



ARCHBISHOP RUNCIE
CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VA) FIRST SCHOOL



September 2018 - Newsletter 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

We hope you all enjoyed a safe and restful summer break. A particularly warm welcome to our new children and their families, we are really looking forward to getting to know you!

Thank you for your kind comments and support this week on hearing our sad news of the loss of Ishana. We will of course pass on these messages to Ishana's family.

BUILDING WORK

Over the summer, we have all been busy preparing the building for the children's return and hope that you will notice our improvements!

We are delighted with our new look Reception Classroom and new Nursery "hobbit" doorway has been prepared for the arrival of the door itself, the main hall has been redecorated and classrooms have been de-junked! Do pop in to have a look!

COMMUNICATION

The class teachers have all now written to you about your child's learning and some of their new routines along with adding information to Class Notice Boards (outside each external classroom door). Email contact details for teaching staff are also displayed outside each classroom; feel free to email teachers directly on

Nursery- tracy.gregory@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk

Reception- billie.leigh@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk

Year 1- paula.hinsche@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk

Year 2- katie.law@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk (Mon, Tues, Wed)

Year 2- lorraine.mann@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk (Wed, Thurs, Fri)

Year 3- abby.mcgregor@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk

Year 4- jennifer.burns@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk

Staff check their emails daily, either before or after the school teaching day, on their working days. You can still email admin during the school day and with absence information or with regard to school meals.

Please also follow us on twitter at [@RuncieOf](https://twitter.com/RuncieOf) You can also view tweets on our school website.



PARENTS' HOMEWORK

Thank you to those of you who have completed your parents' homework task- it is not too late to send this to staff if you have overlooked it! We asked parents to write a short letter/e-mail to your child's new Class Teacher(s), introducing your child. This might include a brief biography, special talents, worries or past school experiences and might also include your hopes for the coming year.

PHOTOS FOR DISPLAY

Last term we asked for pictures of each child in school to be emailed to admin@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk to be used on a display in school. If you have not yet done this please do so as soon as possible. Thank you! Attached to this letter is also a photo consent form which we would be grateful if you could complete and return to class teachers as soon as possible please.





THANK YOU!

Thank you for all the kind comments and cards that we received at the end of term. It was very much appreciated.

HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT

The home-school agreement is attached for you to read, share with your child, sign and return to school please.

BOOKBAGS

A reminder that our new tables in KS1 & 2 have individual drawers for children to store their book bags in. Please could children all use school book bags rather than rucksacks. Thank you. Children should not bring personal belongings to school in their bags.

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.newcastle.sch.uk and nikki.marshall@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk

READING & HOMEWORK

Reading books will be given out this week- please aim to listen to your child read aloud **at least three times each week** (it is still important to listen to children read- even when they are fluent and able). Remember to use the question stems in the Reading Records if you are struggling to think of questions after reading. We would appreciate a comment in Reading Records whenever you listen to your child please.



This term we will also introduce Maths and SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar) homework too. Class Teachers will explain homework expectations at the Welcome Meetings (please see dates below). Homework will be set each Thursday and collected the following Tuesday. Please ensure children complete their written homework neatly and in pencil. Many thanks in advance for your

support.

PARENTS WORKSHOPS

In addition, we are offering Maths Workshops for parents to help support your children at home. These sessions will be led by Liz Bailey (Maths Consultant). KS2 Parents Workshop will focus on tables, following the introduction of the Y4 tables test next year, and KS1 will focus on developing number facts. Please let us know if you are able to attend by completing the form below/on ParentMail.

If your child is on the Special Educational Needs Register, we are holding an information sharing evening in school on Monday 17th September at 3:30pm where Luke Connor (from the Local Authority) will signpost you to information and agencies to offer support. Please complete the slip attached/on ParentMail to confirm your attendance.

RECORDERS

Years 2-4 children will need a recorder in school this year. These can be brought from home or can be purchased from the school office from next Tuesday at a cost of £2 (cash or cheque in a labelled envelope please). Please see ParentMail for form/payment option.

CURRICULUM

Years 1-4 are all now involved in a topic about the school, its birthday and its history. We have lots of exciting activities planned including a KS1 & 2 visit to Beamish on Friday 21st



September and a walking tour of the locality (hopefully next week). If any of you know people who attended our school when it opened please encourage them to get in touch and share their memories! Permission slips are attached/on ParentMail.

