



September 2018 - Newsletter 2

ATTENDANCE

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
99.9%	99.3%	96.3%	96.3%	97.1%	97.8%

Our school target for attendance is 96%.

Reception - Year 4 Registers are taken at 8:50am. Please try to arrive at school promptly. If your child arrives in school too late to join their line please take them to the school office and complete a "late form". These late arrivals form part of a child's individual attendance record. If it is after 9:00am, they receive a late mark (L). Children arriving after 9.15am receive a 'U' attendance mark (unauthorised absence).

We are now being asked for proof of medical appointments to authorise children to attend appointments. If your child has a medical appointment during school hours we will need a copy of the appointment letter/prescription note for our records please.



WEBSITE

Dates have now been added to the website calendar for this year. Autumn term dates are attached below but if you would like to see what's happening in Spring and Summer terms please visit our website.

GROWTH MINDSET

We have been learning about having a "Growth Mindset" rather than a "Fixed Mindset" this week (and will continue to for the remainder of the year!); changing the words we say when work is tricky and the attitude we have towards challenge. Please ask your children about what this means!

We are visiting Gibside for national "Face your Fears Day" linked with this and will encourage children to try something new and to challenge themselves.



CURRICULUM

Dates for Walking Tours of Gosforth have been confirmed as Tuesday 18th September, times as follows:

Year 1- leave school at 12:15pm

Year 2- leave school at 9:15am

Year 3- leave school at 10:45am

Year 4- leave school at 1:30pm

We would be grateful for any parent helpers- please arrange with your child's Class Teacher if you are available.

This week we have enjoyed Roald Dahl Day- the children looked AMAZING in all their costumes and enjoyed a range of Roald Dahl inspired activities. As "Matilda" is 30 years old this year, it has fitted beautifully with our school birthday celebrations! Photos will be added to our website.

Liz Bailey (Maths consultant) worked with staff and parents this week. Thank you to those of you who attended her workshop on Wednesday. Handouts from her KS2 parent session have gone to all children in KS2. In addition, we have now subscribed to "Rock Stars times tables" that children in Y2-4 can access from home- class teachers will share further information about this at Welcome Meetings.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you are in receipt of Child Tax Credit, with no Working Tax Credit (income below £16,190), Income Support, Income Based Jobseekers Allowance, Income Based Employment and Support Allowance, Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit or fall under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 you may be entitled to qualify for free school meals. Just call 0845 6006400 to apply immediately over the phone, if you have not done so already. Alternatively you can log on to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Not only does this allow your child to have a free hot meal each day, it also brings funding (known as Pupil Premium) directly in to the school. If you qualify, you will also be entitled to a **10% discount off school uniform** prices. Please see Mrs McCloud for more information.

We would like to encourage all families to fill in the Free School Meals application form that is coming home today please (Nursery and Reception parents did this as part of their admission pack).

STAFFING

We have attached a “Staff Family Tree” for your information. Hopefully this will help you recognise key staff involved with your child as well as those in the rest of school.

BEAMISH VISIT/JEANS FOR GENES

As it is also Jeans for Genes Day on Friday 21st October, children can wear their uniform tops with a pair of jeans for our visit to Beamish. If you are able to help with the visit, please see Class Teachers. Coach seats will be limited, so parents may have to arrange their own transport. Depending on how many offers of help we receive and in order to ensure best ratios of adults to children, we may ask parents to help out with classes other than that of their own child.



CHURCHES

Mr Cunningham (St Nicholas’ Church) retired last Sunday and his final service was beautiful. It was great to see so many families from school there, past and present. Thank you to everyone who contributed to his gift of a handmade glass school badge cross.

This week we welcomed a team of volunteers from Gosforth Churches Together (and some children from school) to lead our “Open the Book” Worship. We are excited to see what they do next week!

AFTER SCHOOL CLOSING TIMES

Unfortunately one of our children was hurt by some older siblings who were playing on our school field last Friday. As a result, Mr Hunter will now close the playground gate at 3:30pm. This will also mean that children who are attending after school clubs will be doing so on a more secure site. I apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause but, as I am sure you will understand, the safety of our children is of paramount importance.

READING BUDDIES

Could you or a grandparent spare 20-30 minutes once or twice a week to help children with reading? We would like to establish a successful reading buddy scheme with parents, grandparents and friends of the school; sharing books with children in Key Stage One and Key Stage Two. If you could spare an hour or two a week please see the school office. You will require DBS clearance through the school- please see Mrs McCloud.



RECORDERS

Recorders can now be bought for £2.00 at the school office. Please see Mrs McCloud.

CAR PARKING

We have been asked by local residents to remind our parents to park considerately and not block garage doors or park on double yellow lines. A polite reminder that the carpark is for staff use only please.

SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Massey & Mrs Gregory are our schools Designated Safeguarding Leaders. If you have concerns about a child please come directly to speak with one of us.

GOSFORTH VOICES & GOSFORTH BAND

New ensembles are starting this term (see attached flier). These activities are FREE to pupils. Please email registration forms directly to SISMusicHubAdmin@newcastle.gov.uk

DINNER MONEY

Mrs McCloud has now updated ParentMail with dinner money payments. Nursery children's accounts are in the process of being created. Payments can be made half termly in full or weekly on a Monday and payments by ParentMail is preferred but we can also accept correct cash (in a sealed, labelled envelope) or cheques (made payable to Newcastle City Council).

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

	Before School	Lunchtime	After school
Monday		French (Y1 & Y3)	Yoga (Y1-Y4) 3:15-4:15pm
Tuesday			Taekwondo (Y1-Y4) 3:15-4:15pm
Wednesday			Awards (Y4) 3:15-4:30pm
Thursday	Dance (Y1-Y4) 8:00-8:50am		
Friday		French (Y2 & Y4)	Football (Y3 & Y4) 3:15-4:30pm

Booking details are available on our school website.



NURSERY 2108-19

Our Nursery is filling up fast... If you know anyone who would like a Nursery place for a child who is currently 3 (or is turning 3 years old this academic year), please let them know that we still have a few places available. This year we are offering 2½ day provision as well as 30 hour provision (5 full days) because we have a full time teacher and full time Nursery Nurse. Additional sessions can also be purchased.

PTFA BBQ

We are all very much looking forward to the BBQ tonight (at school) from 4:30-7:30pm. It will be a fantastic way to get to know our new families and welcome them to our lovely community as well as celebrating the beginning of a new year and the 30th birthday of our school.

REMINDERS

Please remember to complete the forms attached to last week's newsletter as soon as possible. These can be done either online, via Parent Mail, or in hard copy. Mrs McCloud does prefer electronic returns and payments, if at all possible please!

We would also like parents to complete and return:

- Home School agreement
- Free School Meals form
- Photo consent forms
- Beamish & walking tour permission slips- Years 1-4
- Attendance at Parents' Meetings reply

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries. Our school is proud of its "Open Door Policy" so please do pop in if you would like to chat about anything.

With best wishes,

Mrs KE Massey

Headteacher

“Love to learn, learn to love”

Archbishop Runcie First School– Staff “Family”



Associate Head
Teacher
Mrs B Readhead



Head Teacher
Mrs K Massey



Deputy Head and
Nursery Teacher
Mrs T Gregory



Admin and
Finance Officer
Mrs S McCloud



Admin Assistant
Mrs K Kinnair



Reception
Teacher
Miss B Leigh



Year 1 Teacher
Mrs P Hixson



Year 2 Teacher
Mon/Tues/Wed
Mrs L Mann



Year 2 Teacher
Wed/Thur/Fri
Mrs K Law



Year 3 Teacher
Miss A McGregor



SENCo and
Year 4 Teacher
Miss J Burns



KS2 TA
Mrs A Armstrong



KS1 TA
Mrs L Norman

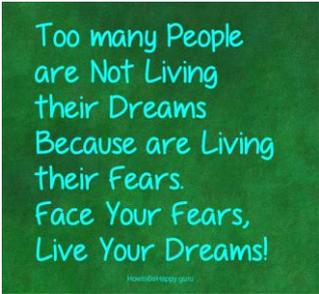


Reception TA
Mrs J Ramsay



Nursery Nurse
Mrs N Marshall

Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 visit to Gibside



Too many People
are Not Living
their Dreams
Because are Living
their Fears.
Face Your Fears,
Live Your Dreams!

Dear Parents,

As part of our work on Growth Mindset, we will be visiting Gibside on national "Face Your Fears Day" Wednesday 10th October to undertake a range of activities.

Children will need to wear warm clothes (which must include their school jumper), bring a waterproof coat, sensible walking shoes and a packed lunch. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £7.00 to support the cost of transport, entry and two activities at Gibside. If you would prefer to pay in installments please see Mrs McCloud, who will arrange this.

Children will **not need any spending money** for this visit. We will need the support of parent helpers, if you have DBS (CRB) clearance and are able to help please return the slip below or complete the form online via ParentMail. Your child's teacher will confirm helpers nearer the time.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hinsche, Mrs Law, Mrs Mann, Miss McGregor and Miss Burns

GIBSIDE "FACE YOUR FEARS" VISIT

Child's Name _____ Class _____

I *give/do not give permission for my child to visit Gibside on Wednesday 10th October.

