



January 2022

Newsletter 10 – 27.1.22

TRAINING DAY

A reminder that all GST schools have a mid-term training day **tomorrow** (Friday 28th January) and school will therefore be closed to children.



ATTENDANCE

May I please remind parents and carers that, even if a family member tests positive for covid, other children in the household are still expected to attend school and absence can only be authorised if the child themselves has covid. These expectations are set by both the Local Authority and Department for Education.

COVID UPDATE

You will all be relieved to hear that covid numbers have reduced significantly this week. Since I wrote to you on Monday, we have had a small number of positive cases in school:

Nursery - no new cases
 Reception - 1 case
 Year 1 - 1 case
 Year 2 - 2 case
 Year 3 - 1 case
 Year 4 - 1 case



This means LFD testing end dates (for children in school deemed close contacts) have been adjusted as follows:

Nursery – not currently testing daily
 Reception – Wednesday 2.2.22
 Year 1- Monday 31.1.22
 Year 2 – Monday 31.1.22
 Year 3 – Tuesday 1.2.22
 Year 4 - Friday 4.2.22



Please continue to test your children daily if they are close contacts. This will help protect our school community and maintain face-to-face teaching for as many children as possible. We hope that everyone who is unwell recovers quickly.

I am so grateful to the staff for demonstrating such positivity and grit at a challenging time. They have lived our mission wholeheartedly over the past couple of weeks!

Assuming that covid case numbers remain low across school, we aim to return to pre-Christmas preventative measures. This will include:

- continuing to ventilate rooms by opening windows and doors – this means that the building will be cold so please feel free to wrap children in extra layers.
- continue with frequent handwashing and sanitising.
- continuing to keep frequently touched surfaces as clean as possible.
- continuing to send home any children who are unwell or have symptoms which may be indicative of a covid infection.
- continuing to inform parents and carers of the number of cases in school and which classes are affected.

SCHOOL VALUES

As you know, our school values are love and determination, based on the Bible passage: Be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love (1 Corinthians 16:13-14).

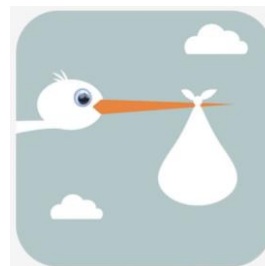
In school, we have been looking to see children demonstrating these core values. The following children have been nominated by staff and/or peers for showing these values in school. Well done everyone!

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Demonstrating Love	Aeshah Ruby	Phoebe Indi	Ava Harry	Noah Amelia	Nancy Charlotte	Archie Ayaan M
Demonstrating Determination	Benjamin W Isla	Esim Thanuja	Razan Theo	Isaac Sammy	Emmie Kiran	Alice Matthew

STAFFING

I am now back at work full time - thank you all for the emails and cards during my absence and for the warm welcome back. I am most definitely not a working-from-home kind of girl!! Huge thanks to Mr Booth and all the staff for holding the fort and keeping me in the loop while I was absent.

I am delighted to announce that Mr & Mrs Booth are expecting a baby in June and Mr Booth will therefore be taking paternity leave in summer term. As you know, Mr Booth is already non-class based and will continue to work across the school to further strengthen our SEND provision as he has been doing whilst deputising.



As you already know from Newsletter 5, we appointed Miss Waters to work in Year 4 full time, until the end of the academic year, in order to provide consistency for our Year 4 children. Miss Burns will continue to work with Year 4 on her teaching days.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We are currently recruiting a Breakfast Club and After School Club Assistant to support Miss Willett in running our wrap around provision. Details are on the school website. If you know anyone who may be interested, please let them know! Thank you.

PARENTS' EVENING

Next week, parents of children with SEND will be able to book 30 minute review appointments during the week beginning 14th March for children who are on the SEND register.



Parents' evening will then take place for all other children the following week.

Appointments can be booked via ParentMail from next Friday. We are hoping these can take place face-to-face but will confirm arrangements nearer the time. For families of children with SEND, you do not need to book both appointments. Thank you.

LEAVERS HOODIES

Parents and carers of Year 4 children can now order leavers hoodies via ParentMail. These are kindly being organised by the PTFA and have been very popular in the past! Please note that orders must be placed by Monday 7th February via ParentMail and payment should be made directly to the PTFA (not school) by 14th February.



POLITE REMINDER

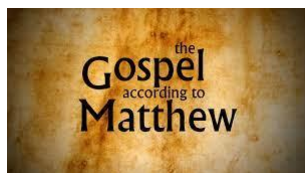


May I politely request that, if there is an incident or disagreement in school, parents do not speak aggressively to fellow parents or their children about the matter. If incidents have occurred in school, staff will deal with these directly and in line with our school behaviour policy. It is not appropriate for parents to raise their voice towards a fellow parent or a child on school property (or anywhere else). If you have any concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

ADMISSIONS POLICY CONSULTATION

As per my previous newsletter, if you have any feedback on our revised Admissions Policy, please email admin@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk FAO Sarah Hawkins. Thank you! The deadline for responses is **next Monday** (31.1.22).

