



# April 2017



## ***Scholastic Book Fair***

Thank you very much to everyone who attended the Scholastic Book Fair and to the parents who ran it for us. We couldn't do it without you! We sold £304.90 worth of books and stationary raising £76.23 in commission for school. We will be choosing books to supplement the library. Well done everyone.

## ***Nursery Applications***

We are currently processing Nursery applications for September 2017 and will be offering places on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

## ***The Big Pedal***

Thank you to everyone who took part in The Big Pedal. Unfortunately we weren't one of the winning schools but it was good to see more people riding or scooting to school.

## ***All Saints' Easter Card***

Thank you to those of you who entered the All Saints' Easter Card Design Competition. We are delighted to announce that one of our pupils, Eva Hills, was the winner and her design will appear on the All Saints' Parish Easter Card. Well done, Eva!

All the entries will be featured on the cover of the Church Magazine, In Touch, which will soon be available on the website.

<http://allsaintsgosforth.wixsite.com/all-saints-gosforth/in-touch-magazine>



## ***Teaching Personnel Easter Egg Decorating Competition***

Lots of children entered this competition and what fantastic, colourful entries! The first prize went to Adyan Ahmed in Reception and other prizewinners were Isobel Tompkins and Mischa Gallon. Congratulations to you all!

## ***Sainsbury's Vouchers***

We are collecting *Sainsbury's* vouchers again. 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.

## ***Sporting Activities***

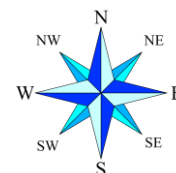
Congratulations to our Year 3 Tennis players who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the recent Tennis Tournament at Jesmond Tennis Club and to our Quicksticks Hockey Team who came 5<sup>th</sup> in the Northern region finals - one of only two Newcastle schools to qualify for the finals! Well done, everyone!

## ***STEM Week***

STEM Week has been a brilliant experience for the children and staff this week. We have had a wide range of visitors who have talked to the children about their work, shared activities and introduced them to many new ideas and concepts. Among the visitors we have had have been IT professionals, designers, neuroscientists, a geneticist, an orthopaedic surgeon, a GP and many more. At the beginning of the week when asked 'What does a scientist look like?' many of the children said things like, 'old, wears a white coat and goggles, has white hair' and almost all said male! It will be interesting to see how their views have changed by the end of the week. Our grateful thanks to all parents and other contributors who have helped broaden the children's horizons this week. The experience has opened up a whole range of ideas about future careers and some highly interesting conversations with the children.

### ***Worship for Easter***

We are delighted to learn that Bishop Mark, the Bishop of Berwick, is to visit school on 24<sup>th</sup> April. Bishop Mark will lead worship for the children with Revd Canon Philip Cunningham.



### ***Year 4 Awards Club***

Each term a group of Year 4 children take part in an after school club which leads to nationally recognized awards. Autumn Term is First Aid, Spring Term is Young Navigators and Summer Term is Playmakers. This term, all those who took part were awarded the National Navigation Award Scheme Young Navigator *Silver Award*. Andy Vince, who runs the club, is particularly proud because this is the first time he has ever awarded the Silver Star Award. We are very proud of our Year 4 children.

### ***School Crossing Patrol***

As you know the Council is cutting School Crossing Patrols with effect from 21<sup>st</sup> July. We are looking into ways of raising the funds to be able to maintain a Patrol on Christon Road as we believe it to be vital to the safety of the children. One of the possibilities is to share a Patrol with Gosforth Middle School. This would cost £5000 a year and we would need to pay half. We are not in a position to fund this from the school budget and therefore need to seek other ways of funding this. Your ideas would be welcomed.

### ***Children's Cancer Run***

Once again school will be entering this Fun Run to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> May in Gosforth Park. Information has been sent out separately this week telling you how to register to take part and giving details of two early morning training sessions to be run by a group of very enthusiastic parents. On Wednesday morning Abigail, a representative of NECCR, came to talk to Key Stages 1 & 2 about the work of the charity and how to take part in the run to raise funds and Mr Pickett, Mr Scott Harden and Mrs Cranston told the children about the training sessions and encouraged as many as possible to take part.