I am *able/unable to support on this visit and have enhanced DBS clearance through school.

- I have paid £7.00 via ParentMail
- I enclose cash payment of £7.00

Signed _____ Date _____

*Please delete as appropriate

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Additional Notes
September 2018		
Monday 17 th Sept	New Reception children start full days	
	Y4 Welcome Meeting (9:00-9:30am)	
	Parents of children on the Special Educational Needs Register invited for information on the Local Offer 3:30pm	
Tuesday 18 th Sept	Y3 Welcome Meeting (9:00-9:30am)	
	Walking Tours Y1-Y4	
Wed 19 th Sept	Y2 Welcome Meeting (9:00-9:30am)	
	National "Talk like a Pirate" day!	Children and grown ups to talk like a pirate- just for fun!
Thursday 20 th Sept	Y1 Welcome Meeting (9:00-9:30am)	
Friday 21 st Sept	Y1, 2, 3 & 4 visit to Beamish	Children can wear jeans and uniform tops
	Jeans for Genes Day	Children can wear jeans and uniform tops
Sunday 23 rd Sept	School is 30 years old!	
Monday 24 th Sept	Nursery children start their full hours as arranged with Mrs Gregory	
Tuesday 25 th Sept	KS2 Art Workshops	Volunteer helpers welcome!
Wed 26 th Sept	KS1 Parents Maths Workshop- 5:15-6:15pm	
Thursday 27 th Sept	Nursery Welcome Meeting (9:00-9:30am)	
	KS1 Art Workshops	Volunteer helpers welcome!
Friday 28 th Sept	Reception Welcome Meeting (9:00-9:30am)	
	National "Ask a Silly Question Day"	
	World's Biggest Coffee Afternoon (Y4 hosting) from 2:00pm	We would be grateful of donations of cakes please.
October 2018		
Mon 1 st October	Forest School- Nursery, Reception & Year 1	Please wear outdoor clothes with long sleeves and bring wellies if wet/sunhat and suncream if warm
Tues 2 nd October	Forest School- Years 2, 3, 4	
Thursday 4 th October	PTFA Film Night	tickets available via PTFA
	N&Rec Yoghurt making workshop	
Fri 5 th October	9:00 Harvest Festival- led by Year 4 (in school)	
Wed 10 th October	National "Face Your Fears Day" Y1, 2, 3 & 4 visit to Gibside	Please complete form
Friday 12 th October	Individual photographs	
13-19 th October	Christian Aid Week	
15-19 th October	National Design Week	
17 th October	Gosforth Band rehearsals 3:45- 4:45pm	At Archibald First School
19 th October	Non uniform in aid of Christian Aid	Donations welcome
Tuesday 23 rd Oct & Wed 24 th Oct	Parents evening- all classes and exhibition of work in hall (3:30-5:30pm)	
Thursday 25 th October	Exhibition open to wider community (1:30-3:00pm)	
Friday 26 th October	Training Day	
November 2018		
5 th -9 th Nov	Gosforth Schools Trust Poppy Week	
Wed 7 th November	Diwali	
Thursday 8 th Nov	PTA Disco (5:00-6:30pm)	
12-16 th Nov	Antibullying Week	
Friday 16 th Nov	Children in Need Day	Children can wear spotty clothing for a donation of £1

	Antibullying workshops for Years 1-4	
Wed 21 st Nov	World "Hello" Day	Children will be encouraged to greet 10 new people
Wed 28 th Nov	Governing Body Meeting	
Friday 30 th Nov	9:00 Advent Worship- led by Year 3 (in school)	
December 2018		
Thursday 13 th Dec	Christmas Jumper day	Children and staff wear Christs Jumpers for £1 donation
Friday 14 th Dec	PTA Christmas Fair & Carol Singing (Years 1-4) 2:30pm	
Monday 17 th Dec	Flu immunizations (pm)- more info to follow	
	1:30pm KS2 Nativity (Y3 & Y4)	
	5:30pm KS1 Nativity (Y1 & Y2) 6:30pm KS2 Nativity (Y3 & Y4)	Children need to be back at school by 5:00pm please.
Tuesday 18 th Dec	Foundation Stage (N & Rec) Nativity 9:30am	
	Foundation Stage Party	Children can bring party clothes. Please sign up to bring food.
	Key Stage One Nativity 2:00pm (Y1 & Y2)	
Wed 19 th Dec	KS2 Party	Children can bring party clothes. Please sign up to bring food.
	2:00pm Foundation Stage Nativity (N & Rec)	
Thursday 20 th Dec	KS1 party	Children can bring party clothes. Please sign up to bring food.
	PTFA Film night	Tickets available via PTFA
Friday 21 st Dec	2:00pm Carol Service	All Saints' Church , West Avenue (off the High Street)
	School Closes for Christmas (2 weeks)	

