



ARCHBISHOP RUNCIE
CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VA) FIRST SCHOOL



December 2018 - Newsletter 14

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole School <small>(excluding Nursery)</small>
93.4%	95%	96%	97%	98.1%	98.4%	96.9%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

We have had another festive week this week involving Christmas Stay and Play for parents and carers in Nursery and Reception, Year 2's visit to see The Snow Bear and a wonderful Archbishop Runcie family Christmas lunch today, where children, staff and Governors dined together in their Christmas jumpers! In addition, Year 3 & 4 visited Walker Dome on Thursday to showcase their sports multiskills.



CHARITABLE GIVING

We raised £91.05 for Save the Children today by wearing our Christmas jumpers. Well done everyone!



PTFA NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended our Carol Concert and PTFA Fair today. We are sure you will agree that the children sang beautifully! Your support is greatly appreciated.

The PTFA raffle will be drawn on Tuesday after the KS1 Nativity. Results will be sent out via ParentMail.

THEATRE VISIT

Years **1 to 4** will be going to a pantomime "Snow White 2: Appley Ever After" on Wednesday 19th December at The Stand comedy club on High Bridge in the city centre. We will leave school at around 12pm after an early lunch and travel by metro to the Monument.

The performance starts at 1pm and finishes at 2.45pm so they are **not likely to be back at school until 3.30pm**. We have let after school clubs know. Please could children wear their school uniform. We will need the support of parent helpers on this trip which will include walking with the children to and from the metro. Please complete the form and make payment via ParentMail.

STAFFING UPDATE

After many long and dedicated years of service to the children and community of Archbishop Runcie CE First School, Mrs Harrison has decided to leave the school after her period of absence, due to ongoing ill-health. I am sure that you would like to join me in wishing Mrs Harrison all the best for the future, with any potential new avenues she may pursue when she has made a full recovery.

A collection is being taken at the school office for any parents or staff who would like to contribute to a gift to Mrs Harrison. Miss Wilkinson is delighted to accept a full time, permanent contract at our school. We are sure you will join us in congratulating her!

It is with mixed emotion that I announce that Mrs Marshall has been headhunted for a Deputy Manager post in a private Nursery. We are sad to see her go but wish her the best of luck for her future. We are extremely lucky that Mrs Ramsay knows the Nursery children well, as she has worked with them since September and, given that they will have a new teacher in January, we wish to provide as much stability as possible. Mrs Ramsay will therefore take over from Mrs Marshall with immediate effect, in Nursery, to ensure continuity for the children.

We have welcomed Miss Laura Baharie this week to work alongside Miss Leigh in Reception class. Miss Baharie is delighted to become a member of the Archbishop Runcie team.

CAROL SERVICE



On Friday 21st December, children and staff in Years 1-4 will be walking from school to All Saints' Church to take part in our school Carol Service. We will need lots of parent helpers to walk up with us. If you are able to help, please complete the form online and come to school for 1:10pm to walk with children. It would be great if parents and carers could **sit amongst children in the church** to help with supervision.

Children will be dismissed by staff from Church, if parents/carers are attending, or will return to school with staff in time for usual collection at 3:15pm. It is important that children are signed out by a member of staff before leaving Church. As we are walking to Church, bookbags should not be brought to school on Friday please.

Children in Nursery and Reception are welcome to come too, if brought by a parent or carer.

ELECTRONIC SIGNING IN SYSTEM

Today, we have had a new electronic signing in system installed in the main entrance. From Monday if you are visiting school, bring your child in late or your child leaves early, please ensure you use the touch screen to sign them in/out. It even has a camera to print visitor badges with photos!!

PARKING



On Wednesday morning there was fault with the fire alarm before school and the fire brigade attended. Unfortunately there was a van parked outside the school gates on the yellow zig zag lines and, as a result, the fire engine was unable to access the school site. Obviously this reinforces our previous plea for lawful parking in order to keep our children safe and ensure emergency services have clear access to our school.