The KS1&2 staff benefitted from a Teacher Training day on Mastery and Challenge across the curriculum on Monday. It was an excellent start to the school year and staff are keen to apply their new knowledge in order to address Ofsted action points.



NEAT

We continue to work closely with the North East mixed multi Academy Trust (NEAT) to develop and improve our school. Mrs Redhead (our Associate Headteacher) will work in school on a Tuesday to support the leadership of the school, including Governors. Staff will work with NEAT on courses and through visits to other schools.

CHURCHES

Mr Cunningham (St Nicholas' Church) is retiring. He has been heavily involved with our school for the last 18 years for which we are very grateful. He is having a farewell final service at St Nicholas' Church, South Gosforth on Sunday 9th September at 10:00am followed by a ploughman's lunch in the church hall. Please join us if you are able.

In addition, to celebrate Philips' retirement Gosforth Parish Church Beer Festival 2018 is being held from 3:00pm-10:00pm and Saturday from 12:00-8:00pm.

Both churches are collecting memories of our school in 1988 to help us celebrate the school's 30th anniversary. All contributions would be gratefully received!

Andrew Mason and Andrew Shipton, from All Saints' Church, will continue to lead worship in school regularly.

We are currently collecting to buy a gift for Mr Cunningham. If you would like to make a donation, please send in money (via the classroom) in a sealed, labelled envelope.

DROP OFF/PICK UP

Reception Drop Off and Pick Up from Yard: From Monday 17th September, Reception children will be collected from the Early Years yard each morning. Please can children line up next to the Early Years entrance at 8.45am ready for the beginning of the school day. Miss Leigh will collect the children and walk them into school. At the end of the school day the children will be brought back to the same point where they can be collected. Please stand back from the door so that staff can see everyone clearly. If you would like to talk to Miss Leigh at the end of the day please wait until all the children have been dismissed.

Nursery Drop Off and Pick Up: Nursery children should be dropped off at the Nursery entrance at 9:00am, after Reception have entered their classroom. Nursery children should be picked up at 3:10pm, before Reception leave at 3:15pm.

Years 1-4 Drop Off and Pick Up from Yard: All children in Year 1-4 should line up on the yard and will be greeted by their Class Teacher at 8:45 am. They should be collected from classroom exits at 3:15pm.

ABSENCES

Please report all absences to the school office by 8:45am on the day of absence to Mrs McCloud. If your child has sickness or diarrhea they will need to remain absent for 48 hours after the last incidence in accordance with the Department of Healths guidelines. In any other circumstance, please continue to advise school on a daily basis of the reason for continued absence. If your child has a planned medical appointment, we have been advised that we will need sight of the appointment letter to authorize absence.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Universal Free Meals: The universal free school initiative (wherein all pupils from Reception to Y2 receive a hot, nutritiously balanced meal each day) continues in school this year. We are aiming for 100% take up for midday hot meals. The benefits are far reaching in terms of health, behaviour and the development of social skills. If you have any questions about school meals our cook, Mrs Battista, would be happy to meet with you to answer these.

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. 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.

PACKED LUNCHES

As you know, we are a Healthy School. PLEASE remember no sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks in packed lunches. We really appreciate your cooperation and support in keeping lunch boxes healthy.

Please remember the kitchen require 2 weeks' notice if you intend to change from school dinners to packed lunch (or vice versa). School dinners are £2.00 per meal for Years 3 & 4 (£1.90 for Nursery). Dinner Money for Years 3 & 4 cost £72 this term because there are two Teacher Training Days and two visits. ParentMail payments will be setup/ updated up by Monday.

WATER BOTTLES

We are trying to reduce our plastic waste through the reduced use of disposable plastic cups. Children are encouraged to bring a 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

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.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Captain Teds are now offering a Breakfast Club. The club will run from 7:30am and Captain Ted's staff will then bring children to school at 8:45am. Please contact them directly to book places. They have decided to run both Breakfast Club and After School Club from their premises on Gosforth High Street.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

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

Please contact the organisers directly to book places (contact details and dates are now available on our website). Please note that Tennis and Art providers are no longer running cubs this term. Yoga has changed from before to after school.



NURSERY 2108-19

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 have places available. This year we are offering 2½ day provision (with additional sessions available) as well as 30 hour provision (5 full days) because we have a full time teacher and full time Nursery Nurse.

