



ARCHBISHOP RUNCIE  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VA) FIRST SCHOOL



## September 2018 - Newsletter 5

### ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
88.3%	90.3%	95.3	98.3%	99.3%	99.7%

Our school target for attendance is 96%.

### PTFA

The PTFA AGM will be held in school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 2:15pm. Please come along if you are able to- everyone is very welcome and it would be fantastic to see some new faces as well as the familiar ones! The film night last night was another successful event- thank you to the PTFA for organising this.

### CURRICULUM

This week, children have thoroughly enjoyed Forest School activities and Harvest events. Our Harvest lunch yesterday was a huge success with children enjoying school grown, handpicked potatoes, apples and pears.

Year 3 had great fun playing squash this afternoon with Richard Vitty too and several children are keen to become involved in his club at Newcastle Northern Squash Club.

We forgot to ask for a donation towards the Art workshops last week, sorry! Mrs McCloud will set up an online payment option on ParentMail. We would be extremely grateful for your contributions. Artwork will be on display for you to view at our exhibition at the end of this half term.

Next week, Years 1-4 are facing their fears at Gibside. We will need plenty of parent helpers so please let Class Teachers know if you are able to support.

As part of our school's birthday celebrations, each class will be making money "grow"! Virgin Money have loaned each class £60 (£2 per pupil) to design and make birthday merchandise to sell at our exhibition event on 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> October. The idea is for each class to "pool" their money to make a product and make a profit (which will be donated to charity). This helps young people learn about enterprise and setting up a small business.

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

Thank you for all the positive feedback that we have received about the curriculum this term. We are delighted that your children are enjoying all the enrichment activities and experiences!

### CASHLESS SYSTEM

A reminder that, like many other local schools, we are going to go cashless (including cheques) from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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. We will still accept cash and cheques for PTFA charity donations in a named and labelled envelope.

You are encouraged to download the ParentMail app on your mobile phone. If you have any queries, please ask Mrs McCloud.

**STAFFING**

I am delighted to announce that we have appointed Miss Emily Salter as our new Cover Supervisor, to work five afternoons each week. Miss Salter will be working across all classes to cover teachers' planning time (which is a statutory requirement). She will be joining us in school next week to get to know us all before she starts her employment later in the month.

**WORSHIP**

Year 4 led our Harvest Worship brilliantly this morning. Years 1-3 will also lead Worship for the rest of the school and parents, during the year. We continue to welcome clergy from All Saints' and "Open the Book" each week.

**CHARITABLE GIVING**

Year 4 children and staff hosted The World's Biggest Coffee Afternoon last Friday. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes or attended the event. It was a huge success raising £361.30- well done everyone involved!

Thank you to everyone who sent in donations for the People's Kitchen displayed at the Harvest Worship this morning.

**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.

**PHOTOGRAPHS**

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

**PARKING**

It has been reported that parking continues to be an issue on Christon Raod, outside the school gates. Please could we ask that parents do not park on the double yellow lines. The parking restrictions are in place to keep our children as safe as possible and parking illegally could put our children at risk. We have contacted the local authority parking enforcement department to enforce parking restrictions.

**REMINDERS**

We still need some parents to return photo consent forms, Gibside visit consent/contribution and donations for Forest School.

People remember to empty book bags of letters/flyers from school each evening. It makes life much easier if all that is in the children's book bags is their reading book, reading record and recorder (for Years 2 to 4). Water bottles should be carried separately to avoid leaks onto books!

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

**"Love to learn, learn to love"**

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Additional Notes
<b>October 2018</b>		
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> October	National "Face Your Fears Day" Y1, 2, 3 & 4 visit to Gibside	Please complete form online and let class teachers know if you can help
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual photographs	Please complete form send home today
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	DAAB Proms- Gosforth Voices performing	
13-19 <sup>th</sup> October	Christian Aid Week	
15-19 <sup>th</sup> October	National Design Week	
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Gosforth Band rehearsals 3:45- 4:45pm	At Archibald First School
19 <sup>th</sup> October	PTFA AGM (School Hall) 2:15pm	Please come along
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Non uniform in aid of Christian Aid e-safety workshop for parents 9:00am	Donations welcome Please come along!
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct & Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parents evening (all classes) and exhibition of Y1-4 work in hall (3:30-5:30pm)	Please come along early to look at our exhibition
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>9:15am N &amp; Rec Harvest Festival</b>	Parents welcome
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Exhibition open to wider community (1:30-3:00pm)	
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Teacher Training Day	School closed
<b>Wed 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>Deadline for Middle School applications (midday)</b>	
<b>November 2018</b>		
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y2 "Polar Lands" Workshop (all day)	Y2 – Please pay online
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Y3 WWI experience</b>	<b>Parent helpers needed please</b>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Y4 WWI experience</b>	<b>Y3 &amp; 4 – Please complete payment &amp; form online</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Gosforth Schools Trust Poppy Week	Poppies on sale in school
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Diwali	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	PTFA Disco (5:00-6:30pm)	Tickets via PTFA- form to follow
12-16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Antibullying Week	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Prospective Reception Parents Open Evening 3:30pm	Please let your friends with young children know!
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need Day	Children can wear spotty clothing for a donation of £1
	Antibullying workshops for Years 1-4	Please pay online
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	World "Hello" Day	Children will be encouraged to greet 10 new people
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>N &amp; Rec Julia Donaldson Day</b>	<b>N &amp; Rec children invited to dress as a Julia Donaldson character</b>
	Governing Body Meeting	
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9:00 Advent Worship- led by Year 3 (in school)	Parents and carers welcome
<b>December 2018</b>		
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Prospective Reception Parents Open Evening 3:30pm	Please let your friends with young children know!
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:15- Reception Christmas "Stay & Play" 2:15- Nursery Christmas "Stay & Play"	Parents invited
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Save the Children Christmas Jumper day	Children and staff wear Christmas Jumpers for £1 donation

