

Attendance and Leave of Absence requests

The attendance at the end of Spring term was 97.1% which is lower than our target for this academic year of 97.7%. There has been a huge number of leave of absence requests for the beginning of the summer term (90 days in total up to now with more coming in each day!).

May I remind you:

There are only 190 school days each year, that means there are 175 days not at school for other activities such as holidays. When a child is absent from school he or she misses not only the day's learning but also may find it difficult to follow the next day's learning. Obviously if your child is unwell then we would not expect them to be at school but all other absences need to be kept to a minimum. **If you need to request leave of absence try to include a school holiday as well.**

Communication and payments to school

As the costs of printing and cash collections are increasing we need to make some savings. We are going to go paperless and cashless over the next term so please use ParentMail to keep up to date with school events and for payments. We will only ask for cash to be brought into school for charitable events such as non-uniform days. If you have any problems please call into the office and they will help. If you wish to still have a paper copy of any communication you will have to collect it from the office in person.

School dinners

If your child wishes to change from dinners to packed lunches or vice versa you must give school one week's notice. If your child is on dinners or packed lunch they must have this for the complete week, they cannot change from day to day.

Summer term theme

The whole school Theme is 'The Great Exhibition of the North'

We are looking forward to the children finding out about the development of the North in areas such as engineering, transport, architecture etc. All year groups will have visits to different parts of the North, they will work with 'The History Bloke', work with an Artist and Techno Tom.

We will be holding our own Great Exhibition of the North at Brunton in the LRC where you will be able to see the work the children have done. We will have our own art gallery as part of this. Our work in school will link with the Great Exhibition of the North.

Daft as a Brush

We raised £432 for this wonderful Charity - thank you for your donations
In May a group of year 1 children are going to plant some flowers in our flower box to support this charity in the summer term.



Year 4 Walking Home

Please remember before your child will be allowed to walk home by themselves you must provide their class teacher with a letter giving your permission.

Summer in school

We are hoping for plenty of sunshine this term.

Please ensure your children are protected from the sun during this term. Remember we cannot apply suncream to the children.

All children need suitable footwear for PE as we will be using our outside facilities as much as possible, including completing the Golden Mile. Please remember your children need a water bottle especially in the warmer weather.

We are very busy this term:

The Big Pedal - 23rd April to 4th May

We are taking part in The Big Pedal again - so let's see if we can beat last year's position within the Newcastle schools, watch out for information on ParentMail.

Greggs' Cancer Run

We would love to win the trophy for raising the most across all the schools who take part - let's try and do it! Remember to sign up by the end of April. To help us on our way we will be having an active fundraising day on 11th May, a raffle and Bike it Breakfasts where we will accept donations for the charity.

Sport's Days - in July

We will have 3 separate sport's afternoons one for Reception classes, one for years 1 and 2 and one for years 3 and 4.

These dates are as accurate as they can be. I will update the dates in every newsletter.

Dates for your Diary – Summer Term

Date	Time	Event
Friday 20 th April	All day	The History Bloke to work with year 1AC and 1AR
Monday 23 rd April	All day	4NM visit to Nissan for code club
Monday 23 rd April	All day	The History Bloke to work with year 1JG
Monday 23 rd April	2 weeks	The Big Pedal begins
Tuesday 24 th April	All day	4GT visit B Surtees house and quayside with The History Bloke
Tuesday 24 th April	All day	Learn to ride sessions for Reception/Y1
Tuesday 24 th April	am	Gosforth Gets Going Y1 Zumba at Gosforth Park First
Wednesday 25 th April	All day	Learn to ride sessions
Thursday 26 th April	All day	Y3SL visit B Surtees house and quayside with The History Bloke
Tuesday 1 st May	All day	Y3PP visit B Surtees house and quayside with The History Bloke

Dates for your Diary – Summer Term

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday 1 st May	am	Year 4 classes Bikeability
Thursday 3 rd May	All day	Techno Tom working with Y3 and Y4
Thursday 3 rd May		Y3 Tennis Tournament (8 children)
Thursday 10 th May	All day	Y4GT Bikeability level 1
Friday 11 th May	All day	Y4NM Bikeability level 1
Friday 11 th May	All day	Cancer Run fundraising day – active non-uniform
Wednesday 16 th May		Y4 to team game competition at Walker Dome
Thursday 17 th May	7.50am	Bike it Breakfast
Friday 18 th May	7.50am	Bike it Breakfast
Thursday 24 th May	am	A group of Y1 children visit Daft as a Brush to plant flowers.
Friday 25 th May	All day	School closed – Training Day
Monday 4 th June	8.50am	School re-opens
Wednesday 6 th June	All day	Y2 working with The History Bloke(2 classes)
Thursday 7 th June	pm	My body and I – school nurse to talk to Y3
Friday 8 th June	am	Y2 working with The History Bloke
Week beginning 11 th June	All week	N Lynch – Artist working across the year groups
Thursday 14 th June	All day	Techno Tom working with Y2
Tuesday 19 th June	All day	The Big Gig – Gosforth Voices and Band
Wednesday 20 th June	am	Gosforth Gets Going Y2 dancercise at Archibald First
Week beginning 25 th June		Art Gallery in LRC – details to follow
Tuesday 26 th June	All day	Y4NM Bike ride
Tuesday 26 th June	9.00am	RAH class assembly
Wednesday 27 th June	All day	Y4GT Bike ride
Wednesday 27 th June	9.00am	RNR class assembly
Wednesday 27 th June	Evening	Gosforth Schools' music evening – Gosforth Voices and Band
Thursday 28 th June	9.00am	RGB class assembly
Tuesday 3 rd July	9.00am	1JG class assembly
Wednesday 4 th July	9.00am	1AC class assembly
Wednesday 4 th July	All day	3PP visit to Laing Art Gallery
Wednesday 4 th July	2.00pm	Y4 Carmen performance for parents
Thursday 5 th July	am	Transition morning where all classes meet their new teacher
Thursday 5 th July	All day	Transition day – Year 4 children spend a day in their middle school meeting their teachers
Friday 6 th July	9.00am	1AR class assembly
Monday 9 th July	9.00am	3PP class assembly
Tuesday 10 th July	9.00am	2LB class assembly



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Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 11 th July	9.00am	2AB class assembly
Wednesday 11 th July	10.15am	Y4 concert by children taking group intstrument lessons
Wednesday 11 th July	1.30pm	Reception sport's afternoon
Thursday 12 th July	9.00am	2MH class assembly
Thursday 12 th July	1.30pm	KS1 – Y1 and 2 sport's afternoon
Friday 13 th July	9.00am	3SL class assembly
Friday 13 th July	10.15am	Y3 concert by children taking group intstrument lessons
Friday 13 th July	1.30pm	KS2 – Y3 and 4 sport's afternoon
Wednesday 18 th July	tbc	Leavers' Assembly