CONSULTATION



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Over the past two weeks, we have been thinking about the Gospel of Matthew. We have learned about Matthew as a writer, a tax collector, seeking mercy, and discussing what we mean by riches, as well as thinking about some of the challenging messages from the Sermon on the Mount. You could ask your child about what true treasures are or how we show forgiveness to others. We will continue to think about some of the key ideas from the Gospel over the next few weeks too.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE!

You may have noticed (!) that there is a large pile of bark in the staff car park waiting to be moved to our EYFS outdoor classrooms. If any parents are free during weekday mornings between 9:00-11:00am and would like to help out, I know Mr Hunter would be most grateful!



We will also need to borrow some (named) spades and wheelbarrows too – if anyone would be willing to let us borrow theirs, we would be delighted. Many thanks in advance for your support!

METRO

Nexus plan to carry out two weekend line closures on the Tyne and Wear Metro system during February and March 2022 in order to replace track & signalling equipment near the Christon Road area of Gosforth.



The work, which forms part of the *Metro: all change* modernisation programme, will see sections of track replaced, along with switches and crossings, as well as an adjacent road crossing surface renewed between South Gosforth and Regent Centre. These works are vital to secure the future of Metro for many years to come and to ensure the network is ready for our new trains in 2023.

To deliver this project in the safest, most cost effective and least disruptive way possible we need two weekend closures, meaning:

- **No Metro services between South Gosforth to Airport Saturday 12 February & Sunday 13 February**
Services will resume as normal on Monday 14 February.
- **No Metro services between South Gosforth to Airport Saturday 5 March & Sunday 6 March**
Services will resume as normal on Monday 7 March.

A frequent and accessible replacement bus service will run in the areas where Metro trains themselves are not running. There will be a works compound at Kingston Park, located in the Newcastle City Council car park adjacent the Metro line and machinery will run between here and the work site at Christon road during the closures. Due to this, the crossing at Fawdon will be closed to traffic during the weekend closures.

During the closure, Metro trains will still be running in other areas.

If you require any further information about this extremely important programme of work then please do not hesitate to contact me or go to www.nexus.org.uk.

SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Massey, Mr Booth, Miss Willett and Mrs Francis are our school's Designated Safeguarding Leaders. If you have concerns about a child, please contact one of us. If it is an emergency and a child is in immediate danger, please call the police.



Members of the public can also report concerns to Children's Social Care directly. If you have a concern about a child please contact one of the following:

- Initial Response Service – 0191 277 2500
- Northumbria Police – 101 (in an emergency always dial 999)
- NSPCC Helpline – 0800 800 5000

There is also a secure online referral form available for you to explain your concern, if you are a member of the public. <https://nccportal.newcastle.gov.uk/forms/referral/public>

With my very best wishes,

Kate Massey
Headteacher

Be courageous; be strong.
Do everything in love.
1 Corinthians 16:13-14



DIARY DATES

New dates are in red, for your information

Friday 28 th January	Staff training day	8:00 - 4:00	School closed to children
Monday 31 st January	Dental Survey for 5 year olds	9-12	Please return yellow letter on Monday (selected pupils)
	Year 4 residential deposits due (£30)	-	Please pay via ParentMail
February 2022			
Monday 7 th February	Tennis taster for Years 1 & 2	9:00-11:00	Please wear PE kits
Tuesday 8 th February	Safer Internet Day		Activities in school
Wednesday 2 nd February	Y4 leading Candlemas worship	10:15am	
7 th February 2022	Deadline for Year 4 leavers hoodies to be ordered via ParentMail		Please make payment direct to PTFA (not school) by 14.2.22
7-11 th February	Children's Mental Health Week		Activities in school
Wednesday 9 th February	Collective Worship Council	In school	
Thursday 10 th February	School Council Meeting	In school	
Friday 11 th February	Bookings for March wraparound bookings		
	Year 3 Residential deposit due	Noon	Please pay by ParentMail
Monday 14 th February	Year 1 leading "Love is..." worship	10:15am	Children and staff only
	Deadline for Y4 leaver' hoodies payment (directly to PTFA not school)		
Thursday 17 th February	Random Acts of Kindness Day	-	
Friday 18 th February	Deadline for Nursery applications for April start (for children who will have turned 3 before 22 nd April 2022)	Noon	
21-25 th February	Half term	-	School closed to children
March 2022			
Tuesday 1 st March	Reception height & weight checks	1:30pm	
Wednesday 2 nd March	Y3 leading Lent Worship	10:15am	Children and staff only
Wednesday 9 th March	Collective Worship Council	In school	
Thursday 10 th March	School Council Meeting	In school	
Friday 11 th March	Bookings for April wraparound close		
11-20 th March	British Science Week	-	If any parents/carers have any science based jobs and would like to come into school, please contact Miss Davison.
14-18 th March	SEND Review appointments		Please book via ParentMail from 4.2.22
Friday 18 th March	Red Nose Day	-	Children invited to wear something red for a £1 donation
	Deadline for Nursery applications for September start (for children who will have turned 3 before 31 st August 2022)	Noon	
Friday 25 th March	Mothering Sunday Worship (all classes)	TBC	More info to follow

