



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



## September 2018 - Newsletter 6

### ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
86.1%	93.7%	98%	97.6%	99.3%	99.7%

Our school target for attendance is 96%.

### CURRICULUM

This week, Years 1-4 have faced their fears at Gibside. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and carers who helped make the visit such a success. Photos have been added to the school website... please take a look!

Virgin Money have now loaned each class £60 to design and make 30<sup>th</sup> birthday merchandise to sell at our Y1-4 exhibition event on 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> October. Please make sure the exhibition date is in your diary!



The e-safety workshop for parents is to be held in school 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.

### CASHLESS SYSTEM

A reminder that, like many other local schools, from today we are going to go cashless (including cheques). 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. If you have any queries, please ask Mrs McCloud. We will still accept cash and cheques for PTFA events and charity donations in a named and labelled envelope. Nursery payments for lunch will be set up next week for payment.



### STAFFING

Mrs Hinsche (Year 1) has decided that, due to family commitments, she would like to return to supply teaching. We would like to thank her for her commitment to the school over the last two years. We look forward to continuing to work with her in a supply teacher capacity.

Miss Katie Wilkinson has been appointed, full time, to cover the remainder to Mrs Harrison's absence in Year 1. She and Mrs Hinsche have worked together this week as a handover. Year 1 parents are invited to meet Miss Wilkinson on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 3:30pm. Miss Wilkinson comes to us, highly recommended by a local school. She and Mrs Hinsche will carry out Parent Teacher consultations together.

### BREAKFAST CLUB

I have received many concerns about the new arrangements for before school childcare therefore we are planning to offer our own Breakfast Club in school, beginning Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November. The club will be open to children from Reception to Year 4. Once Nursery children are established in school we will consider opening the club to them too (this will not be until after the Christmas holiday and will depend on numbers).

Breakfast Club will begin at 8:00am and children will be taken directly into their classrooms at 8:45am by the staff (Miss Salter, our Cover Supervisor, and Mrs Battista, our cook). Breakfast Club sessions will each cost £4.50 and will include a breakfast of cereal/toast and milk/orange juice. Regular sessions must be booked (e.g. same days each week) so we can staff the club appropriately. If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club please



complete the form by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October when Mrs McCloud will then add your child to the Breakfast Club register on ParentMail. You will then be able to make payment, through ParentMail, in full for the next half term in advance (by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October). Due to the speed at which we are starting Breakfast Club we are, at this time, unable to accept salary sacrifice schemes but this is something we will look into for the future.

### WORSHIP

This week Andrew Mason, from All Saints Church, led Worship for Nursery and Reception children with the addition of puppets! They all had great fun.



We are looking for a regular pianist to play for us in Worship time one a week. If you play the piano (or know someone who does) and have time that you could give to school on a regular basis, please let us know! Singing to a CD is just not quite the same!

### CROSSING PATROL

We would like to thank Vicky Stone, Helen Ryan and Siobhan McConnell for their hard work in securing a School Crossing Patrol, Helen, on Christon Road at the junction of Alwinton Terrace.

Cheryl Ford (Road Safety Manager) has written to school asking us to promote the use of the crossing with pupils and parents as Helen is in place to support all pedestrians crossing at key times of day. She will work from 8:00am until 9:00am and again from 2:55pm until 3:55pm. She also asks that parents do not drive to the end of Alwinton Terrace and undertake a turn in the road/block pavements and cycle routes next to the crossing as this is not only a pedestrian access but also a cycle route. With the increase of pedestrians at this point, she is concerned this is putting pedestrians at risk.

### READING BUDDIES

A plea... 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.



### CHARITABLE GIVING



Next week is Christian Aid week. Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform on Friday and bring a donation towards Christian Aid. We will be learning about the work of Christian Aid during Worship and PSHE lessons.

### TOYS

After half term, Year 1 will be learning about old toys. If you have any toys that you or family members played with as children we would love to borrow them! Please let Mrs McCloud/Miss Wilkinson know.

### LOST PROPERTY

There are lots of unnamed (and previously named, now faded) items of clothing in our lost property bin. If you have lost anything please pop into the KS1 cloakroom to have a look, after school, via the office.

### HOLIDAY CLUB

Please see the attached flier from Captain Teds offering Holiday Club for the half term break.



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

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Additional Notes
<b>October 2018</b>		
13-19 <sup>th</sup> October	Christian Aid Week	
15-19 <sup>th</sup> October	National Design Week	
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Andy Gawn Worship for Rec-Y4	Children only
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Gosforth Band rehearsals 3:45- 4:45pm (parents will need to take their own children)	At Archibald First School
18 <sup>th</sup> October	GST Council reps to GCMS with Mrs Gregory (chair & vice chair only)	Permission slips to be returned please
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Non uniform in aid of Christian Aid	Donations welcome
	e-safety workshop for parents 9:00am	Please come along!
	<b>School Council Meeting with Mrs Gregory</b>	
	PTFA AGM (School Hall) 2:15pm	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	9:15am N & Rec Harvest Festival	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
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Deadline for Middle School applications (midday)	
<b>November 2018</b>		
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y2 "Polar Lands" Workshop (all day)	Y2 – Please pay online
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y3 WWI experience <b>Return to school at approx. 3:30-3:45pm</b>	Parent helpers needed please
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y4 WWI experience <b>Return to school at approx. 3:30-3:45pm</b>	Y3 & 4 – Please complete payment & form online
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	N & Rec Julia Donaldson Day	N & Rec children invited to dress as a Julia Donaldson character
	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!
<b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>9:15- Reception Christmas "Stay &amp; Play"</b> <b>2:15- Nursery Christmas "Stay &amp; Play"</b>	<b>Parents invited</b>
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)	All welcome!

	2:30pm-4:00pm	
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	Deadline for Reception (Sept 2019) place applications	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	N & Rec – "Winnie the Pooh Day"	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Years 3 & 4 start ukulele lessons in school	
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	
	PTFA Sponsored Read TBC	
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1 - 4 visit to Seven Stories	Parent helpers required please!
<b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Y4 Worship - Lent begins</b>	<b>Parents invited</b>
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	Deadline for Nursery applications	
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	9:15 Reception Parents Stay & Play	Parents invited

Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	2:15pm Nursery Parents Stay & Play Y1-4 Mothers' Day Service 9:00am N & Rec Mothers' Day Service 2:30pm Nursery places offered	Please join us
<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 School closes for Easter	<b>All Saints' Church</b> , West Avenue (off the High Street) Families welcome
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 School closes for half term	Details to follow
<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 9:15 Reception Parents Stay & Play 2:15pm Nursery Parents Stay & Play	Held at GCMS Parents Invited
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Big Gig (Gosforth Band & Gosforth Voices)	Northumbria Sports Central
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	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 Teddy Bears Picnic (am) children only	Please bring a teddy bear and a healthy snack to share with your friends
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	
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	

**“Love to learn, learn to love”**



**Captain Ted's**  
Children's Entertainment Centre

**Come along to  
HOLIDAY CLUB!!!**

**We have lots of fun and  
games planned for your  
children (age 4-11) this  
half term, Monday 29<sup>th</sup>  
October -Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
November**

**Speak to a member of staff  
for more details!**

**a jolly good place to play**