SCORES ON THE DOORS

On Wednesday Mrs Battista had a Food Hygiene Inspection carried out by the Food Standards Agency and was awarded the maximum 5 star rating (despite the unexpected fire drill!). Congratulations to Mrs Battista and Mrs Sowerby!

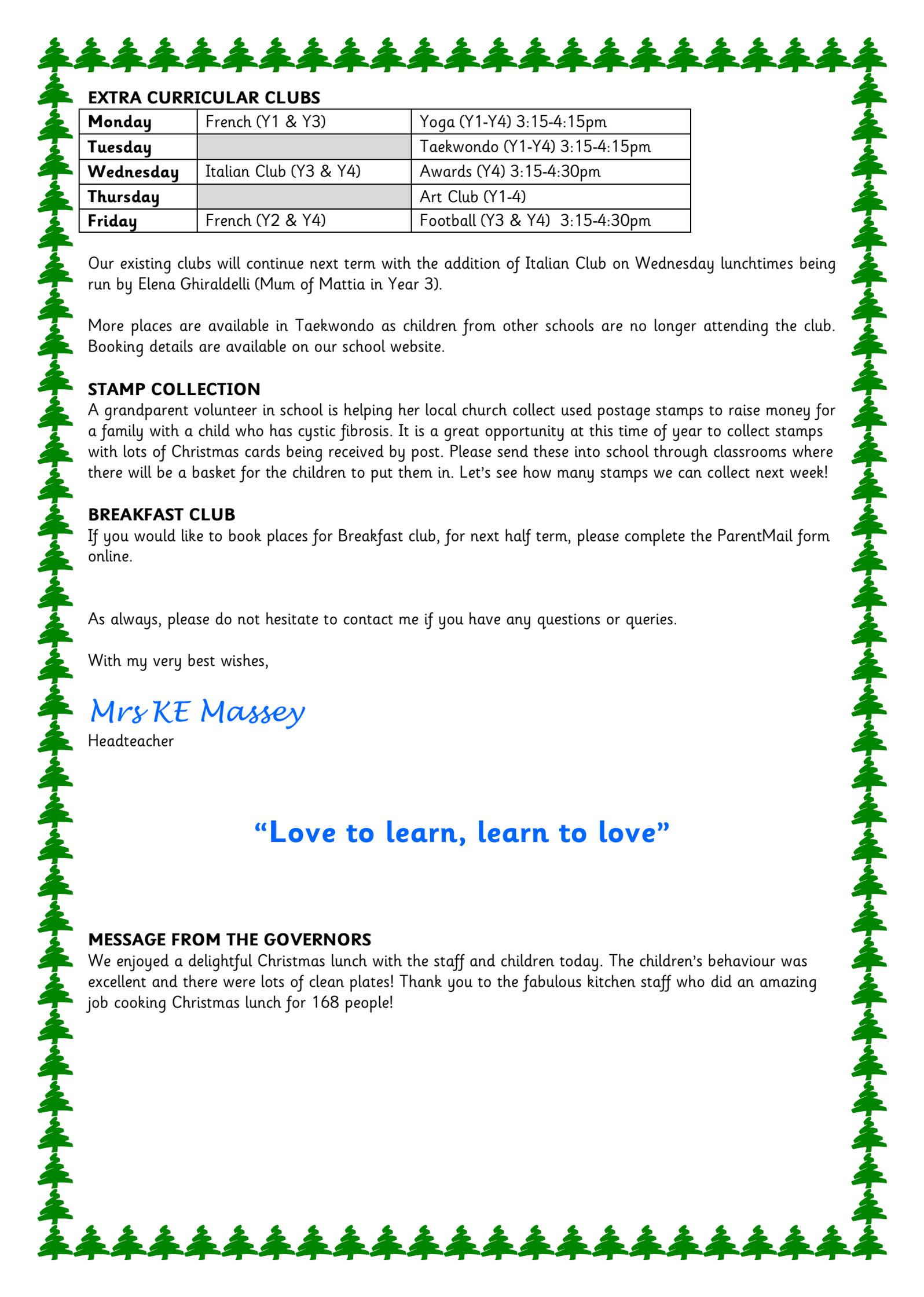


Thank you to Mrs Batista and Mrs Sowerby, also, for our amazing Christmas lunch today!



ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

In the event of extreme weather conditions, resulting in insufficient staff being able to safely travel to school, school closure will be announced via ParentMail, twitter, school website and the LA website. We will, of course, endeavor to keep school open if possible.



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Monday	French (Y1 & Y3)	Yoga (Y1-Y4) 3:15-4:15pm
Tuesday		Taekwondo (Y1-Y4) 3:15-4:15pm
Wednesday	Italian Club (Y3 & Y4)	Awards (Y4) 3:15-4:30pm
Thursday		Art Club (Y1-4)
Friday	French (Y2 & Y4)	Football (Y3 & Y4) 3:15-4:30pm

Our existing clubs will continue next term with the addition of Italian Club on Wednesday lunchtimes being run by Elena Ghiraldelli (Mum of Mattia in Year 3).

More places are available in Taekwondo as children from other schools are no longer attending the club. Booking details are available on our school website.

STAMP COLLECTION

A grandparent volunteer in school is helping her local church collect used postage stamps to raise money for a family with a child who has cystic fibrosis. It is a great opportunity at this time of year to collect stamps with lots of Christmas cards being received by post. Please send these into school through classrooms where there will be a basket for the children to put them in. Let's see how many stamps we can collect next week!

BREAKFAST CLUB

If you would like to book places for Breakfast club, for next half term, please complete the ParentMail form online.

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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MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS

We enjoyed a delightful Christmas lunch with the staff and children today. The children's behaviour was excellent and there were lots of clean plates! Thank you to the fabulous kitchen staff who did an amazing job cooking Christmas lunch for 168 people!

Archbishop Runcie Family



Assistant Head Teacher
Mrs B Readhead



Head Teacher
Mrs K Moxley



Admin and
Finance Officer
Mrs S McCloud



Nursery Teacher
Mrs Chandler



Reception Teacher
Mrs Bohan



Reception Teacher
Miss B Leigh



Year 1 Teacher
Miss Wilkinson



Year 2 Teacher
Mrs Mann



Year 2 Teacher
Mr Renny



Year 3 Teacher
Miss McGregor



Year 4 Teacher
SENCo Miss Burns



KS2 TA
Mrs Armstrong



KS 1 TA
Mrs Norman



Nursery TA
Mrs J Ramsay



Cover supervisor
Miss Sellar



Cook
Mrs Sowby



Cook
Mrs Beckett



Facility Manager
Mr Hunter



Cleaner
Mrs Eyn



Dates for your Diary

New dates are in red, for your information.