Tuesday 29 th March	Parent Teacher Consultations (core curriculum focus)	2:00-6:00pm	Please book via ParentMail from 4.2.22
Thursday 31 st March	Parent Teacher Consultations (core curriculum focus)	2:00-6:00pm	Please book via ParentMail from 4.2.22
April 2022			
Friday 1 st April	ASD Awareness Day in school		Activities in school
	Year 4 Residential remaining payment due	Noon	Please pay via ParentMail
Friday 8 th April	Y2 leading Palm Sunday Worship	10:15am	Children and staff only
	Easter Service at All Saints' Church	TBC	More details to follow
11-22 nd April	Easter holiday	-	School closed to children
Friday 15 th April	Bookings for May wraparound close		
Tuesday 26 th April	Y2 SATs Meeting for parents	5:00pm	
Wednesday 27 th April	Collective Worship Council	In school	
	Y4 Times Table Check Meeting for parents	5:00pm	
Thursday 28 th April	School Council Meeting	In school	
	Y1 Phonics Screen Meeting for parents	5:00pm	
Friday 29 th April	Reception- Y4 FUNDS session	Am	Children in Reception to Year 4 to wear PE kits please
May 2022			
Monday 2 nd May	Bank holiday		
3 rd - 4 th May	Year 4 Residential to Dukeshouse Wood	TBC	Please see ParentMail
Friday 13 th May	Y1 leading Christian Aid worship	10:15am	Children and staff only
	Bookings for June wraparound closes		
16 - 20 May	Christian Aid Week Walk to school week		
Friday 20 th May	Year 3 Residential final payment due	Noon	Please pay via ParentMail
Wednesday 25 th May	Collective Worship Council	In school	
Thursday 26 th May	School Council Meeting	In school	
	Y2 leading Ascension worship	10:15am	Children and staff only
Friday 27 th May	Y3 leading Pentecost worship	10:15am	Children and staff only
30 th May- 3 rd June	Half term		
June 2022			
Monday 6 th June	School closed in lieu of Jubilee Day Bank Holiday which falls in half term		
Wednesday 8 th June	World Oceans Day		
Friday 10 th June	Y4 leading Trinity worship	10:15am	Children and staff only
Wednesday 15 th June	Collective Worship Council	In school	
Thursday 16 th June	School Council Meeting	In school	
Friday 17 th June	Bookings for July wraparound close		
20 - 24 th June	School Sports Week	-	
Monday 20 th June	Reception Sports Day	2:00pm	
Tuesday 21 st June	Year 2 Sports Day	2:00pm	
Wednesday 22 nd June	Nursery Sports Day	9:30am	
	Year 1 Sports Day	2:00pm	
Thursday 23 rd June	Year 3 Sports Day	2:00pm	
Friday 24 th June	Year 4 Sports Day	2:00pm	
27.6.22 - 8.7.22	Year 4 swimming every afternoon for 2 weeks	12:45-1:30pm	
30.6.22-1.7.22	Year 3 overnight stay at school		See ParentMail for further info
July 2022			
Monday 4 th July	Y4 Bikeability	Morning or afternoon session	Children will need a bike and helmet in school in order to take part
Wednesday 6 th July	Collective Worship Council	In school	
Thursday 7 th July	School Council Meeting	In school	

Friday 8 th July	Bookings for September wraparound close		
11.7.22 - 22.7.22	Year 3 swimming every afternoon for 2 weeks	12:45-1:30pm	
Wednesday 13 th July	Full Governing Body	5:00pm	
Friday 22 nd July	School closes for summer holidays		

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COURSE INFORMATION 2 VENUES		Lee Sterry Sports Coaching		FEBRUARY HALF TERM	
Venue	Date	Times	Cost	Book	
GOSFORTH ACADEMY FOOTBALL ONLY MULTISPORTS INDOORS	21ST FEB - 25TH FEB 5 DAY COURSE	FOOTBALL 10-12 9-3 10-3 MULTISPORTS INDOORS 10-12 10-3	FROM £40 PER WEEK ALL BOOKINGS TO BE MADE ONLINE www.ls-sc.co.uk	www.ls-sc.co.uk Email coaching@ls-sc.co.uk Mob 07729058119	
COCHRANE PARK MULTISPORTS OUTDOORS	STARTING THE 21ST FEB 22ND FEB 24TH 25TH FEB 4 DAY COURSE NOT ON WED 23RD	MULTISPORTS OUTDOORS COCHRANE PARK 9-3 10-3	All courses are non refundable	please check on the website to book	