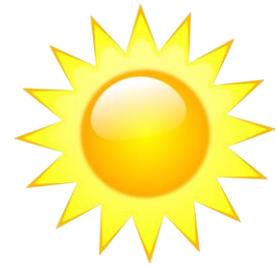




May 2017



This Half Term

This half term Foundation Stage's topic is 'On the Farm' and they are looking forward to visits to Bill Quay Farm to really bring the topic to life. Key Stage 1 are learning about Space and Neil Armstrong's walk on the moon. They have produced a very effective planetarium working with artist Zoe Parker-Smissen. This is on display in the main cloakroom. Do take an opportunity to have a look at it! They are currently involved in a maths and drama workshop entitled 'Blast Off!'. Key Stage 2 began their topic about the River Tyne with a river cruise. Although a bit chilly at times the children agreed it was an excellent experience.

Worship for Easter

We were delighted to welcome the Right Reverend Mark Tanner, Bishop of Berwick to school on our first day back after Easter. Bishop Mark talked to the children about what it means to be a Bishop, showing them his mitre and pastoral staff. He also blessed our Paschal Candle, a gift from St Nicholas Church.

Children's Cancer Run



Mr Pickett, Mr Scott-Harden, Mrs Cranston and Mrs Perowne are very kindly co-ordinating our school's entry for this year's Children's Cancer Run on Sunday 21st May. The two early morning training sessions they ran proved very popular - a very big "thank you" to them and to all the parents and children who took part. A great start to the day!

Class Photographs

On Monday 15th May Michelle Fowler, our School Photographer will be in school to take Class Photographs of the children. The children should wear school uniform as usual and you may wish them to bring a brush or comb with them.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Once again we are collecting *Sainsbury's* Active Kids vouchers. Please pass the word round family and friends! In previous years we have collected significant numbers of vouchers and secured cookery and sports/play equipment with them. We look forward to adding to our resources, with your help.

Gosforth Schools' Trust Daft Day



Daft As A Brush is the nominated charity supported by all of the GST schools. This year the Trust Council decided to hold a Trust Daft Day to raise funds for the charity. This will be on Thursday 25th May. Our School Council are co-ordinating our day and will be writing out to you with details very soon. Please look out for their letter.

Newcastle Can

You may be aware that Newcastle City Council is running a campaign, throughout 2017, challenging the City to collectively lose 100,000lbs in weight as part of a range of initiatives to tackle obesity. Newcastle Can aims to get individuals, families, groups and employees in the City to be more active, eat healthier and lose weight together. It is open to anyone over the age of 14 who works, lives or socializes in the City (those with a Tyne & Wear or NE postcode).

For more information and to sign up please visit www.newcastlecan.com.

Alternatively, Regent Farm First School is hosting a recruitment session after school on Monday 22nd May. The Healthy School leads will be there to help people sign up and join in.

M & M Productions

On Wednesday 7th June we will once again be welcoming this excellent theatre company with their performance of Charlotte's Web.

Nursery Applications

We have a few spare nursery places for September 2017 so if you know of anyone whose child will be 3 by 1st September and are looking for a place ask them to contact Mrs McCloud. We are offering five morning sessions per week.

Topic Money

We would be very grateful if you were able to support us by sending in £5 per family for this term (if you have not already paid for the year). This money helps us to enrich the curriculum on offer to the children by providing additional resources and experiences.

Half Term Holiday

School closes for the half term holiday on Thursday 25th May and re-opens on Monday 5th June.

Dinner money for the half term will be £70.

Dates for Your Diary

May Dates

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| Monday 15 th May | - | Michelle Fowler - Class Photographs |
| Thursday 18 th May | - | Gosforth Schools' Swimming Gala - details to follow to participants |
| Sunday 21 st May | - | Gregg's Children's Cancer Run - Gosforth Park |
| Thursday 25 th May | - | GST Daft Day |
| Thursday 25 th May | - | School closes for half term |
| Friday 26 th May | - | Training Day |

June Dates

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| Monday 5 th June | - | School re-opens |
| Wednesday 7 th June | - | M&M's Productions 'Charlotte's Web' |

- Thursday 8th June - KS2 All Saints' Schools' Week workshop - details to follow
- Thursday 15th June - 5pm New Parents' Meeting - Nursery
- Thursday 15th June - 6pm New Parents' Meeting - Reception
- Monday 19th June - Y4 visit to Roman Army Museum & Vindolanda - as part of middle school transition
- Wednesday 21st June - Y4 Leavers' Service at St Nicholas Cathedral - details to follow
- Friday 23rd June - Non-uniform day for PTFA Summer Fair - details to follow
- Monday 26th June - KS1 visit to St Mary's Lighthouse
- Tuesday 27th June - Lee Sterry Football Tournament - details to follow

July Dates

- Saturday 1st July - PTFA Summer Fair - details to follow
- Tuesday 11th July - The BFG Storytelling for KS1 & KS2
- Thursday 13th July - KS1 & 2 Sports Day - 1.30pm
- Monday 17th July - Forest School day
- Thursday 20th July - Forest School day
- Friday 21st July - Y4 Leavers' Assembly at school
School closes for Summer holiday

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