



**ARCHBISHOP RUNCIE
CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VA) FIRST SCHOOL**



January 2019 - Newsletter 16

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole School <small>(excluding Nursery)</small>
96.7%	99.3%	98.6%	97.7%	91.4%	95.7%	96.6%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

On behalf of all the staff I would like to wish you all a very happy new year. We hope you have a happy and healthy 2019! The children have returned to school eager to learn and excited about their new topics.



This week, Years 1 & 2 have already been on visits to launch their topics and Year 4 on a Road Safely walk.



THANK YOU!

Thank you for all the Christmas cards, gifts and kind words we received at the end of last term- they were very much appreciated!

WORSHIP

This week, in Worship, we have been thinking about Fundamental British Values, with a focus on respect for diversity. The children have responded really thoughtfully and considered the impact on excluding people and how we can demonstrate that we are an inclusive school.



PARENT COUNCIL



Thank you to the three parents who have expressed an interest in forming a Parent Council along with me, Helen Miller (Governor) and Craig Dallison (Governor). Our first meeting will be held at 9:00am on Monday 4th February.

STAFF EMAILS

A reminder that teaching staff can be contacted directly via email

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Year 3	Abby.McGregor@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk
Year 4	Jennifer.Burns@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk

For queries about lunches, or to report a pupil absence, please contact Mrs McCloud directly on admin@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk

YOGA

Places remain available in Yoga Club, after school each Monday. If anyone is interested in trying Yoga please contact Rachel Ferguson- rachelshappyyoga@gmail.com .



DINNER MONEY

Dinner Money for this half term is now due. Nursery children are £1.90 per day, if your child attends 2.5 days this will be £22.80. If your child attends Nursery full time it will be £57.00 for the half term.

Years 3 is £58.00 and Year 4 will be £60 for the half term.

ADMISSIONS REMINDER

The deadline for Reception applications is 15th January (next Tuesday).

LETTER FROM DIOCESE

Please find attached a letter regarding the new SIAMs Inspection grading system, for your information. We are not due for a SIAMs Inspection until 2022.

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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Colossians 3:23-24

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

I would like to thank everyone who attended the consultation meeting on Wednesday. I would like as many parents as possible to respond to the consultation, via the ParentMail form or email, to either support or object to the proposal as this is a big decision for the school and we do want to know what you think. If you have any questions, please can you e-mail them to admin@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk and these will be forwarded to me. We hope to share the questions and answers from the meeting next week. You have plenty of time to respond as you have until noon on Monday 4th of February.

Sarah Hawkins

Chair of Governors

Dates for your Diary

New dates are in red, for your information.

Date	Event	Additional Notes
January 2019		
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
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		
Monday 4th February	9:00am Parent Council Meeting	Parents who have expressed an interest have been invited
	End of Consultation to join NEAT	
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
	Y2 Big Sing 1:15-2:30pm	Details to follow
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	
	Transition Day for all Classes	
	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

www.newcastle.gov.uk/admissions



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8th January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

SIAMS – new Statutory Inspection Evaluation Schedule for Schools

I would like to make you aware of the new Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) Evaluation Schedule for Schools, which requires all Church of England schools to be inspected under Section 48 of the Education Act 2005.

This schedule came into effect in September 2018, however as a diocese we made the decision to implement the new schedule from January 2019 to allow time for our schools to familiarise themselves with the new inspection process.

SIAMs will inspect the effectiveness and distinctiveness of Church schools. This is true for all schools of a religious character. The need to review the inspection process at this time has come about because of the changing educational landscape and the fact that an increasing number of Church schools are in Multi Academy Trusts (MATs) often mixed MATs. The previous schedule didn't take sufficient account of this. There is also a need to ensure that the original foundation of Church schools is maintained in these new arrangements. However, SIAMS is mainly an opportunity to celebrate success and share good practice in our schools.

SIAMs inspectors will grade the school on the following question - 'how effective is the school's distinctive Christian vision, established and promoted by leadership at all levels, in enabling pupils and adults to flourish?'

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Under the previous SIAMS system, there were four possible grades. A school might have been awarded 'outstanding', 'good', 'satisfactory' or very rarely 'inadequate'. The SIAMS process has now been reviewed and these grades have been changed. The old 'outstanding' grade has now gone, and the criteria that would previously have attracted an 'outstanding' grade have been merged with those for a 'good' grade. A new grade of 'excellent' has been introduced with a higher threshold than the old 'outstanding' grade. It will be awarded only in exceptional circumstances. There is no longer a 'satisfactory' grade but 'requires improvement' might be awarded instead. Very occasionally a school may be deemed 'ineffective' as a Church school. Should this be the case the Diocese will work with that school to ensure it is adequately supported to being at least 'good'.

We are very proud of the work in our schools and look forward to this being celebrated in the SIAMs reports under the new schedule in the coming years.

Yours sincerely

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