



ARCHBISHOP RUNCIE CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VA) FIRST SCHOOL



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ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole School (excluding Nursery)
97%	96.2%	97.5%	97%	98.6%	96%	97%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.



PTFA NEWS

We are thrilled to announce that the "Sponsor a Tree" event was a huge success- thank you to all the grown-ups who helped. This event not only raised £500 for the school but also gave children an opportunity to be part of the continued development of our school grounds.

PTFA Film Night will be held on Thursday 4th April. This time the PTFA will be showing "Sing-a-long The Greatest Showman", which is a PG. Please send your completed form, with money, in a labelled envelope (via classrooms). We can't wait...!!



FOREST SCHOOL



Next Monday and Tuesday, all classes will be involved in Forest School activities. Payments have already been set up on ParentMail. Forest School sessions will be led by Anna Gray, who is a qualified Forest School Leader, and supported by staff in school.

Forest School is a method of outdoor education that allows children to develop confidence, independence, self-esteem as well as awareness and knowledge of the natural environment. They acquire this through hands on experiences in outdoor and woodland environments. There is much evidence to demonstrate that learning taking place outdoors, and whilst being active, is much more powerful and memorable, as all the senses are involved. During Forest School sessions children work in a nurturing environment where they are encouraged to try new things and work outside of their comfort zone. Aspirational language is always used and all tasks are achievable; enabling children to build self- esteem and develop confidence to push themselves.

The Forest School concept originates in Denmark where it was found that children, who attended Forest School from a young age, arrived at school with strong social and communication skills, having the ability to work in groups effectively. They generally had high self-esteem and a confidence in their own abilities. This foundation helped them to raise their academic achievements.

Children will need to wear comfortable trousers and long sleeved tops. Forest school activities happen regardless of the weather so please ensure children are dressed appropriately (waterproof suits and wellies if wet and sunhats if bright).



STAFFING

After a very rigorous selection process, we are delighted to announce that we have appointed Charlotte Orr to join our teaching staff team in September. Miss Orr will be spending time in school between now and July to get to know children and staff.

We were delighted with the quantity of applications received and the fantastic feedback from the candidates about our school.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to all the parents who have already completed and returned the Parent Questionnaire online. It is great to receive your feedback to help us continue to understand the strengths of our school and areas for further improvement. The questionnaire response window closes on Sunday 7th April, after which I will share results.

ESH SAFETY POSTER

A reminder that children have until Friday 5th April; to design a site safety poster, to be displayed on ESH construction sites, at home.

The poster must

- contain the words “STAY SAFE”
- be bright and colourful



The 3 winning posters will be created into signs, to display on ESH construction sites. Please send complete posters to school marked FAO Miss Wilkinson.

ESH group are returning to school on Tuesday 23rd April to work with children in Reception and Year 1.

EYFS STAY & PLAY SESSIONS

Thank you to all the parents, carers, grandparents and friends who came along to the Stay & Play sessions in Nursery and Reception this week. It was great to share the children's learning with you all.



MOTHERS' DAY



Thank you for the fabulous feedback from the Mothers' Day Services, that the children led today. It is fantastic to hear how much the effort, that goes into these events, is appreciated. The children were **AMAZING**- we were all very proud!

SPANISH EVENT

On Monday, a small group of Year 4 children are invited to attend a Spanish Event at GCMS, which will include tasting some traditional tapas!



PARENT COUNCIL

The Parent Council are due to meet on Monday 1st April. Please let them know if you have any suggestions/initiatives for them to work on. You can email our Parent Council directly on parentcouncil.archbishoppruncie@gmail.com

AUTISM AWARENESS WEEK

Next week is Autism Awareness Week. As such, each class will be learning about Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD), at an appropriate level.



SPELLING

After Easter, children in Years 1-4 will complete a spelling quiz to assess their spelling of the words that are sent home, each week. This is a trial and will be reviewed by staff at May half term. We would welcome your feedback too! We will let you know which day of the week the quiz will take place.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – SUMMER 1

To book places in after school clubs please contact providers directly. All contact details are on our school website. Please note the new Multi Sports After School Club for Years 1 & 2.

	Before School	Lunchtime	After school
Monday	Breakfast Club 8:00-8:50am Places must have been booked and paid for online in advance	French (Y1 & Y3)	Dance (Y1-Y4) 3:15-4:15pm
Tuesday			Taekwondo (Y1-Y4) 3:15-4:15pm
Wednesday		Italian (Y3 & 4)	Awards (Y4) 3:15-4:30pm Lee Sterry Multi Sports Sports Club (Y1&2) 3:15-4:30pm
Thursday			Art (Y1-Y4) 3:15-4:15pm
Friday		French (Y2 & Y4)	Y3&4 Lee Sterry Football (Y3 & Y4) 3:15-4:30pm

EASTER SERVICE

The Easter Service will be held at All Saints' Church (West Ave, off the High Street) at 2:00pm next Friday and led by Revd Shipton. It would be great to have parents, grandparents or other friends of the school to walk with us to church. We will be leaving school at 1:25pm so please do join us, if you are able to. Children will be dismissed from the church, after the service if parents or carers are present, or can be collected from school at 3:15pm as usual.