Date	Event	Additional Notes
December 2018		
Monday 17 th Dec	Flu immunizations (pm) R-Y4	Forms now complete
	KS1 & 2 Dress Rehearsal	Children only
	French Club catch up sessions for Year 2 & 4	Missed when on Beamish Trip
	1:30pm KS2 Nativity (Y3 & Y4)	Tickets can be book online.
	5:30pm KS1 Nativity (Y1 & Y2) 6:30pm KS2 Nativity (Y3 & Y4)	Tickets can be book online. All children taking part in Nativities need to be back at school by 5:00pm please.
Tuesday 18 th Dec	Foundation Stage (N & Rec) Nativity 9:30am	Tickets can be book online.
	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)	Tickets can be book online.
Wed 19 th Dec	Andrew Mason- Worship	Pupils only
	“Appely Ever After” Years 1-4 Theatre visit- £5.00 per child 11:30am-3:30pm	Please pay online. Please note we are likely to be late back to school.
	2:00pm Foundation Stage Nativity (N & Rec)	Ticket info to follow
	4:00pm New Parents’ Meeting for Nursery children starting in January	Parents of “Rising 3s” only
Thursday 20 th Dec	KS2 Party (Y3 & Y4) am	Y3 & 4 children can bring party clothes. Please sign up to bring food.
	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 st Dec	2:00pm Carol Service for children in Y1-Y4	All Saints’ Church , West Avenue (off the High Street) Families welcome to join us. NO BOOKBAGS TODAY PLEASE
	School Closes for Christmas (2 weeks)	
January 2019		
Monday 7 th January	School re-opens to children	
Tuesday 8 th January	Y4 Road Safety	
Thursday 10 th January	Y1 visit to Hancock Planetarium	Details to follow
Friday 11 th January	Y2 visit to Newcastle Castle	Details to follow
	Governors Ethos Cttee Meeting	
Monday 14 th January	Y4 visit from Mrs Durr- South Africa learning hook	In school, no cost.
	Prospective Nursery Parents Open Evening 3:30pm	Please let your friends with young children know!
Tuesday 15 th Jan	Deadline for Reception (Sept 2019) applications	See below
Wednesday 16th January	Italian Club starts (lunch time)	Please book places directly- contact details on website
Thursday 17 th Jan	Y2 & Y4 French lesson in lieu of lesson missed for Beamish visit last term	
Friday 18 th January	N & Rec – “Winnie the Pooh Day” (in school)	More info to follow
Tuesday 22 nd January	Years 3 & 4 start ukulele lessons in school	More info to follow
Thursday 24 th Jan	Compliment Day	
	Governors Teaching & Learning Cttee Meeting	
Friday 25 th Jan	N & Rec “Opposites Day” (in school)	
	School Council Meeting with Mrs Mann	

February 2019		
Tuesday 5 th Feb	Safer Internet Day	Activities in school
	10 children from Y1 to Zumba at GPFS	Details to follow
	Governors Finance Cttee Meeting	
Wednesday 6 th Feb	Reasoning Workshop for parents 5:00-6:00pm	Please save the date!
Thursday 7 th Feb	GST Moderation Meeting	Staff only
Friday 8 th Feb	Worship (led by Year 2) 9:00am	Parents invited
Monday 11 th Feb	"Love is..." Day	
Tuesday 12 th Feb	N & Rec visit to Gibside	All Nursery children will need a grown up and we will need as many Reception parents as possible please!
	Y3 visit to El Torero	Details to follow
Thursday 14 th Feb	PTFA Film Night	
Friday 15 th Feb	Random Acts of Kindness Day	
	PTFA Cake Stall after school	
	School closes for half term	
Monday 25 th Feb	School reopens to children	
	International World Thinking Day	
Tuesday 26 th Feb & Wed 27 th Feb	Parents' Evening	
Tuesday 26 th Feb	KS2 Quicksticks tournament 1-4pm	Selected children only- details to follow
March 2019		
Mon 4 th March- Fri 8 th March	Book Week	Info to follow
Mon 4 th March	Y1 – 4 visit to Seven Stories	Parent helpers required please! Children to wear school uniform and bring packed lunches please
Wed 6 th March	Y4 Worship - Lent begins	Parents invited
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	Children invited to dress as their favourite book character
Thursday 14 th March	Governors Teaching & Learning Cttee Meeting	
Fri 15 th March	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief	Children invited to wear red for £1 donation
Thursday 21 st March	World Poetry Day	2:30pm Poetry Performance for parents of Y1-4 children
	GST Moderation Meeting	Staff only
Fri 22 nd March	Deadline for Nursery applications	
Wednesday 27 th March	2:15pm Nursery Parents Stay & Play	Nursery parents invited
Thursday 28 th March	9:15 Reception Parents Stay & Play	Reception parents invited to all or part of session
Friday 29 th March	Y1-4 Mothers' Day Service 9:00am	Mums invited!
	N & Rec Mothers' Day Service 2:30pm	Mums invited!
	Nursery places offered	
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	Activities in school
Wed 3 rd April	9:00am Year 2 SATs Meeting for Parents	Y2 Parents- please come along!
Thursday 4 th April	PTFA Film Night	
Friday 5 th April	Easter Service at All Saints Church for children in Y1-Y4 2:00pm	All Saints' Church , West Avenue (off the High Street) Families welcome
	School closes for Easter	
Tuesday 23 rd April	School re-opens to children	

