



ARCHBISHOP RUNCIE
CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VA) FIRST SCHOOL



September 2018 - Newsletter 3

ATTENDANCE

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
98.1%	98.8%	96.6%	96.2%	96.7%	98.2%

Our school target for attendance is 96%.

PTFA BBQ

Huge thanks to everyone who attended the BBQ last Friday. It was a brilliant event to welcome new faces to our school, mark the 30th anniversary of our school and to raise valuable funds. Special thanks go to the PTFA members who helped make it possible.

CURRICULUM

The children have enjoyed an exciting week, taking part in a walking tour of Gosforth, led by Colin Tait who attended the old All Saints' School on Salters Road. In addition, they are currently having a wonderful time at Beamish, looking at a selection of artefacts from the 1980s as well as exploring other areas of the museum. Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming a sculptor to work with KS1 (Thursday) and KS2 (Tuesday) 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.



PARENTS' WORKSHOPS

Our parents' workshops have been well attended this week- many thanks to all of you who came along. Please remember Liz Bailey is running a Maths workshop for parents of children in Years 1 and 2 on Wednesday 26th September at 5:15pm - please come along if you are able.

Nursery and Reception parents' workshops will take place next week.

WORLDS BIGGEST COFFEE AFTERNOON

Year 4 are hosting a coffee afternoon in support of Macmillan Cancer Care on Friday 28th September from 2pm. We would be grateful of any cake donations (on Friday morning)!



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. Children who usually have a packed lunch can pay £2 by ParentMail or cash/cheque by Thursday 27th September to order a meal.

We will also take part in Forest School, on Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd October, linked to Harvest and Autumn. Children will be working outdoor regardless of the weather so please ensure they are dressed appropriately!



CHICKEN POX

We would like to alert you that chicken pox has been reported in school. If you have any concerns you can look at “The Little Orange Book” on our website.

AFTER SCHOOL CLOSING TIMES

A reminder that the school gates now close at 3:30pm. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

SAFEGUARDING

GCMS have informed us of an incident where some of their pupils were approached by three men as they walked to school. The men were in a small, white van which was parked on Park Avenue (just off Great North Road). One of the men asked the pupils to get into the van. The police have been informed.

We have talked to the children about “stranger danger” in school but would ask you to reinforce this with your child(ren) at home please.

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.

DINNER MONEY

Mrs McCloud has now updated ParentMail with dinner money payments. Nursery children’s accounts are in the process of being created and you will be contacted separately regarding payment. For Key Stage 2, payments can be made half termly in full (£72 this half term) or weekly (£10) on a Monday. Payments by ParentMail are preferred or cheques (made payable to Newcastle City Council). We can also accept correct cash (in a sealed, labelled envelope) delivered via the classroom.

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 Starting 26 th Sept
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.

After half term we will also be running an art club. Please see school website for more info in due course.



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.

REMINDERS

Please remember to complete the Gibside trip and Maths meeting forms attached to previous newsletter as soon as possible. These 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 returns 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
September 2018		
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 September	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
18 th October	PTFA AGM (School Hall) 2:15pm	
19 th October	Non uniform in aid of Christian Aid	Donations welcome
	e-safety workshop 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		
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.
Wed 19 th Dec	Key Stage One Nativity 2:00pm (Y1 & Y2)	
	KS2 Party	Children can bring party clothes. Please sign up to bring food.
Thursday 20 th Dec	2:00pm Foundation Stage Nativity (N & Rec)	
	KS1 party	Children can bring party clothes. Please sign up to bring food.
Friday 21 st Dec	PTFA Film night	Tickets available via PTFA
	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	

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