

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday 21st October 2022

On this day in history:

1805 Battle of Trafalgar: British Admiral Horatio Nelson defeats combined French and Spanish fleet. Nelson shot and killed during battle.

1833 Swedish chemist, engineer, and industrialist Alfred Nobel, who invented dynamite and who also founded the Nobel Prizes, was born in Stockholm.

1854 Florence Nightingale with a staff of 38 nurses is sent to the Crimean War



**Whole School Attendance
Weekly Attendance figures**

Reception = 87.7 %

★ Year 1 = 91.4 % ★

Year 2 = 91.1 %

★ Year 3 = 95.8 % ★

Year 4 = 87.1 %

Year 5 = 91.7 %

Year 6 = 93.1 %



Congratulations

Well Done Year 1 for the best attendance in Keystage 1 and Year 3 for the best attendance in Upper School across the whole year.

Year 6 Residential

Huge congratulations to all the children that undertook the residential visit this week. I am super impressed by the stories I have heard about you all working together, facing your fears and challenges and achieving through sheer perseverance and determination.

Also a huge thank you to Miss Edwards, Mr Baker, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Walls for their commitment and time to support the children in being able to complete this amazing adventure. Without their support in this it would be impossible to offer the children such an amazing experience and opportunity.



I hope the stories they share with everyone after the half term holiday will be an inspiration to our current Year 5's in preparation for being Year 6 next year. We have already been in contact with Derwent Hill to start booking next years residential !

Date for the Diary

Photographs this year will take place on Friday 25th November



Swimming Update

Year 5 will be swimming after the half term holiday every Thursday

School Holiday Dates

Half Term –school is closed next week and reopens Monday 31st October. School Closes for Christmas on 16th December.

A poster for Forest School Sessions. It features a background of a forest with a tree trunk in the foreground. A sign on the tree says 'Forest School'. Text on the poster includes: 'Forest School Sessions Year 1 & Year 2', 'Monday Morning 31st October until Monday 5th December (weekly sessions)', 'Children will need to wear warm clothing and bring wellies.', and '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.'

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School dates confirmed so far :

- 21st Oct - Consett Fire Station Bonfire Talk – Year 1 and 2
- 4th Nov – Reception Class - National Measurement Programme
- 1st Nov – **KS2 Tag Rugby Competition**
- 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**
- 16th Nov – **Washington Wetlands Trip Year 1**
- 18th Nov – **Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics**
- 22nd Nov – **Believe and Be Visit by Nursery a.m.**
- 25th Nov – school Photographs
- 30th Nov – **Donkey Visit early Years and KS1**
- 5th Dec – **Keystage 1 – Pet talk Visit from Dogs Trust**
- 6th Dec – **Pantomime on site for Upper School**
- 8th Dec – **SAVE THE CHILDREN Christmas Jumper Day**
- 9th December - **Kylie Dixon Author and illustrator Visit KS2**
- 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**
- 14th Dec – **EYFS Christmas Party a.m.**
- 14th Dec – **Keystage 1 Christmas Party**
- 15th Dec – **Keystage 2 Christmas Party**
- 16th Dec – **School Closes for Christmas Holiday**

Additional Dates will be added once bookings are

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.

A poster for a SEND Coffee Morning. It features a background of a cup of coffee with latte art. Text on the poster includes: '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!', 'Made with PosterMyWall.com', and 'Lower site (West Street)'.

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REMINDER - NEW END OF DAY PROCEDURE AT UPPER SCHOOL

After the half term holiday parents are reminded 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.

If you wish your child to leave without being collected from the class porch door please ensure you have returned the letter sent home this week. This decision has been made to further safeguard all children at the end of the day and will remain under review.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Leadgate Primary School
Parent and Toddler Playgroup

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

Keystage 1 Halloween Celebration

Due to pre booked dance and Music lessons Keystage 1 halloween celebration will now be held On Tuesday November 1st

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 :

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 .

Non Curriculum Day

Another amazing experience this week was our termly Non Curriculum day where children take part in a range of experiences, off timetable, that celebrated Black History Month and kept a truly international flavour. From drumming and dancing to cooking West African Jollof rice and African Artwork the children had an amazing time. They showed perseverance in learning new skills and pride in their achievements.

We are currently organising next terms Non curriculum Day for February with another International feel with Keystage 2 from the Far East !