Revd Shipton has requested help with the costumes please. We would be grateful for the loan of the following items;

- Shepherds costumes/headaddresses
- Robes (Harry Potter style!)
- Tunics
- Roman costumes/shields

Please ensure all items are clearly named! Year 4 children, who are involved in leading the service, have now been informed.



EASTER CARD COMPETITION

We are delighted to announce that Emilia H was the winner of the All Saints' Easter Card Competition. Congratulations Emilia! We look forward to seeing her design on their cards.

YEAR 4 LEAVERS' HOODIES

Lisa Peacock is arranging to have Year 4 Leavers' Hoodies made, displaying each of the Y4 children's names. A ParentMail form permission form will be available next term for your child's name to be included and to order your child's hoodie, if you wish to!



HELPERS NEEDED PLEASE

We are often short of Parent Helpers on school visits. If there are any Aunties, Uncles, grandparents or members of the church congregations and wider community who would be prepared to undergo DBS checks and become "backups" this would be very much appreciated. We are always looking for practical support in school too- this may be listening to readers, gardening, laminating, helping with PTFA events etc (or anything else you can suggest!). If you are interested in becoming a friend of our school please contact Mrs McCloud at admin@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk

GOSFORTH CIVIC THEATRE

On Thursday 11 April, 11am & 3pm, "Noisy Holiday" is coming to Gosforth Civic Theatre.

Kid Carpet and the Noisy Animals are going on Holiday but where will they go? A ridiculous and funny story of going on your holidays with silliness and mischief, for the whole family. Expect flying tents, diving bears, massive carrots and Ibiza anthems. The show contains a mix of live music, theatre, comedy, puppetry and



animation has won fringe awards from Brighton Fringe. It's a great show for all the family and especially kids ages 3+. More info and booking: <https://www.gosforthcivictheatre.co.uk/noisy-holiday>. £10 adults, £7 children (under 12months go free).

On Monday 8 April at 6.30pm, **I Weigh** is coming to Gosforth Civic Theatre. In response to the online '@i_weigh' movement, the show is a fun and poignant journey through what it is like living in a world that places value on the superficial, distorts self-image and asks questions about the expectations that are placed on us every day. Written and performed by Mortal Fools and Tyne Valley Youth Theatre . More info and booking: <https://www.gosforthcivictheatre.co.uk/i-weigh-mortal-fools> . £5 adult and £3 students and under 18s



PAYMENT FOR VISITS

To assist with accounting procedures in school, and consider the viability of visits/events taking place, from next term the window for making payment will close 1 week prior to the trip/event. We would be grateful, therefore, if you could be as prompt as possible in making payments. Thank you.

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

“Love to learn, learn to love”

Colossians 3:23-24

STEM CHALLENGE 3: Make your own lava lamp

You will need

- A clean 1 litre plastic bottle
- 3/4 glass of water
- Vegetable Oil
- Fizzy tablets (e.g. vitamin c fizz)
- Food colouring

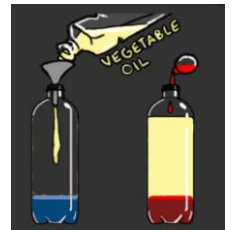
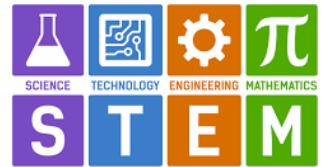
What to do

- Pour the water into the bottle.
- Use a measuring cup or funnel to slowly pour the vegetable oil into the bottle until it's almost full. You may have to wait a few minutes for the oil and water separate.
- Add 10 drops of food colouring to the bottom.
- Drop a fizzy tablet into the bottle.
- Watch your lava lamp come alive! To really add an effect, turn off the lights and shine a torch through the bottom of the bottle.

How it works and questions to ask your child

The oil stays above the water because the oil is lighter than the water. When you added the tablet, it sank to the bottom and started dissolving and creating a gas. As the gas bubbles rose, they took some of the coloured water with them. When the blob of water reached the top, the gas escaped and down went the water.

1. Does the temperature of the water affect the reaction?
2. Does the size of the bottle affect how many blobs are produced?
3. Does the effect still work if the cap is put on the bottle?
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Dates for your Diary

New dates are in red, for your information.

