



# February 2017



## ***Nursery Applications***

We are currently receiving applications for Nursery places for September 2017. If you have a child who will be 3 years old by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 you are eligible to apply for a Nursery place for them to start in September 2017. Application packs are available from the School Office or by email [admin@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:admin@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk).

Our Nursery currently offers 26 morning places but we are exploring the possibility of offering full-time places to families who qualify for the government's 30 hours offer.

The government's policy statement says: 'The additional 15 hours will be available to families where both parents are working (or the sole parent is working in a lone parent family), and each parent earns, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at national minimum wage (NMW) or national living wage (NLW), and less than £100,000 per year<sup>1</sup>. Working will include employed and self-employed persons. Parents do not necessarily need to actually work 16 hours a week, but rather their earnings must reflect at least 16 hours of work at NMW or NLW, which is £107 a week at the current NMW rate.'

More information can be found at:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/482517/Childcare\\_Bill\\_Policy\\_Statement\\_12.03.2015.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/482517/Childcare_Bill_Policy_Statement_12.03.2015.pdf)

We cannot, at this stage, make a firm commitment to providing 30 hours as we need to collect information on how many people are eligible in order to decide whether it is feasible. If you have a child who will be 3 years old by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 you are eligible to apply for a Nursery place for them to start in September 2017. Application packs are available from school. If you have not already put your child's name down on our Nursery list please contact the School Office. If you know of anyone with pre-school age children who may be eligible for Nursery this year please ask them to get in touch with us as soon as possible.



If you know of anyone with pre-school age children who may be eligible for Nursery this year please ask them to get in touch with us as soon as possible. Closing date for applications is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. ***Please spread the word!***

## ***Mrs Lovatt***

We are sad to announce that Mrs Lovatt will be leaving us on 3<sup>rd</sup> March as she and her husband are relocating. Mrs Lovatt has worked in our Early Years for ten years and will be greatly missed. We thank her for her service and wish her well in her new home.

## ***PTFA Film Night***

The PTFA Film Night on 10<sup>th</sup> February was another great success! The children thoroughly enjoyed *The Secret Life of Pets* and PTFA members and helpers had the organisation off to a fine art. A big thank you to everyone who helped run the event.



### ***World Book Day***

World Book Day is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and we will be involving the children in lots of book-related activities. Also on the same day the PTFA will be running their book swap day and more details will follow in due course. Each child at school will be given a £1 World Book Day voucher which can be spent in bookshops and at the Book Fair in school during the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> March.



### ***Our School Values***

The core values we promote in school are Love, Humility, Perseverance, Hope and Thankfulness. After half term we will be doing some work with the children looking again at what these values mean and how we promote them in school. You might like to talk with your children about what the values mean to them.

### ***Quicksticks Tournament***



Our Quicksticks Hockey team from Year 3 did so well in the first round of the tournament that they are off to the second round which is played this afternoon. Well done and good luck to the children involved!

### ***Christon Park***

We recently circulated information about Christon Park, a proposed housing development on the site of Gosforth Industrial Estate. If you have any responses you would like forwarded to the developers please send them to the School Office, as soon as possible.

### ***Headlice***

We have been informed of a number of cases of headlice and so ask that you carefully check your child's head and treat if necessary. Please remember it is important to check all members of the family on a regular basis.

### ***Staff Car Park***

Please be aware that the school car park is for staff use only and must not be used for dropping off or picking up children. Thank you for your co-operation.

### ***Half Term Holiday***

School closes this Friday (17<sup>th</sup> February) for half term and reopens on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Please note, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> is a Staff Training Day. Have a great week! Dinner money for the half term will be £58 (£10 per week). Please pay on a Monday only.

### *Dates for Your Diary*

- Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Feb - KS1 end of topic event at 9.30 am  
KS2 El Torero visit
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb - KS2 Enterprise Event at 2.30 pm  
School closes for half-term holiday
- Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Feb - School reopens
- Wed 1<sup>st</sup> March - Offer day for Middle School transfer
- Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar - World Book Day - PTFA book swap day
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> to Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar - Bookfair 3.15 to 3.45 each day
- Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Mar - Closing date for Nursery applications
- Mon 27 Mar - Mothering Service in school - more details to follow
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> April - Nursery Offer Day  
PTFA Cake Stall  
School closes for Easter Holiday - re-opens Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April

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