

# Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

*Caring, Sharing, Learning Together*

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**On this day in history:**

**1880** Thomas Edison patents electric incandescent lamp.

**1918** "Tarzan of the Apes", 1st Tarzan film, premieres at Broadway Theatre.

**1948** 1st tape recorder sold.

**1973** Vietnam War ended. The Paris accord ending the Vietnam War, America's longest war to that time, was signed this day in 1973.



**Whole School Attendance  
Weekly Attendance figures**

Reception = 92.0 %

Year 1 = 83.3 %

★ Year 2 = 93.0 % ★

Year 3 = 91.5 %

★ Year 4 = 98.3 % ★

Year 5 = 92.1 %

Year 6 = 91.9 %



**Congratulations**

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

## NEU STRIKE ACTION

Dear Parent/Carers,

As a reminder to my previous Class Dojo post the National Education Union (NEU) has declared strike action, which will take place on Wednesday 1st February 2023.

While the planned action is because of a national dispute between the unions and the government, we plan to open as many classes on the day of the strike as possible. Parents are also reminded that teaching staff are under no obligation to notify me of their intent to strike and **I therefore ask again that all parents continue to make alternative arrangements as soon as possible should further classes close on the day.**

We currently plan for normal classes for children in Nursery class on Wednesday morning as normal, Reception Class, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6. However, this may change at short notice.

Any Free school meal children will receive a £5 meal voucher which will be emailed out to all eligible families to cover the day of the strike.

We appreciate that industrial action is disruptive and you may need to change your plans or working arrangements whilst this action is ongoing.

The NEU has indicated that they will continue strike action for a further three days after this first strike on the 28th February and the 15th to 16th March. Please make a note of these dates now and I will write to you in advance of each date to confirm any changes to arrangements and whether the strike is going ahead.

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## School Dates

### School Holiday Dates

The next school Holiday is February Half Term and the School closes on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February and reopens on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

### School dates confirmed so far :

27<sup>th</sup> Jan – Year 4 Outreach Vikings Visit in school  
27<sup>th</sup> Jan – Author Kylie Dixon – returns to judge competition

1<sup>st</sup> Feb – Strike Closures

6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 4 Captain Chemistry

6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Feb – Mental Health Week

14<sup>th</sup> Feb – Lower School Non Curriculum Day – Aboriginal Creative Day

17<sup>th</sup> Feb – Upper School Non Curriculum Day - 'Adventure along the Equator'

With : Japan – Japanese Artist

Australia - Hula Activities

India - Yoga / Meditation

South America -Animal encounter - Rainforest

17<sup>th</sup> Feb – School closes for Half Term Holiday

2<sup>nd</sup> March – Word Book Day

15<sup>th</sup> March – Golf Day sessions – EYFS and Keystage 1

17<sup>th</sup> March – Golf Day Sessions – Keystage 2

27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March – Parents evenings

28<sup>th</sup> March – Dragon visit to Lower School!

31<sup>st</sup> March – School closes for Easter Holiday

### SAFER PARKING AROUND OUR SCHOOL

Dear Parent / Carer,

We accept that everyone is busy and trying to save as much precious time as possible including on the school run.

If you must use a vehicle to drop your child off at school, please:

- Keep alert to the fact that children and young people may not always cross the road safely and you may need to stop suddenly.
- Drive at a speed suitable to the road conditions.
- Park or drop off legally and responsibly.
- Show consideration to residents who may need to get in and out of their driveways and garages.
- Turn off your engine if you are parking/waiting. Lots of engines running creates poor air quality for everyone, including your child and you.

Police Community Support Officers and Civil Parking Enforcement Officers are regularly deployed to streets around schools to help keep our children and young people safe. You can support and help them by behaving and driving responsibly.

**Thank you to the majority of people who do act responsibly!**

To those who don't act responsibly – you risk receiving a penalty charge notice if you are parking illegally, but more importantly you are putting the safety of our children and young people at risk, including your own.

You MUST NOT wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school keep clear road markings when upright signs indicate a prohibition of stopping'.



### SEND Coffee Afternoon

Come and Join Us  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March  
2pm – 3pm



A friendly Chat with a Cuppa at Lower School

Does your child have special education Needs?  
Would you like support?

Could you offer support to others?

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

All welcome

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## WE HAVE CURRENTLY HAVE A CONFIRMED CASE OF CHICKEN POX IN LOWER SCHOOL

### Chickenpox NHS GUIDANCE

Chickenpox is common and mostly affects children, but you can get it at any age. It usually gets better by itself after 1 to 2 weeks without needing to see a GP.

### Check if it's chickenpox

An itchy, spotty rash is the main symptom of chickenpox. It can be anywhere on the body.

Chickenpox happens in 3 stages. But new spots can appear while others are becoming blisters or forming a scab.

The spots can:

- be anywhere on the body, including inside the mouth and around the genitals, which can be painful spread or stay in a small area
- be red, pink, darker or the same colour as surrounding skin, depending on your skin tone
- be harder to see on brown and black skin

Other symptoms

Before or after the rash appears, you might also get:

- a high temperature
- aches and pains, and generally feeling unwell
- loss of appetite

Chickenpox is very itchy and can make children feel miserable, even if they do not have many spots.