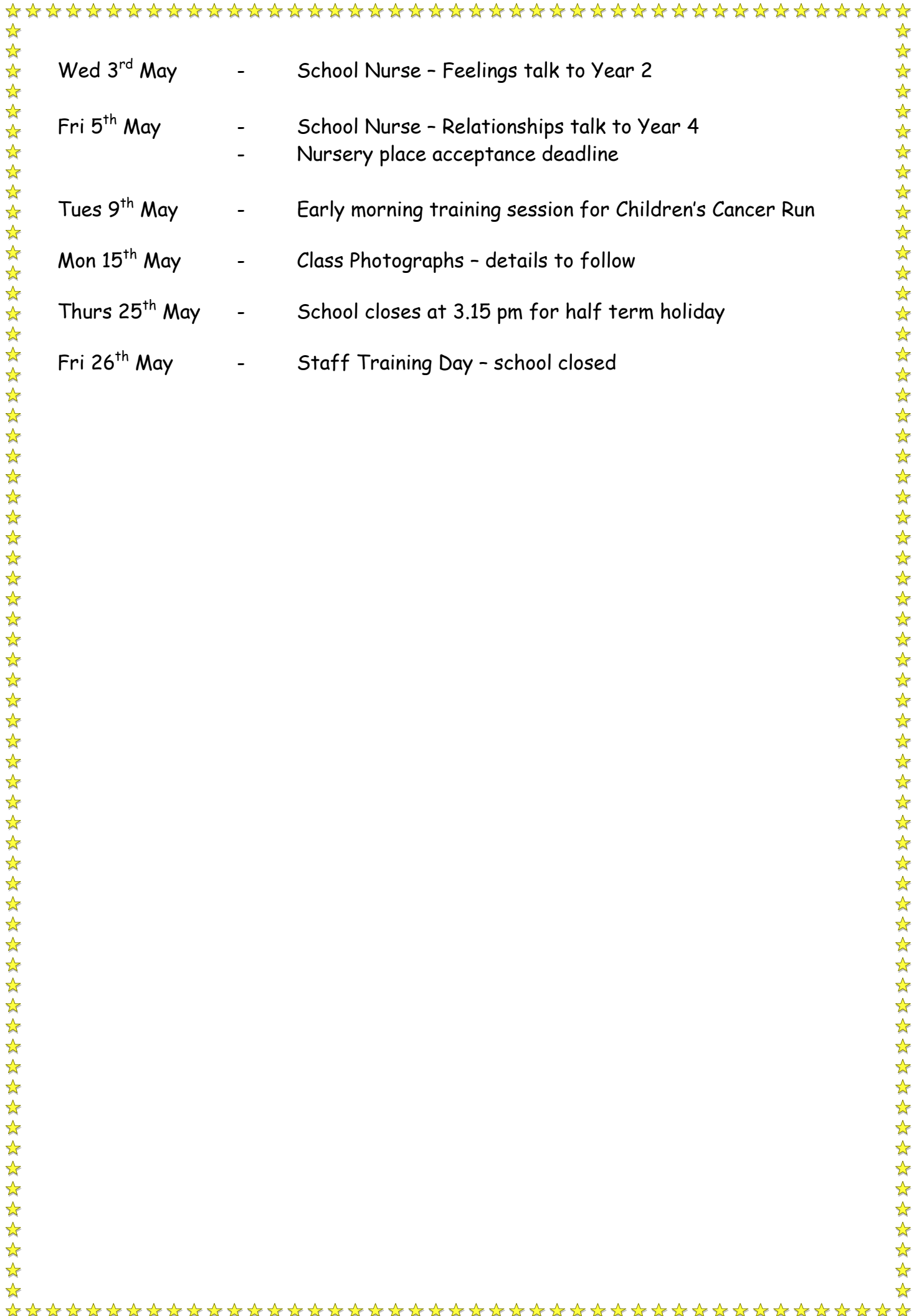
### ***Easter Holidays***

School closes for Easter tomorrow at 3.15pm and reopens on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Dinner money for the first half term will be £48.00 (24 days @ £2.00). Please make cheques payable to Newcastle City Council and pay only on a Monday. Thank you.

***We all join in wishing you a good break and a Happy & Blessed Easter!***

### **Dates for Your Diary**

- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April - PTFA Cake Stall and Easter Egg Hunt
- Nursery offers
- School closes at 3.15pm for holiday
  
- Mon 24<sup>th</sup> April - School re-opens
  
- Wed 26<sup>th</sup> April - School Nurse - Dental talk to Year 1
  
- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May - School closed for Bank Holiday
  
- Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Early morning training session for Children's Cancer Run (separate letter sent out on 5<sup>th</sup> April)



- Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> May - School Nurse - Feelings talk to Year 2
- Fri 5<sup>th</sup> May - School Nurse - Relationships talk to Year 4  
- Nursery place acceptance deadline
- Tues 9<sup>th</sup> May - Early morning training session for Children's Cancer Run
- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> May - Class Photographs - details to follow
- Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> May - School closes at 3.15 pm for half term holiday
- Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May - Staff Training Day - school closed

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