PTFA BBQ

We have a very active PTFA in school which raises a huge amount of money to support our school. The PTFA have organised a BBQ next Friday (at school) from 4:30pm-7:30pm. Tickets are available from the PTFA- please come along if you are able to. This is a great way to meet fellow parents, if you are new to the school, or just a nice way to catch up with people who you haven't seen over the summer! Please bring along your children, their siblings or other members of your families!



Finally, I would like to thank you for your messages of support for me in my new role. I am very much looking forward to working with you all this year.

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

With best wishes,

Mrs KE Massey

Headteacher

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Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 visit to Beamish

Dear Parents,

As part of our school's 30th birthday celebrations, we will be visiting Beamish Open Air Museum on Friday 21st September to look at their warehouse collection from 1980s as well as using the opportunity to explore other areas of the museum.

Children will need to bring a waterproof coat, sensible walking shoes and a packed lunch. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £11.00 to support the cost of transport, entry and a workshop. 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. Your child's teacher will confirm helpers nearer the time.

Yours sincerely,

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

BEAMISH VISIT

Child's Name _____ Class _____

I *give/do not give permission for my child to visit Beamish Open Air Museum on Friday 21st September.

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

- I have paid £11.00 via ParentMail
- I enclose cash/ cheque (made payable to Archbishop Runcie First School) payment of £11.00

Signed _____ Date _____

*Please delete as appropriate



Archbishop Runcie Church of England (Aided) First School

Home-School Agreement

The School will

- Recognise the uniqueness and individual worth of each child and promote their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development
- Encourage each child to strive for the highest standards of achievement
- Uphold the school's ethos and mission statements and current set of policies
- Inform parents of their child's progress at regular intervals and about what the teachers aim to teach the children each term
- Keep parents informed about school activities and changes to procedures through regular letters and notices
- Encourage partnership with parents in their child's education

Teacher's signature

The Child will keep the school code of behaviour, as follows:

- Take care of and respect each other's property and the environment.
- Be kind and caring to everyone, listening to each other.
- Always be polite, saying please and thank you.
- Move around the school safely and quietly.
- Always try our best.

The Family will

- Make sure their child arrives at school on time and attends regularly
- Attend Parent-Teacher consultations, where possible, to discuss their child's progress
- Make the school aware of any issues that might affect their child's attendance, work or behaviour
- Support the school in the implementation of its aims and policies

Child's name (and signature if desired / appropriate)

Parent's signature



Parental Consent to the use of photographs and media by the school

Please read this document and sign to say that you understand and agree with it, then return it to your child's class teacher.

At Archbishop Runcie CE First School we feel it is important to recognise the achievements and successes of individual and groups of children. We may wish to display and publish photos and details of events, achievements and successes within school and occasionally in the local newspapers and on TV. With the development of digital media, video images are easy to take now to show to children, parents and other members of the school community.

We take the issue of safeguarding our children very seriously. Whilst we recognise the importance and value of sharing activities and achievements we also recognise the need to ensure all publicity is carefully monitored to ensure it is consistent with Data Protection Legislation and our Child Protection Policy.

We ask for parental permission for the school to take and use photographs and video footage of your child and for permission to use these in school publications, the press and the media to promote pupil achievements.

Principles and Practices

- All photographs and any video footage will take place in the presence of a member of staff
- Children will be appropriately dressed in all photographs
- Photographs with full names of children will only be displayed inside school
- We will not publish or display photographs of children with their name (or any other details) on the internet or school website.

Exceptions

From time to time there will be circumstances when a child's name and photograph are published together. Children and parents like to see achievements and special occasions celebrated in the newspaper or on the television. This is usually a time of great recognition and pride. When school wishes to do this, however, we would always contact parents or carers to get their consent.

Parental consent to the use of photographs and media by the school

I consent to photographs and/or video footage of the child named below to appear in Archbishop Runcie Church of England First School publications, local press and media. I understand that images and video will only be used for school purposes.