The chickenpox spots look the same on children and adults. But adults usually have a high temperature for longer and more spots than children.

**It's possible to get chickenpox more than once, but it's unusual.**

### How to treat chickenpox at home

#### **Important: Stay off school or work**

You'll need to stay away from school, nursery or work until all the spots have formed a scab. This is usually 5 days after the spots appeared.

- drink plenty of fluid (try ice lollies if your child is not drinking) to avoid dehydration
- take [paracetamol](#) to help with pain and discomfort
- cut your child's fingernails and put socks on their hands at night to stop them scratching
- use cooling creams or gels from a pharmacy
- speak to a pharmacist about using [antihistamine medicine](#) to help itching
- bathe in cool water and pat the skin dry (do not rub)
- dress in loose clothes
  
- do not use [ibuprofen](#) unless advised to do so by a doctor, as it may cause serious skin infections
- do not give aspirin to children under 16
- do not go near newborn babies, people who are pregnant and people with a weakened immune system, as chickenpox can be dangerous for them
- do not scratch the spots, as scratching can cause scarring



# 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](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## 12 Top Tips for BUILDING CYBER RESILIENCE AT HOME

As a society, we're increasingly using technology and tech services in the home. Digital assistants which can adjust the heating or turn lights on and off; streaming services for shows and movies on demand; games consoles; smart speakers; phones; laptops ... the list goes on. As we introduce each new gizmo to our homes, however, we increase the level of threat from cyber criminals. It's essential, therefore, that we learn to become more cyber resilient in relation to the devices and digital services that the people in our household use.

### WHAT IS 'CYBER RESILIENCE?'

Cyber resilience focuses on three key areas: reducing the likelihood of a cyber attack gaining access to our accounts, devices or data; reducing the potential impact of a cyber incident; and making the recovery from a cyber attack easier, should we ever fall victim to one.

#### 1. PASSWORDS: LONGER AND LESS PREDICTABLE

The longer, less common and predictable a password is, the more difficult it becomes for cyber criminals to crack. The National Cyber Security Centre's 'three random words' guidelines are ideal for creating a long password which is easy to remember but hard to guess.

#### 2. AVOID RE-USING PASSWORDS

When you use the same password across different logins, your cyber resilience is only as strong as the security of the weakest site or service you've signed up for. If cyber criminals gain access your username and password for one site or service, they'll definitely try them on others.

#### 3. USE A PASSWORD MANAGER

A good way to juggle different passwords for every site or service you use is to have a password manager. This software stores all your passwords for you, so you simply need to remember the master password. LastPass, Dashlane, 1Password and Keeper are all excellent password managers.

#### 4. BACK UP YOUR DATA

Keep a copy of your data using OneDrive, Google Drive or another reputable cloud-based storage solution. If it's extremely important or sensitive information, you could even decide to keep more than one back-up version - by saving it to a removable USB drive or similar device, for example.

#### 5. ENABLE MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA)

Multi-factor authentication is where you need access to your phone (to receive a code, for example) or another source to confirm your identity. This makes it far more difficult for cyber criminals to gain entry to your accounts and your data, even if they do manage to get your username and password.

#### 6. CHOOSE RECOVERY QUESTIONS WISELY

Some services let you set 'recovery questions' - such as your birthplace or a pet's name - in case you forget your password. Take care not to use information you might have mentioned (or are likely to in future) on social media. More unpredictable answers make cyber criminals' task harder.

#### 7. SET UP SECONDARY ACCOUNTS

Some services provide the facility to add secondary accounts, phone numbers and so on to help with potentially recovering your account. Make sure you set these up: they will be vital if you're having trouble logging in or if you're trying to take back control of your account after a cyber attack.

#### 12. STAY SCEPTICAL

Cyber criminals commonly use various methods, including emails, text messages and social media posts. Be cautious of any messages or posts that are out of the ordinary, offer something too good to be true or emphasise urgency - even if they appear to come from someone you know.

#### 11. KEEP HOME DEVICES UPDATED

Download official software updates for your household's mobile phones, laptops, consoles and other internet-enabled devices regularly. Security improvements and fixes are a key feature of these updates - so by ensuring each device is running the latest version, you're making them more secure.

#### 10. CHANGE DEFAULT IOT PASSWORDS

Devices from the 'Internet of Things' (IoT), such as 'smart' home appliances, are often supplied with default passwords. This makes them quicker to set up, but also less secure - criminals can identify these standard passwords more easily, so change them on your IoT devices as soon as possible.

#### 9. CHECK FOR BREACHES

You can check if your personal information has been involved in any known data breaches by entering your email address at [www.haveibeenpwned.com](http://www.haveibeenpwned.com) (yes, that spelling is correct!). It's useful if you're worried about a possible attack - or simply as motivation to review your account security.

#### 8. KEEP HAVING FUN WITH TECH

Consider our tips in relation to the gadgets and online services your household uses. Protect yourself and your family, and don't let the bad guys win: devices are not only integral to modern life but also a lot of fun - so as long as you keep safety and security in mind, don't stop enjoying your tech.

### Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that adults and children alike become more aware of the risks associated with technology, as well as the many benefits.



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