



ARCHBISHOP RUNCIE
CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VA) FIRST SCHOOL



September 2018 - Newsletter 4

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
98.1%	98%	95.5%	92.4%	99.6%	97.3%

Our school target for attendance is 96%.

PTFA

The PTFA are holding a film night, after school, on Thursday 4th October for children in Reception-Year 4. Nursery children are invited too but we ask that they have an adult to accompany them. Tickets can be booked via the PTFA.



CURRICULUM

This week, Year 1-4 have worked with a sculptor to create art work that represents our school. She will take the children's ideas to use as a starting point for a permanent glass sculpture for our courtyard to mark our 30 year celebrations. On Monday we celebrated with a birthday cake for our school!

Reception took part in a Warburton's healthy eating workshop this morning which was great fun.

If you are able to help on our "Face Your Fears" visit to Gibside on Wednesday 10th October, please let Class Teachers know as soon as possible.

We are holding an e-safety workshop for parents on Friday 19th October at 9:00am. Please come along. If you wish to book a place please complete the form online.

CASHLESS SYSTEM

Because we are having so many wonderful events in school, this has increased the amount of cash coming into the school office. As I am sure you will appreciate, this is causing us some challenges to manage. Therefore, like many other local schools, we are going to go cashless (including cheques) from Friday 12th October.

If you are unable to make payments through ParentMail online, we can give you a barcode which you can take to a local PayPoint retailer to make a payment with cash. If you have any queries, please ask Mrs McCloud.

PARENTS' WORKSHOPS

Thank you to everyone who attended our Maths workshop, Nursery and Reception Welcome Meetings this week. Your support is greatly appreciated.

HOMEWORK

Years 1-4 homework is now underway- the children seem to have been very keen to do their homework and we have already received many positive comments about the homework tasks/books.

Children will bring their homework books home on a Thursday and should be returned to school the following Tuesday. Please see stickers in Reading Records for details of tasks. Please could we ask that children complete their tasks in pencil and parents use the answers in the back of workbooks to mark children's work. This means that, each Tuesday evening, staff can spend time evaluating how children got on with their tasks and choosing an appropriate next step for the following week. We very much appreciate your support in this matter.

COMMUNICATION

Please keep up to date with news and information by checking our website and twitter feed @RuncieOf. Parents of children in Nursery and Reception should now be receiving regular updates via our online Learning Journals, "Tapestry". Please do add your own observations and comments too.



MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

Mrs Armstrong (KS1&2) and Mrs Marshall (EYFS) are managing medicines in school this year. If your child needs medicine administering during the school day or has a medical condition that requires medicines to be kept in school, please make an appointment to meet with Mrs Marshall or Mrs Armstrong to discuss this. You will need to complete a form with them too. You can contact them on andrea.armstrong@archbishop.newvastle.sch.uk and nikki.marshall@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk



We do have children in school with severe nut allergies so could we please remind you not to send any foods which contain nuts into school, including in packed lunches.



WATER BOTTLES

Children are encouraged to bring a named, refillable sports top water bottle to school each day. These can be left at school during the week for children to refill each day, but will be sent home each Friday for washing!

READING BUDDIES

Most classes now have Reading Buddies but some classes are still in need! If you could spare an hour or two a week please email class teachers who will be delighted to hear from you! You will require DBS clearance through the school, please see Mrs McCloud who will arrange this.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please remember that claiming your child's Free School Meal does not only allow your child to have a free hot meal each day, it also brings **funding 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.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Michelle Fowler Photography will be in school on Friday 12th October. Please look out for forms coming, home if you would like your child to have their picture taken.

HARVEST

On Friday 5th October we are celebrating Harvest. Year 4 will lead our Worship. We are, as usual, supporting the People's Kitchen with food donations. They are currently seeking the following donations:

Cooking ingredients	e.g. sugar, flour, dried rice, ground white pepper, brown sauce, cooking sauces, mixed spice, gravy granules
Drinks	e.g. coffee, tea, dilute orange juice, hot chocolate
Puddings	e.g. tinned or instant custard, tinned rice, tinned fruit, jams, syrup, long life milk
Tinned veg	e.g. mixed veg, peas, butter beans, potatoes
Soup	e.g. any tinned soups
Toiletries	e.g. deodorants, shower gel, shampoo, shave gel

On Thursday 4th October Mrs Battista is cooking a Harvest Lunch, where she will use our school-grown potatoes and fruit to create a delicious lunch of pork/vegetarian sausages and home-grown apple sauce, allotment vegetables and roast potatoes followed by fruit crumble and ice cream. We would like as many children as possible to join us for this occasion. The children will be involved in harvesting the fruit and vegetables earlier in the week. Payment



can be made on ParentMail to book a school meal that day if your child usually has a packed lunch.

