

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Friday 11th November 2022

On this day in history:

1790 Chrysanthemums are introduced to England from China.

1918 Poland declares independence

1987 Van Gogh's "Irises" sells for record \$53.6 million at auction

1992 The Church of England approves the ordination of female priests



Whole School Attendance Weekly Attendance figures

Reception = 98%

Year 1 = 94%

★ Year 2 = 99% ★

Year 3 = 92.9%

★ Year 4 = 98.8 % ★

Year 5 = 92.3%

Year 6 = 96.3 %



Congratulations

Well Done Year 2 for the best attendance in Keystage 1 and Year 4 for the best attendance in Upper School across the whole week.

Friday 18th November Children in Need

BE SPOTACULAR

The Great SPOTacular takes place on Friday 18th November this year to support Children in Need. Children can come to school wearing spots or non uniform for a small donation on Friday 18th November.



A walk-in FLU Vaccination Clinic for 2 3 YEAR-OLDS is coming to COUNTY DURHAM

STANLEY Sunday 13th Nov 10am - 3pm Stanley Primary Care Centre, Clifford Road, DH9 0AB

No appointment needed – Just walk in! Children must be accompanied by an adult with parental supervision.

Anti Bullying Week

Antibullying week will be celebrated across next week and begins with Odd Socks Day on Monday 14th November so get those socks ready to celebrate. There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to your school, at work or at home, it couldn't be simpler!



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

The next school Holiday is Christmas and the School closes for Christmas on Friday 16th December.

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.

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 :

- 14th Nov – ODD SOCK DAY
- 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
- 28th Nov – Magic Man Show – Early Years
- 29th Nov – New Reception Children Stay and Play
- 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
- 6th Dec – Reception Class visit to Seven Stories
- 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 confirmed

Cross Country

Well done to all of the children who have competed in this year's cross-country competition. Riley W, Matthew G, Ollie H, Eboni and especially Lola D who won one of the races.



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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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 issues 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 HOW TO COMBAT ONLINE BULLYING



Defined as "ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online", cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms – such as hurtful comments on a person's posts or profile; deliberately leaving them out of group chats; sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone; or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person's mental health ... so, in support of Anti-Bullying Week, we've provided a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it.



1. GET CONNECTED

Playing online games together with your child or connecting with them on social media (providing they're old enough) is not only fun but also an excellent way of establishing some common ground to discuss things you've both seen or done online – as well as keeping an eye on who your child is communicating with in the digital world.

2. KEEP TALKING

Regular chats with young people about their online lives are good practice in general, but they can also be an excellent refresher to help prevent cyber-bullying situations. Topics you might want to revisit include why it's important to only connect online with people we know and trust, and why passwords should always remain secret (even from our best friends).

3. STAY VIGILANT

Observe your child while they're using technology and just after they've used it. Are they acting normally, or out of character? Possible signs of a problem may include seeming quiet or withdrawn, lumpy or anxious, angry or repeatedly checking their phone. When you feel it's the right time, you may want to check in with them to see if everything is OK.

4. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE

If an online bullying incident does occur, it may take a while before your child is ready to open up about what happened. Just gently remind them that they can always come to you with any problems – and that they won't be in trouble. You might also suggest a trusted family member they could turn to, in case they feel too embarrassed to tell you directly.

5. BE PREPARED TO LISTEN

When conversations about online bullying do take place, they're likely to be difficult, emotional and upsetting for both you and your child. Actively listen to your child while they're bringing you up to speed, and try not to show any judgement or criticism – even if they haven't dealt with the situation in exactly the way you would have hoped.

FURTHER SUPPORT AND ADVICE

If you or your child need additional help with an online bullying issue, here are some specialist organisations that you could reach out to.

Childline: talk to a trained counsellor on 0800 1111 or online at www.childline.org.uk/get-support/

National Bullying Helpline: counsellors are available on 0845 225 5767 or by visiting www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/cyberbullying.html

The NSPCC: the children's charity has a guide to the signs of bullying at www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/ and can be reached on 0800 800 5000

6. EMPOWER YOUR CHILD

Depending on their age, your child might not want a parent 'fighting their battles for them'. In that case, talk through their options with them (blocking the perpetrator, deleting the app and so on). By allowing your child to choose the path they take, you're putting them in control but are also demonstrating that you're there to support them along the way.

7. REPORT BULLIES ONLINE

Cyber-bullying often takes place through a particular app, social media platform or online game. If this is happening to your child, encourage them to report the offender to the app or game in question – ideally with screenshots to support their complaint. Most games and apps have reporting tools specifically to stamp out abusive behaviour and protect users.

8. ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

Protecting themselves online is the priority, of course, but young people should also feel empowered to help if they witness other people falling victim to cyberbullying. Even if they don't feel confident enough to call someone out on their abusive behaviour online, they can still confidentially report that person to the app or game where the bullying occurred.

9. SEEK EXPERT ADVICE

Victims of online bullying frequently experience feelings of isolation and anxiety, a loss of self-esteem and potentially even thoughts of self-harm or suicide. If you think that an incident of cyber-bullying has affected your child's mental wellbeing, then seek psychological support for them. There are some useful contact details in the central panel below.

10. INVOLVE THE AUTHORITIES

If the nature of any online bullying makes you suspect that your child is genuinely in imminent physical danger – or if there are any signs whatsoever of explicit images being shared as part of the bullying – then you should gather any relevant screenshots as evidence and report the incidents to your local police force.

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.



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