

# Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

*Caring, Sharing, Learning Together*

**Friday 23rd September  
2022**

## On this day in history:

*Merchant Royal, also known as Royal Merchant, was a 17th-century English merchant ship that was lost at sea off Land's End in rough weather on 23 September 1641. On board were at least 100,000 pounds of gold (over US\$1.5 billion in today's money), 400 bars of Mexican silver (another 1 million) and nearly 500,000 pieces of eight and other coins, making it one of the most valuable wrecks of all time.*



## Whole School Attendance Weekly Attendance figures

Reception = 99.29 %

★ Year 1 = 92.95 % ★

Year 2 = 91.67 %

Year 3 = 93.65 %

Year 4 = 94.64 %

Year 5 = 92.86 %

★ Year 6 = 98.33 % ★



### Congratulations

**Well Done Year 1** for the best attendance in Keystage 1 and  
**Year 6** for the best attendance in Upper School across the whole year.

## School Holiday Dates

Half Term school closes Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October and reopens Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October  
School Closes for Christmas on 16<sup>th</sup> December

## FLU IMMUNISATIONS

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The flu vaccine will be offered to all primary school children from reception to year 6, and up to year 11 in children attending a special education needs provision, this year. Nasal flu vaccination is delivered in school. There are some occasions where an injection is the most appropriate route for vaccination for some children. The consent form that the link below takes you to is for Nasal Flu, if you select NO, you will be asked a series of questions to establish if your child is eligible for an injection.

Please complete the link below to give consent. If you do not want your child to receive the vaccine then you can select the 'NO' option on the consent form.

<https://www.hdftsais.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

After you have finished, if you change your mind or need to tell us about changes to your child's medical history, do not complete another consent form. Please visit [www.hdftsais.co.uk/Contact](http://www.hdftsais.co.uk/Contact) to contact the immunisation team and tell us about any changes.

For further information about the flu vaccine please access Flu vaccination in schools - [GOV.UK](http://GOV.UK) ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))

The school code required is : HD114039

We have received a provisional date of Tuesday October 18th for Nasal Flu vaccinations.

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## After School Dance Club

Dear Parent / Carer,

Our dance teacher, Adam, will be running another set of after school dance lessons for year 1 and 2 this half term.

The lessons will start straight after school at 3pm and finish at 3.45pm.

The dates are every Monday on the :

26th September

3rd October

10th October

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. There is a maximum 30 places and we still have some availability. 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.



**School Council and Groups** This week keystage 1 children have participated in elections for this year's School Council. And, I can announce the final children awarded their new positions are:

	School Council
Year 1	Olivia and Jonjo
Year 2	Axel and Ethan

## School dates confirmed so far :

26<sup>th</sup> Sept – Year ½ after school dance club begins 3pm – 3.45pm

29<sup>th</sup> Sept – Library Visit Year 2

29<sup>th</sup> Oct – 3.20pm Residential Parents meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Year 3 Hindu Temple Visit

5<sup>th</sup> Oct – Year 5 Beamish Museum Visit

7<sup>th</sup> Oct – Year 4 Online Anglo Saxon Workshop

7<sup>th</sup> Oct – Richard Holden MP visits school with Q and A session with Year 5 and 6

17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Non Curriculum Day Upper School

18<sup>th</sup> Oct – Non Curriculum Day Lower School

18<sup>th</sup> Oct - Nasal Flu vaccinations (provisional date)

19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Oct – Year 6 Residential Visit

6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Pantomime onsite for Upper School

7<sup>th</sup> Dec - Panto at Empire Theatre for Year 1 and 2

16<sup>th</sup> Dec – School Closes for Christmas Holiday

**Additional Dates will be added once bookings are confirmed**

## Head Lice

Recently, cases of head lice have been identified within Lower school and we wanted to make sure you were kept informed.

Whilst lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread. We suggest that you check your child's head as soon as possible. Here is some simple advice to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum.

- Check your child's hair once a week.
- Use a proper detection comb.
- If you find live lice, consult a pharmacist to check the whole family.

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## New Sensory Room

We are pleased to announce that following works over the summer holiday we have finally opened our new sensory room in Year 1 for children moving on from the sensory room in Reception Class.



## Class PE and Sports timetable

Nursery	Monday – Dance others TBC
Reception	Monday – Dance Wednesday – Games / Skills
Year 1	Monday – Dance Tuesday – Forest Schools Thursday – Taekwondo
Year 2	Tuesday – PE Games Wednesday – Forest Schools Thursday – Taekwondo
Year 3	Monday – Forest Schools Tuesday – Dance Friday – Fitness
Year 4	Wednesday – Fitness Thursday – Swimming
Year 5	Tuesday – Dance Friday – Games
Year 6	Monday – Games Thursday – Games

Please ensure earrings are removed on PE days before children attend school if they are unable to remove them themselves.

