their friends list but won't be able to talk to (or hear) strangers online.

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child plays Ultimate Team mode on FIFA, ensure their account isn't linked to your payment methods – so they'll need your permission to make in-game purchases. Alternatively, you could use parental controls to limit spending – or set up a pre-paid 'allowance'. When excitedly clicking options on screen, it's easy for a young person to forget the real-world repercussions of online purchases.

STAY ALERT FOR SCAMS

There are some key things to remember about potential FIFA scams. Firstly, EA never contacts users via any method other than emails to the account holder (which may well be you). Neither will they ever ask for a player's username or password outside the game itself. EA's terms and conditions outlaw the buying of FUT coins, so anyone selling them should be treated as suspicious.

AVOID 'EXTRA TIME'

If your child's spending a lot of time on FIFA 23 and seems less enthusiastic about other activities in their life, you could consider restricting how long they can play for each day with the parental controls in their device's settings. Even if they're not playing on their console or computer, there's a FIFA companion app for smartphones – but that can be limited through parental controls, too.

Meet Our Expert

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With Dance Teacher Adam



Dance class for Kids on Tuesday!

This is a Fun, Upbeat class packed with loads of exciting steps!

Always starting with a full Warm up, learning dance routines and we also use Acro mats to practice new tricks!

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Station Road,
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Make New Friends

Ages 4+
4.15pm

Ages 6+
5pm

FIRST CLASS FREE
ALL CLASSES FIVE POUNDS