	PTA Christmas Fair & Carol Singing (Years 1-4) 2:30pm-4:00pm	All welcome!
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Flu immunizations (pm) R-Y4	Forms now complete
	1:30pm KS2 Nativity (Y3 & Y4)	Ticket info to follow
	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 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Foundation Stage (N & Rec) Nativity 9:30am	Ticket info to follow
	Foundation Stage Party (N & Rec) pm	N & Rec children can bring party clothes. Please sign up to bring food.
	Key Stage One Nativity 2:00pm (Y1 & Y2)	Ticket info to follow
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Party (Y3 & Y4) pm	Y3 & 4 children can bring party clothes. Please sign up to bring food.
	2:00pm Foundation Stage Nativity (N & Rec)	Ticket info to follow
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 party (Y1 & Y2) pm	Y1 & Y2 children can bring party clothes. Please sign up to bring food.
	PTFA Film night 3:15pm	Tickets available via PTFA
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	2:00pm Carol Service for children in Y1-Y4	<b>All Saints' Church</b> , West Avenue (off the High Street) Families welcome to join us
	School Closes for Christmas (2 weeks)	
<b>January 2019</b>		
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Prospective Nursery Parents Open Evening 3:30pm	Please let your friends with young children know!
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Deadline for Reception (Sept 2019) place applications</b>	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	N & Rec - "Winnie the Pooh Day"	
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Compliment Day	
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	N & Rec "Opposites Day"	
<b>February 2019</b>		
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Safer Internet Day	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Reasoning Workshop for parents 5:00-6:00pm	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Worship (lead by Year 2) 9:00am	Parents invited
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	"Love is..." Day	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	N & Rec visit to Gibside	Parent helpers required please!
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Random Acts of Kindness Day	
	School closes for half term	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School reopens	
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb & Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parents' Evening	
<b>March 2019</b>		
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> March- Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Week	
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1 - 4 visit to Seven Stories	Parent helpers required please!
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	Children invited to dress as their favourite book character
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief	Children invited to wear red. £1 donation
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	World Poetry Day	2:30pm Poetry Performance for parents of Y1-4 children
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>Deadline for Nursery applications</b>	
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9:15 Reception Parents Stay &amp; Play 2:15pm Nursery Parents Stay &amp; Play</b>	Parents invited
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1-4 Mothers' Day Service 9:00am	Please join us

	N & Rec Mothers' Day Service 2:30pm Nursery places offered	
<b>April 2019</b>		
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> April	Forest School- Y2, Y3 & Y4	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Autism Awareness Day	
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9:00am Year 2 SATs Meeting for Parents	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Service at All Saints Church for children in Y1-Y4 2:00pm TBC	<b>All Saints' Church</b> , West Avenue (off the High Street) Families welcome
	School closes for Easter	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	School re-opens	
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Deadline for acceptance of Nursery places	
<b>May 2019</b>		
May	Year 2 Statutory Assessments	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Themed lunch	Details to follow
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Worship (lead by Year 1) 9:00am	Parents welcome
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	GST Daft Day	Details to follow
	School closes for half term	
<b>June 2019</b>		
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Staff Training Day- school closed	
10-14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screen	
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> June	GST Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Fair – open to all parents of children on SEND the register	Held at GCMS
	9:15 Reception Parents Stay & Play 2:15pm Nursery Parents Stay & Play	Parents Invited
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Big Gig (Gosforth Band & Gosforth Voices)	Northumbria Sports Central
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	New Nursery Parents Meeting 5:00pm	
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Parents Meeting 5:00pm	
<b>July 2019</b>		
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Gosforth Pyramid Concert	For children in Gosforth voices & Gosforth Band
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Governing Body Meeting	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year reports sent home	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Drop in sessions to speak to teaching staff	No appointments required
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July		
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> July	N & Rec Sports day (1:30pm)	Parents invited
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1-4 Sports Day (1:30pm)	Parents invited
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Forest School- Y2, Y3 & Y4	Please wear outdoor clothes with long sleeves and bring wellies if wet/sunhat and suncream if warm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Forest School- N, R & Y1	
	Y3 & Y4 concert TBC	Parents invited
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Cakes in the Courtyard	All helpers and volunteers invited
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	9:15am Y4 Leavers' Service	
	N-Y4 Toy Day	Please do not bring anything expensive or with pieces that may get lost!
	3:15pm Picnic in the Playground	Everyone welcome!
	School closes for Summer	