	Shakespeare Day	Activities in school
Wed 24 th April	Y4 Bikeability	
Friday 26 th April	Deadline for acceptance of Nursery places	
	PTFA Easter Cake Stall	After school- please send cake donations to school on the day
May 2019		
May	Year 2 Statutory Assessments	Y2 children must be in school please
Friday 3 rd May	International Laughter Day	
Thursday 9 th May	Governors TLA Cttee	
12-18 May	Christian Aid Week	More info to follow
Thursday 16 th May	Themed lunch	Details to follow
Friday 17 th May	Worship (lead by Year 1) 9:00am	Parents welcome
Sunday 19 th May	Greggs Children's Cancer Run- Newcastle Racecourse	Details to follow
Tuesday 21 st May	Happy Shoes Day	Walk to school and wear your own shoes- donation of £1 please.
	Governors Finance Cttee Meeting	
Friday 24 th May	GST Daft Day for DAAB	Details to follow
	School closes for half term	
June 2019		
Monday 3 rd June	Staff Training Day- school closed to children	
Tuesday 4 th June	School reopens to children	
	pm KS2 All Saints Schools Week	Details to follow
Monday 10 th June	10:00am Pentecost Service- All Saints'	All welcome
10-14 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen	Y1 children must be in school please
Tuesday 11 th June	9:15 Reception Parents Stay & Play	Parents invited to all or part of session
Wed 12 th June	GST Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Fair - open to all parents of children on the SEND register	Held at GCMS
	2:15pm Nursery Parents Stay & Play	Parents Invited
Friday 14 th June	PJ Day for Ronald McDonald House Charities	Children invited to wear PJs for school for a £1 donation
Tuesday 18 th June	Big Gig (Gosforth Band & Gosforth Voices)	Northumbria Sports Central
Thursday 20 th June	Govs TLA Cttee Meeting	
Tuesday 25 th June	New Nursery Parents Meeting 5:00pm	
Thursday 27 th June	New Reception Parents Meeting 5:00pm	
Friday 28 th June	Non Uniform Day	Please send bottles or tombola prizes
July 2019		
Tuesday 2 nd July	Gosforth Pyramid Concert (Trinity Church)	For children in Gosforth voices & Gosforth Band
Thursday 4 th July	Governing Body Meeting	
	Y4 Parents Transition Evening at GCMS	Info to follow from GCMS
Friday 5 th July	End of year reports sent home	
Saturday 6 th July	PTFA Summer Fair 3:00pm-6:00pm with BBQ	
8-12 th July	PE Week	If you know anyone who is involved professionally with any sports and could lead a session, please let Mrs Mann know!
Monday 8 th July	Drop in sessions to speak to teaching staff	No appointments required
Tuesday 9 th July		
Wed 10 th July	N & Rec Teddy Bears Picnic (am) children only	Please bring a teddy bear and a healthy snack to share with your friends
Wed 10 th July	N & Rec Sports day (1:30pm)	Parents invited
Fri 12 th July	Year 1-4 Sports Day (1:30pm)	Parents invited
	Year 4 Leavers' Disco after school	Details to follow

Monday 15 th 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 th July	Forest School- N, R & Y1	
	Y3 & Y4 instrumental concert TBC	Parents invited
Thursday 18 th July	Cakes in the Courtyard	All helpers and volunteers invited- please join us!
Friday 19 th July	9:15am Y4 Leavers' Service	Y4 Parents and carers invited
	3:15pm Picnic in the Playground	Everyone welcome!
	School closes for Summer	

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15 January 2019 (midday): Deadline to apply for reception class places for September 2019



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