Name of Child:

Name of Parent/Carer:

Signature:

Date:

Attendance at Parents' Meetings

Name of pupil _____ Class _____

I am able to attend the **Welcome Meeting** on _____ (please circle)

- Monday 17th September at 9:00am (Year 4)
- Tuesday 18th September at 9:00am (Year 3)
- Wednesday 19th September at 9:00am (Year 2)
- Thursday 20th September at 9:00am (Year 1)
- Thursday 27th September at 9:00am (Nursery)
- Friday 28th September at 9:00am (Reception)

I am able to attend the **Maths Workshop** on _____ (please circle)

- Wednesday 12th September 5:15-6:15pm (KS2)
- Wednesday 26th September 5:15-6:15pm (KS1)

I *am/am not able to attend the **SEN Local Offer** Workshop on Monday 17th September 3:30-4:30pm
(please delete as appropriate).

Dates for your Diary

September 2018

- Friday 7th September Visit from the Bishop
- Wed 12th September KS2 Parents Maths Workshop- 5:15-6:15pm
- Thursday 13th Sept Roald Dahl Day- children invited to dress up as a character from a Roald Dahl book
- Friday 14th Sept New Nursery & Reception parents and children invited for lunch (Nursery - 11:30am, Reception-12:00)
PTFA BBQ after school to celebrate our school's 30th birthday (tickets via PTFA) 4:30-7:30pm
- Monday 17th Sept New Reception children start full days
Y4 Welcome Meeting (9:00-9:30am)
Parents of children with SEND invited for information on the Local Offer 3:30pm
- Tuesday 18th Sept Y3 Welcome Meeting (9:00-9:30am)
- Wed 19th Sept Y2 Welcome Meeting (9:00-9:30am)
National "Talk like a Pirate" day!
- Thursday 20th Sept Y1 Welcome Meeting (9:00-9:30am)
- Friday 21st September Y1, 2, 3 & 4 visit to Beamish (children can wear jeans and uniform top)
Jeans for Genes Day (children can wear jeans and uniform top) for a donation
- Sunday 23rd Sept School is 30 years old!
- Tuesday 25th Sept KS2 Art Workshops
- Wed 26th September KS1 Parents Maths Workshop- 5:15-6:15pm
- Thursday 27th Sept Nursery Welcome Meeting (9:00-9:30am)
KS1 Art Workshops
- Friday 28th Sept Reception Welcome Meeting (9:00-9:30am)
National "Ask a silly question day"
World's Biggest Coffee Afternoon (Y4 hosting)

October 2018

- Mon 1st October Forest School- Nursery, Reception & Year 1- please wear outdoor clothes with long sleeves and bring wellies if wet/sunhat and suncream if warm
- Thursday 4th October Themed lunch- more details to follow
- Tues 2nd October Forest School- Years 2, 3, 4- please wear outdoor clothes with long sleeves and bring wellies if wet/sunhat and suncream if warm
- Thursday 4th October – PTFA Film Night- tickets available via PTFA
N&Rec Yoghurt making workshop
- Fri 5th October 9:00 Harvest Festival- led by Year 4 (in school)
- Wed 10th October National "Face Your Fears Day" Y1, 2, 3 & 4 visit to Gibside
- Friday 12th October Individual photographs
- 15-19th October National Design Week
- Tuesday 23rd Oct & Wed 24th Oct- Parents evening- all classes and exhibition of work in hall (3:30-5:30pm)
- Thursday 25th October – exhibition open to wider community (1:30-3:00pm)
- Friday 26th October Training Day

November 2018

- 5th-9th Nov GST Poppy Week
- Wed 7th November Diwali
- Thursday 8th Nov PTA Disco (5:00-6:30pm)
- 12-16th Nov Antibullying Week
- Friday 16th Nov Children in Need Day
Antibullying workshops for Years 1-4
- Wed 21st Nov World "Hello" Day

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
Friday 14 th Dec	PTA Christmas Fair & Carol Singing (Years 1-4) 2:30pm
Monday 17 th Dec	Flu immunisations (pm)- more info to follow 1:30pm KS2 Nativity (Y3 & Y4) 5:30pm KS1 & 6:30pm KS2 Nativities
Tuesday 18 th Dec	Foundation Stage (N & Rec) Nativity 9:30am Foundation Stage Party Key Stage One Nativity 2:00pm (Y1 & Y2)
Wed 19 th Dec	KS2 Party 2:00pm Foundation Stage Nativity (N & Rec)
Thursday 20 th Dec	KS1 party PTFA Film night
Friday 21 st Dec	2:00pm Carol Service at All Saints' Church , West Avenue (off the High Street)

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