## Reception Room Update

I am pleased to announce that after a busy week of rebuilding work we are currently moving towards reopening Reception class fully on Monday. At this point all routines will return to normal – we thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.



## Date for the Diary

School photographs this year will take place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November

# 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 platforms which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# REDDIT

R/FUNNY

R/TRENDING

AGE RATING

13+

R/MEMES

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Reddit describes itself as a social news website where users connect and share stories, opinions and support; debate issues; ask questions; and chat to people with similar interests. Discussion topics are organised into communities (known as subreddits) that are created, run and populated by users, who remain anonymous throughout. Free speech is encouraged, and users – or ‘redditors’ – can vote posts ‘up’ or ‘down’ so they get more (or less) attention. Reddit is free to join, although signing up to Reddit Premium unlocks an advert-free version of the platform.

### MINIMAL MODERATION

As sharing opinions on Reddit is easy (and anonymous), offensive or age-inappropriate content is frequently posted. Moderation by admins and bots does occur, but can't cover every community – so Reddit relies on users voluntarily moderating these spaces. Subreddits marked NSFW (‘not safe for work’) can contain anything from profranity to pornography, so are not suitable for under 18s.

### HARASSMENT AND TROLLING

If someone on Reddit doesn't agree with your child's opinion, they may feel compelled to say so – in no uncertain terms. This could lead to a public bombardment of hurtful messages. Likewise, Reddit users are highly likely to encounter trolling (where someone posts a deliberately inflammatory comment to provoke a reaction) on the platform, which can be distressing.

### FAKE NEWS

Absolutely anyone can post a story on Reddit, so sub-reddits are occasionally prone to bias, misinformation and opinions being repeated as if they are facts. Fake news articles often grab users' attention with catchy or controversial headlines, and Reddit is no exception. It's important that young people are able to identify fake news – and disregard it rather than sharing it.

### GIFTING AND SPENDING

Users can gift awards to the authors of posts that they like (thereby encouraging their favourite redditors to keep contributing) by spending Reddit Coins. This virtual currency can be bought on demand (with real money) or received as part of the paid-for premium package. Users sending a gift can also leave an anonymous private message, a feature which has been abused by groomers.

### 'SUPPORTIVE' STRANGERS

By definition, Reddit users interact with strangers in public through their community – but also have the option to do so privately. Groomers could repeatedly up-vote a child's comments or respond encouragingly to their posts to win their trust. Once they've built a rapport, the predator then begins messaging the child in private to obtain personal details or try to lure them into meeting in person.

### NEVER-ENDING NOTIFICATIONS

Reddit's default is for all notifications to be on. There are a total of 26 types of notification on the platform, ranging from chat messages and comments to updates and mentions of username. This would lead to a child's device being pinged almost constantly with alerts, frequently causing them to be distracted by incoming notifications rather than being present in the moment.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### SORT THE SETTINGS

Reddit's user settings can help ensure that minors don't view adult material. Under the 'Feed Settings' tab, switch the Adult Content toggle to 'off', and enable Safe Browsing Mode (this blurs out any explicit images). Also in settings, you can turn off all unnecessary notifications, to prevent your child being distracted by every post or comment on Reddit, allowing them some tech-free time.

### ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

It can often be difficult to tell if something online is real or fake – particularly for young people. It's important to encourage your child to double-check with reputable sources if what they've read is genuine. Remind them to consider what motives might be in the message – and to watch out for scams. Chatting about this regularly helps to develop critical thinking skills and good online habits.

### RISE ABOVE IT

If a person says something critical or offensive to your child on Reddit, it's natural that they'll want to respond. Explain to them, however, that is exactly the reaction that trolls look for. Don't give them the satisfaction: Instead, report the comment to Reddit Support for investigation. Blocking a user stops them from messaging or following your child on the platform.

### AVOID PRIVATE MESSAGING

Through their Reddit profile, young people can control who's able to message them privately – with options including 'no-one' and 'accounts older than 30 days'. These controls help ensure potential groomers can't talk to your child in private, and that Reddit's admins and other users will be able to moderate and report anything they spot which causes them concern.

### Meet Our Expert

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



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Sources: <https://www.redditinc.com/policies/privacy-policy#september-02-2021#eea> | <https://www.reddit.com/policies/privacy-policy>



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