

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

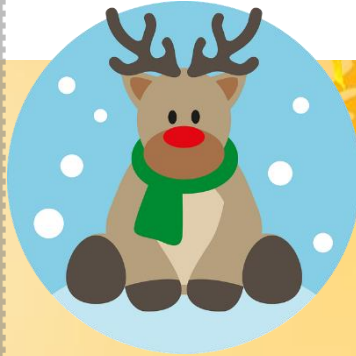
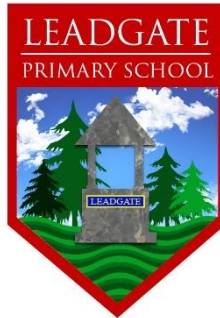
Friday 25th November 2022

On this day in history:

1841 35 survivors of the mutiny on the slave ship Amistad return to Africa

1937 World's Fair of Paris closes (31.2 million visitors)

1949 "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer" appears on U.S. music charts



**Whole School Attendance
Weekly Attendance figures**

★ Reception = 94.8% ★
Year 1 = 88.8%
Year 2 = 86.7%
Year 3 = 90.5%
★ Year 4 = 98.3% ★
Year 5 = 94.8%
Year 6 = 94.5%



Congratulations

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

Join the Derwent Valley Partnership for

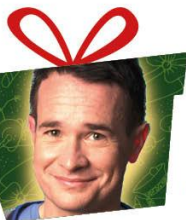
Christmas in Consett

Thursday 1 December

5.30pm-7pm Middle St. Consett

FREE EVENT

Street theatre acts, the Salvation Army Band and more including:



From CBeebies's
ALEX WINTERS



Performing live
KHALYSIS

Christmas jumper competition

(the winner will receive a family ticket to see Aladdin at the Empire Theatre, tickets kindly donated by the Empire Theatre)



Contact details: 07584 479395 or email dvaap@durham.gov.uk



KS1 Christmas Coffee, Cake & Craft Session



We are delighted to invite you to join us for a festive parent and child craft workshop in school. Sessions will last around 1 hour where you can enjoy a coffee and help your child create their next spectacular Christmas creation! Make room on those trees!

Year 2 Friday 9th December
Year 1 Tuesday 13th December

We look forward to seeing you there!

9am - 10am



School Dates



School Holiday Dates



The next school Holiday is Christmas and the School closes for Christmas on Friday 16th December and reopens on Wednesday January 4th.

School dates confirmed so far :

- 28th Nov – Magic Man Show – Early Years
- 29th Nov – New Nursery Children Stay and Play
- 30th Nov – Donkey Visit early Years and KS1
- 5th Dec – Keystage 1 – Pet talk Visit from Dogs Trust
- 5th Dec – Durham Light Infantry workshops with Year 6
- 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
- 9th Dec – Year 2 Christmas Coffee Cake and Craft
- 7th Dec - Panto at Empire Theatre for Year 1 and 2
- 12th Dec – Christmas Performance Years 1 to 6 to be held at Our Lady and St Josephs Church next to Brooms School
- 13th Dec – Year 1 Christmas Coffee, Cake and Craft
- 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 – Durham Music Service Vocal Concert
- 14th Dec – Keystage 1 Christmas Party
- 15th Dec – Keystage 2 Christmas Party
- 16th Dec – School Closes for Christmas Holiday



PARENT DROP IN SESSION WITH CHARTWELLS

FOOD TASTING SESSION WITH OUR CHEF TONY

BEING HELD AT UPPER SCHOOL

Join our executive chef Tony from Chartwells to sample 3 dishes exclusively from our school menu.



ENGAGEMENT WITH CHARTWELLS NUTRITIONIST

We have fun food activities planned with our Nutritionist Meghan and Anna!



JOIN US AT YOUR SCHOOL AT 3:15-4:15 ON 1ST DECEMBER



Spotacular



After a final tally I am extremely proud to announce that Greger, Eboni and Olly, who were raising funds for Children in Need by selling their amazing artwork to the rest of the children raised a grand total of

£40.40

Bring the schools overall total for Children in Need to :

£281.67

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

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-18 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

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CENSORED

DAINGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the "blackout" trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-16s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app; it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social networking platforms, TikTok can be addictive; figures show that young people are investing increasing amounts of time in it. In the UK, children with TikTok spend an average of 102 minutes per day on the app, versus 53 minutes on YouTube. This compulsive repeated use can interfere with their sleep patterns – leading to irritability – and distract them from other activities.

TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the 'TikTok Now' feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-18s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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#WakeUpWednesday