Date	Event	Additional Notes
April 2019		
Monday 1 st April	GCMS Spanish event for Y4	Selected children only
	11:00 Parent Council	
	Autism Awareness Week	Activities in school
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	School Nurse delivering PHSE sessions in school	
	Cross Country Event- Blakelaw	
	Autism Awareness Day	Activities in school
Wed 3 rd April	9:00am Year 2 SATs Meeting for Parents	Y2 Parents- please come along!
	Cancer Run Assembly for children	
Thursday 4 th April	PTFA Film Night- Sing-a-long Greatest Showman	Please note, this film is a PG
	Y3 & Y4 Football Tournament BEFS with Mr Renny	
	No Art Club tonight	
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
	Closing date for ESH poster competition	
	School closes for Easter	
Sunday 7 th April	Deadline for Parents Questionnaire	
Friday 19 th April	Messy Church at Gosforth, St Nicholas'	Contact Gill Mitchell for more details
Tuesday 23 rd April	School re-opens to children	
	ESH Group STEM activities for Rec & Y1 children	
	Shakespeare Day	Activities in school
Wed 24 th April	Y4 Bikeability	
	Bugs 'n' stuff visit for Nursery and Reception	Please pay £3.50 online
Thursday 25 th April	TBC Year 2 visit to RNLI Grace Darling Museum at Bamburgh	Please note that this is not yet confirmed. More info to follow in due course.
Friday 26 th April	Deadline for acceptance of Nursery places	
	Y3 & Y4 River Cruise from Quay to Sea	ParentMail form to follow. Parent volunteers will need to pay.
	Y1 visit to Dobbies Garden Centre	Details to follow
	PTFA Easter Cake Stall	After school- please send cake donations to school on the day
Saturday 27 th April	PTFA Sponsored Walk	Druridge Bay
Monday 29 th April	Behaviour Workshop for parents.	5:00- 6:30pm
Tuesday 30 th April	9:00am Y1 Phonics Screen Workshop for Parents	
	2:00 GST Cross Country Run at Grange First School	
May 2019		
May	Year 2 Statutory Assessments	Y2 children must be in school please
	PTFA 5p challenge	Details to follow
Thursday 2 nd May	International Laughter Day	
	Governors Ethos Cttee	
Friday 3 rd May	Governors Ehos Cttee	
Thursday 9 th May	Governors TLA Cttee	
12-18 May	Christian Aid Week	More info to follow
Monday 13 th May	Parent Workshop on Multiplication and teaching your child times tables	Please book online. Workshops at 9:15am and 5:00pm
Thursday 16 th May	Themed lunch	Details to follow

	Governors Safeguarding visit to school	
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
Monday 20 th May	Y1 DAAB planting	Selected children only
	Wesak (Buddhist)	Activities in school
	GCMS Y5 Leader to visit Y4 children	
Tuesday 21 st May	Happy Shoes Day	Walk to school and wear your own shoes- donation of £1 please.
	World Day for Cultural Diversity	Activities in school
	GST Moderation	Staff only
	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	GST Staff Training Day- school closed to children	
Tuesday 4 th June	School reopens to children	
	Eid-UI-Fitr (Muslim)	Activities in school
	pm KS2 All Saints Schools Week visit	Details to follow
	Safeguarding update for Governors	
Saturday 8 th June	Teddy Bears Picnic in the grounds of Gosforth, St Nicholas'.	All proceeds will go to ARFS
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
	Class Photos	
	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	Y4 Leavers' Service	St Nicholas' Cathedral
	Govs TLA Cttee Meeting	
Monday 24 th June	Y2 French Club today	Lunchtime
Tuesday 26 th June	"No Outsiders" project PSHE sessions and Worship	
Tuesday 25 th June	New Nursery Parents Meeting 5:00pm	
Thursday 27 th June	New Reception Parents Meeting 5:00pm	
	Y5 staff to visit Y4 children	
	TBC Nursery visit to Railway Museum	More information to follow
Friday 28 th June	Non Uniform Day	Please send bottles or tombola prizes
	Y1 French Club today	
	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
	Y3 & Y3 Beach safety session	
Thursday 4 th July	Governing Body Meeting	
	Transition Day for all classes	Y4 children visit GCMS (all day)
	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		

Monday 8 th July	Y1 & Y2 Beach safety session	
	9:15 French Assembly	
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
Thursday 11 th July	Y4 Transition activities TBC	
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 sun cream 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	
September 2019		
Monday 2 nd September	Staff Training Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 3 rd September	School opens to children	
Wed 25 th -Thursday 26 th September	Y4 Residential to Dukes House Wood	

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Archbishop Runcie Art Club



A creative art club for the children of Archbishop Runcie focusing on the process of art in a relaxed after school session - fun is compulsory!

We'll be making sculpture, creating glass mosaics, working on our resilience through self portraits and clay models and using recycled materials to create new exciting pieces of art!

All materials are provided in the fee, although some recycled additions may be requested occasionally depending on the weeks project!

Who:

Years 1-4 children from Archbishop Runcie

When:

Summer Term: Thursday 25th April until 23rd May 2019.

Where:

Classroom/hall based at Archbishop Runcie.

Time:

3.15pm-4.15pm

Fee:

£28pp for the 4wk term

To Book: Please contact Zoë on zlp03@yahoo.com to book your child's place for next term.

'Creativity is intelligence having fun'. *Albert Einstein*