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 apps 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

SENDIT

Sendit is an add-on to Snapchat, not a standalone app: it requires users to have an active Snapchat account, which they then connect to Sendit. It's important that trusted adults realise, therefore, that any risks associated with Snapchat also affect children using Sendit. Within the app, people play question games like 'Truth or Dare' and 'Never Have I Ever': users select a question to share on their Snapchat story for their friends to reply to. All responses are anonymous, although – for paying subscribers – Sendit reveals hints about who sent which messages.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ANONYMOUS RESPONSES

Anonymity online encourages people to say things and act in ways that they normally wouldn't. They're less accountable, and it's harder to track who sent a message. Research has highlighted that children perceive anonymous messages as being more severe than if the same message had come from a friend. Any app that lets children communicate anonymously should be treated with caution.

MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT

Categories of questions such as "Ask me anything" or "Rate me" – coupled with the app's anonymity mean there is a likelihood of some friends or strangers (if the account is set to 'public') responding in a negative manner. These critical comments (especially if there are several) could ruin a young person's self-esteem – heightening their insecurities and affecting their mental health.

MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Currently costing £8.49 per week, Sendit's Diamond Membership offers clues about who sent a particular message, such as their approximate location, the type of phone used and any mutual friends. Membership also provides exclusive games and an ad-free experience. Young people may well be curious to find out who certain messages are from and therefore sign up for membership.

BULLYING AND HARASSMENT

Open-ended questions which relate personally to the sender are an opportunity for malicious people to make offensive remarks, which can lead to full-blown bullying and harassment. Additionally, bullies and trolls can hide behind the anonymity that Sendit offers, feeling more powerful and able to intimidate their target – who, by contrast, feels hurt, victimised and helpless.

POSSIBLE GROOMING

If your child doesn't have their Snapchat account set to private, or they have previously added strangers as friends, there is a possibility of predators responding to their Sendit questions. They do this in an attempt to gather information about your child – or to initiate a conversation with them, seeking ultimately to form an online 'friendship' and gain the young person's trust.

REPEATED ENGAGEMENT

On Sendit, users receive trophies for reaching a particular number of responses, for answering friends' questions and for posting their own. This sense of achievement could incentivise a young person to be active on Sendit more frequently – spending more time on their phone or tablet as they may naturally want to collect all of the trophies or might be competing with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

If your child has already downloaded Sendit, it might be wise to have a discussion with them about the impact that saying something anonymously online could have on others. Encourage them to think about how they would feel if they were on the receiving end of a particular comment. Reminding them to stop and re-read messages before sending could reduce the number of regrettable situations.

TALK IT OVER

Before allowing a young person onto a social networking app, it's a good idea to chat with them about the possibility of receiving hurtful comments. Explain that not everyone online is nice; that people often say things they don't mean; and that posts get misinterpreted. Teach your child not to reply to any offensive users on Sendit and simply block instead them (via the three dots in the top right of the screen).

BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES

Even if you do allow your child to use Sendit, you might want to consider talking to them in advance about whether they really need a membership subscription. Either way, it's probably safest to make sure that in-app purchases are blocked in the settings, or that you have configured your child's device to ask for your approval before making a purchase online.

ONLY PLAY WITH FRIENDS

Stress the importance of your child playing Sendit games only with their close friends and not having strangers on their contacts list. This should help to keep the nature of the questions light-hearted – and if the games are being played among a small group, it will be easier for the members to figure out who gave certain answers if someone's been left feeling hurt or uncomfortable by any responses.

Meet Our Expert

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



Sources: <https://www.getsendit.com/privacy> | <https://www.getsendit.com/terms> | <https://www.getsendit.com/terms> | <https://www.getsendit.com/terms>



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Consett Fire Brigade Visit – Bonfire Safety

Thank you to Consett Fire Brigade for visiting both sites this morning and speaking to all the children about bonfire safety. The children took the opportunity to dress up in full uniform during assembly time and explore the Fire engine parked outside school – not to mention spraying thousands of gallons of water into the atmosphere as they practiced on the hose.

Thank you to the firemen for following up with the Firework Code.

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Contact Telephone : 07769588299 / 07943021618

HiP HoP Dance!

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!

Citizens House,
Station Road,
Consett,
DH8 5RL

Make New Friends

Ages 4+
4.15pm

FIRST CLASS FREE
ALL CLASSES FIVE POUNDS

Ages 6+
5pm



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