

GST Update

The Chair of the trust, George Snaith, retired from the role at Christmas and so we are currently looking for a new Chair. In the interim period, I will be acting as Chair and coordinating some of the work of the Trust. It has been a very busy start to the year! The Heads and Directors have been working very closely to respond to Archbishop Runcie First School's consultation to join a multi academy trust in the East of the city (NEAT). We have also been collaborating on how we can improve our school to school support in the Trust so that we share best practice effectively and support each other when any of our schools become vulnerable.

The Headteachers at Dinnington First School and South Gosforth First School are retiring at the end of the year and Regent Farm will also be recruiting a new Headteacher, the Trust will be supporting the three Governing Bodies in the recruitment process.



Next week we have joint year group meetings across the Trust where teachers of parallel year groups will meet and look at an element of the curriculum, sharing books and ideas while moderating standards.

Late Arrival at School

If you are arriving at school after 8.55am, **you must bring your child into school and report to the office.** Recently, some children have been dropped off at the door or at the gates and are then left to enter the building unaccompanied. In some of these cases, the children have not reported to the office and have gone into class without being registered as present. This is especially worrying if the children enter the building without having to buzz in (by coming in behind other people when the door is open). In order to keep your children safe, we must know who is in school and what time they arrived. This is an essential part of our safeguarding procedures. Of course, if possible, we want everyone to arrive before 8.55am and enter the building via the usual doors. Thank you for your support.

NECCR Cancer Run



We have now registered for the Greggs Cancer Run on Sunday 19th May 2019. This is a great event for all the family and we hope to make it our biggest and best year yet. It's a great opportunity to raise money for North of England Children's Cancer Research.

If you go to <https://www.neccr.org.uk/event/childrens-cancer-run-2019/> you can sign up as soon as you'd like to. Make sure that you sign up as part of our school team and then your t shirts and other information will be sent to you via school.

Harry and his family were at the launch of this year's run and, as you can see from the photograph, this year's t shirt is a lovely colour!

Training Days Next Year

The training days for 2019/20 are:

Monday 2nd September 2019

Friday 25th October 2019

Monday 6th January 2020

Monday 1st June 2020

You can view the term time calendar on the school website.

Dates List

Please see below for the most up to date list of planned events. Class 2 and Class 7 assembly dates have changed and been added. There are also some new events since the last newsletter. Finally, apologies, there were some mistakes in April's dates which were listed as March, these have now been corrected. The school website calendar is also up to date.

Wednesday 6 th February	Gosforth Voices
Friday 8 th February	Interim Reports from school
Tuesday 12 th February	Phonics Intervention Workshop (invitations have been sent to parents/carers where appropriate)
Wednesday 13 th February	Class 6 assembly 9.15am
Thursday 14 th February	PTFA Sponsored Bounce
Friday 15 th February	Parents and Carers' Esafety workshop 2.15pm
	Break up for half term holiday
Monday 25 th February	Back to school
Wednesday 27 th February	Gosforth Voices
Friday 1 st March	Class 2 Assembly 9.15am
Monday 4 th March	Class 5 Let's do Lunch (all week)
Tuesday 5 th March	SATs meeting for parents/carers of children in Y2 6pm
Monday 11 th March	Governors' Meeting 5pm
Wednesday 13 th March	Gosforth Voices
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day – details to follow
Monday 25 th March	Class 6 Let's do Lunch Week (all week)
	Big Pedal
Wednesday 27 th March	Gosforth Voices
	Class 7 assembly 9.15am
Monday 1 st April	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 2 nd April	Parents' Evening
Thursday 4 th April	Football Tournament for GST @ BEFS
Friday 5 th April	Break up for Easter Holiday
Tuesday 23 rd April	Return to school for summer term
Monday 29 th April	Class 7 Let's do Lunch Week (all week)
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Monday 13 th May	Governors' Meeting 5pm
Sunday 19 th May	NECCR Cancer Run
Thursday 23 rd May	Reception class assembly for September 2019 New Starters 9.15am
Friday 24 th May	Reception class assembly for parents and carers 9.15am
	Daft as a Brush Day
	Break up for half term Holiday
Monday 3 rd June	Training Day – school closed to children
Wednesday 12 th June	Gosforth Schools' Trust SEN Fair @ Gosforth Central Middle time tbc
	Gosforth Voices
Friday 14 th June	KS1 Visit to Segedunum
Monday 17 th June	Governors' Meeting 5pm
Tuesday 18 th June	Big Gig
Tuesday 25 th June	Bikeability (Y4)
Wednesday 26 th June	Class 3 assembly 9.15am
	Bikeability (Y4)
Tuesday 2 nd July	Gosforth Pyramid @ Trinity Church – details tbc
Wednesday 3 rd July	Class 4 assembly 9.15am
Friday 12 th July	Annual Reports sent home
Friday 19 th July	Break up for Summer Holiday

Please remember to regularly check the website calendar so that you don't miss anything new.

Best wishes,

Helen McKenna
Headteacher