“Love to learn, learn to love”

Gosforth Voices & Gosforth Band

Gosforth Voices & Gosforth Band meet regularly to rehearse and have fun making music together. Pupils can join both Voices and Band (if they play an instrument) and it's FREE! We meet on Wednesdays at 3.45pm (dates overleaf) We have lots of performances throughout the year, including:

- ❖ Daff as a Brush School Proms at the City Hall
- ❖ Gosforth Voices Tour
- ❖ Big Gig at Sports Central
- ❖ Gosforth Pyramid Concert



Do you enjoy singing and making music with your friends?



"Gosforth Voices is lots of fun! My favourite part was going on tour because I felt like a star!"

"It's a good way to express your feelings...the music makes me feel joyful and the teachers make things really fun."

2018 - 2019

Fill in the form and return it to your school by 6th July

Name: _____

School: _____

Year Group: _____

I would like to attend:

Gosforth Voices

Gosforth Band, and I play

Home Address: _____

Home phone: _____

Email address: _____

Emergency contact & telephone: _____

Medical info/allergies: _____

I give/do not give permission for my son/daughter to be photographed or videoed for publicity purposes, which includes use on the Newcastle Music Service and Music Partnership North website, Facebook, Twitter & YouTube channel.

Signed _____

This data will only be used in relation to Gosforth Voices & Band, we will not share this information with other organisations, and will only hold this information for the period that your child is involved with the ensembles. You can opt out of communication by contacting SISMusKHubAdmin@newcastle.gov.uk

Music Partnership North Ensembles

Four fantastic
music groups
Open to all pupils
in Newcastle and
North Tyneside

**COMPLETELY
FREE!**

**Beginner
Woodwind**

**Beginner
Brass**

**Beginner
Ukulele**

**Folk
Band
(Intermediate)**



Thursday Night is Music Night



Beginner Wind
Recorder, Flute, Clarinet, Chalumeau
Sacred Heart RC Primary
3.45-4.45pm on Thursdays
Tutors - Fran Harris & Janet Knighton

This group is suitable for total beginners and those who have had some experience of playing in school - up to Grade 1 standard. The children will enjoy learning music in different styles and playing in a group.

Autumn 2018 - 24th September, 1, 8, 15, 22nd October, 5, 12, 19, 26 November, 3rd December
Spring 2019 - 14, 21, 28th January, 4, 11 February, 25th February, 4, 11, 18, 25th March
Summer 2019 - 29th April, 13, 20th May, 3, 10, 17, 24th June, 1st July

Beginner Ukulele
St. Michael's RC Primary, Elswick
3.45-4.45pm on Mondays
Tutor - Chris Collins

This group is suitable for total beginners and those who have had some previous experience of playing the ukulele in school. The children will learn to play simple chords and enjoy playing songs from a variety of musical genres.

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Beginner Brass
Trumpet, Trombone, Cornet, Euphonium
Excelsior Primary
3.45-4.45pm on Wednesdays
Tutor - John Rudkin

This group is suitable for total beginners and those who have had some previous experience of playing in school. The children will learn to play music from a variety of musical genres.

Autumn 2018 - 26th September, 3, 10, 17, 24th October, 7, 14, 21, 28th November 5th December
Spring 2019 - 16, 23, 30 January, 6, 13, 27 February, 6, 13, 20, 27 March
Summer 2019 - 24 April, 1, 8, 15, 22 May, 5, 12, 19, 26 June, 3 July

Folk Band
Violin, Cello, Whistle, Recorder, Flute, Ukulele, Guitar, Accordion etc.
Sacred Heart RC High
3.45-4.45pm on Thursdays
Tutors - Rachael McShane & Emma Coleman

This group is open to all pupils who have an interest in playing folk music together with others. Suitable for those who only know a few notes up to Grade 5 standard. The pupils will learn local ceildh tunes as well as folk music from around the world. We will learn music in parts so there will be something for all abilities. All instruments welcome!

Autumn 2018 - 27 September, 4, 11, 18, 25th October, 8, 15, 22, 29 November, 6th December
Spring 2019 - 17, 24, 31 January, 7, 14, February, 28th February, 7, 14, 21, 28 March
Summer 2019 - 25th April, 2, 9, 16, 23rd May, 6, 13, 20, 27th June, 3rd July

Name: _____

School: _____

Year Group: _____

I would like to attend:

- Beginner Wind, and I play ...
- Beginner Ukulele
- Beginner Brass, and I play ...
- Folk Band, and I play...

(Instrument) _____

Home Address: _____

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