We will also take part in Forest School, on Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd October, linked to Harvest and Autumn. Children will be working outdoors regardless of the weather so please ensure they are dressed appropriately! They must wear long sleeved tops and full length trousers.



FLU SNIFFS

We have asked to circulate information about the children's flu vaccine nasal spray. Please see information attached below. Flu sniffs will be administered in school on Monday 17th December to children in Reception - Year 4, with signed consent forms. We asked for consent forms to be returned to school by 26th September. If you have forgotten, please send the form in on Monday.

REMINDERS

Please remember to complete the Gibside form attached to previous newsletter as soon as possible. This can be done online, via ParentMail or returned to school in hard copy. Any cheques or cash (exact money please) should be returned to school via the classroom in **separate** sealed, named envelopes labelled with the relevant payment information. Mrs McCloud does prefer electronic forms and payments, if at all possible please!

Paper copies of the following forms have been sent home for parents to complete and return as soon as possible:

- Home School agreement
- Free School Meals form
- Photo consent forms

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries.

With my very best wishes,

Mrs KE Massey

Headteacher

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Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Additional Notes
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. £1 donation requested.
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)	
	Year 3 Squash - PM	
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	Please complete form
Sunday 14 th October	DAAB Proms- Gosforth Voices performing	
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
19th October	Change of date - PTFA AGM (School Hall) 2:15pm	
19 th October	Non uniform in aid of Christian Aid	Donations welcome
	e-safety workshop for parents 9:00am	Please come along!
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		
Monday 5 th Nov	Y2 "Polar Lands" Workshop (all day)	
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		
Friday 14 th Dec	Christmas Jumper day	Children and staff wear Christmas Jumpers for £1 donation
	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)	
January 2019		
Monday 14 th January	Prospective Parents Open Evening 3:30-4:30pm	Please let your friends with young children know!
Friday 18 th January	EYFS- "Winnie the Pooh Day"	
Thursday 24 th Jan	Compliment Day	
Friday 25 th Jan	EYFS "Opposites Day"	
February 2019		
Tuesday 5 th Feb	Safer Internet Day	
Friday 8 th Feb	Worship (lead by Year 2)	
Monday 11 th Feb	"Love is..." Day	
Tuesday 12 th Feb	EYFS visit to Gibside	
Friday 15 th Feb	Random Acts of Kindness day	
	School closes for half term	
Tuesday 26 th Feb & Wed 27 th Feb	Parents' Evening	
March 2019		
Mon 4 th March- Fri 8 th March	Book Week	
Mon 4 th March-	Y1-4 visit to Seven Stories	
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	Children invited to dress as their favorite book character
Fri 15 th March	Red Nose Day	Children invited to wear red. £1 donation
Thursday 21 st March	World Poetry Day	2:30pm Poetry Performance for parents of Y1-4 children
Friday 29 th March	Mothers' Day Service 9:00am	Please join us
April 2019		
Monday 1 st April	Forest School- N, Rec & Y1	Please wear outdoor clothes with long sleeves and bring wellies if wet/sunhat and suncream if warm
Tuesday 2 nd April	Forest School- Y2, Y3 & Y4	
Tuesday 2 nd April	Autism Awareness Day	
Wed 3 rd April	9:00am Year 2 SATs Meeting for Parents	
Friday 5 th April	Easter Service at All Saints Church 2:00pm TBC	
	School closes for Easter	

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Children's flu vaccine nasal spray- information for parents

Northumbria Healthcare Foundation Trust has been made aware of a number of letters to schools expressing concerns about the safety and effectiveness of the children's flu vaccine nasal spray. These concerns appear to relate to a number of misconceptions about the vaccine, many of which are addressed in the leaflet you can access through the link below. Some of the specific misconceptions are also addressed in this letter.

The nasal influenza vaccine contains a live attenuated (weakened) influenza virus which helps protect against influenza infection in those who receive it. Live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) does not cause clinical influenza in those immunised and it is offered to children because it works well, has a good safety record and is easy to administer.

Millions of doses of LAIV have now been given in the UK and it has an excellent safety profile. Over 121 million doses of LAIV have been distributed worldwide. LAIV is used in a number of other countries worldwide and is being used in the USA for the current 2018/19 flu season.

Unvaccinated contacts are not at risk of becoming seriously ill with the weakened flu vaccine virus, either through being in the same room where flu vaccine has been given, or by being in contact with a recently vaccinated individual. Therefore, there is no need for any child or staff member to be excluded from school during the period when LAIV is being offered or in the following weeks. The tiny number of children who are extremely immunocompromised (for example those who have just had a bone marrow transplant), are already advised not to attend school because of the definite and much higher risk of contact with other infections that spread in schools.

Exposure to vaccine virus during administration

The vaccine is administered using a nasal applicator which delivers just 0.1ml (around 1/50th of a teaspoon) of fluid into each nostril. No 'mist' of vaccine virus escapes into the air and therefore other people in the room should not be at risk of "catching" the vaccine virus. The room or school in which administration of nasal influenza vaccine has taken place does not require any special cleaning afterwards.

Although in theory, healthcare workers could be exposed to the vaccine virus if it was accidentally released outside of the child's nose, during the extensive use of the vaccine over many years in the UK and the USA, no transmission of the vaccine virus to healthcare workers has been reported to date.

Vaccine effectiveness

The effectiveness of the vaccine will vary from year to year, depending on the match between the strains of flu in circulation and those contained in the vaccine. Since the introduction of the LAIV programme for children in the UK in 2013, the vaccine effectiveness for laboratory confirmed infection has been good. During 2014/15, pilots were carried out in selected areas of England in which all primary school aged children were offered LAIV. These areas saw a 93% reduction in hospital admissions due to confirmed influenza and a 94% reduction in GP consultations for influenza-like illness in primary school children.

Shedding of vaccine virus

Although vaccinated children do shed vaccine virus for a few days after vaccination, the virus is less able to spread from person to person than the natural infection. The amount of virus shed is normally below that needed to spread infection to others and the virus does not survive for long outside of the body. This is in contrast to natural flu infection, which spreads easily during the flu season. In schools where vaccine is being offered therefore, the overall risk of contact with influenza viruses is massively reduced by having most children vaccinated.

Despite this overall low risk of transmission, parents of children with immune problems may be concerned about their child being exposed to recently vaccinated children who may be shedding virus. In the USA, where there has been extensive use of LAIV for many years, serious illness amongst immunocompromised contacts who are naturally exposed to vaccine virus has never been observed. Expert doctors at Great Ormond Street Hospital, who deal with many children with

very serious immune problems, do not recommend keeping such children off school purely because of vaccination. It is important that all children with immune problems, and their siblings and family contacts, should themselves be vaccinated, usually with an injected (inactivated) vaccine.

A tiny number of children who are extremely severely immunocompromised e.g. immediately after a bone marrow transplant, would not be attending school anyway because the risk from all the other infections that children pass to each other at school would be too great.

Black Triangle medicines (▼)

Before being granted a UK licence, all medicines (including vaccines) undergo a rigorous assessment of evidence relating to their safety, quality and efficacy. Following the introduction of a newly licensed medicine into the UK, it is given a black triangle (▼) symbol, usually for five years. This symbol is used as a reminder to healthcare professionals and the public to report all suspected side-effects to the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA). It does not restrict the use of the medicine to healthcare premises. Vaccine safety is carefully and continuously monitored by the MHRA even when a vaccine no longer carries the black triangle symbol.

Consent to immunisation

The NHS and Public Health England information leaflet for parents (linked below) covers topics such as side effects of LAIV, lists children to whom the vaccine should not be given and contains information about its porcine gelatine content. It also provides a link to NHS Choices for further information and sign-posts parents to their GP, Immunisation team, school nurse or health visitor if they wish to discuss the immunisation further.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-leaflets-and-posters>

Summary

LAIV has a good safety and effectiveness record. Unvaccinated contacts are not at risk of becoming seriously ill with the weakened flu vaccine virus, either through being in the same room where flu vaccine has been given or by being in contact with a recently vaccinated individual. Excluding children from school during the period when LAIV is being offered or in the following weeks is therefore not necessary.

Further information

Further information for head teachers can be found in the leaflet: Flu vaccination: advice for headteachers: www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-in-schools