

ARCHBISHOP RUNCIE  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VA) FIRST SCHOOL



## October 2018 - Newsletter 7

### ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
95.6%	90.4%	100%	94.8%	98.2%	98.3%

Our school target for attendance is 96%.



### CURRICULUM

Thank you to all the parents who attended the e-safety workshop this morning. We have already received lots of positive feedback. The children in Years 1-4 have also had e-safety sessions today, which they also enjoyed.

### WORSHIP

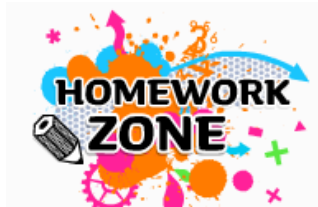
This week Andy Gawn, from Jesmond Parish Church, led Worship for Reception- Year 4. The children were very excited to see him and really enjoyed his story of Noah and a 4 metre long arc!



We are looking for a regular pianist to play for us in Worship time once 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!

### READING & HOMEWORK

Please aim to listen to your child read aloud **at least three times each week** (it is still important to listen to children read- even when they are fluent and able). Please remember to use the question stems in the Reading Records if you are struggling to think of questions after reading. We would appreciate a comment in Reading Records whenever you listen to your child please.



This term we are asking children to complete Maths and SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar) homework too. Homework will be set. For Years 1-4, each Thursday and collected the following Tuesday. Please ensure children complete their written homework neatly and in pencil **and return it to school** please. As discussed at Welcome Meetings, we would be grateful if parents

would mark the work (using answer page at the back of the book) so that staff use a Tuesday evening to evaluate the success of the tasks and plan next steps for learning. Many thanks in advance for your support.

### BOOKBAGS

Children need to have bookbags, with their reading book and reading record inside, in school every day please.

### NURSERY- JANUARY INTAKE

After Christmas we will be taking children into Nursery who have turned 3 this term. If your child has turned 3 between September 2018 and December 2018 they will be eligible to start with us in January 2019. If you are interested in a Nursery place, or would like more information, please contact Mrs McCloud or Mrs Gregory.

Please remember parents will need to update your details on the government website every 3 months to remain eligible for free Nursery 30 hour provision.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS (Autumn 2)

	Before School	Lunchtime	After school
<b>Monday</b>	Breakfast Club 8:00-8:50am Places must be booked for and paid for online <b>today</b>	French (Y1 & Y3)	Yoga (Y1-Y4) 3:15-4:15pm
<b>Tuesday</b>			Taekwondo (Y1-Y4) 3:15-4:15pm
<b>Wednesday</b>			Awards (Y4) 3:15-4:30pm
<b>Thursday</b>			Art (Y3&Y4) 3:15-4:15pm Dance (Y1-Y4) 3:15-4:15pm
<b>Friday</b>		French (Y2 & Y4)	Football (Y3 & Y4) 3:15-4:30pm

Art Club is a new club being offered by Zoe Parker-Smissen, an artist who has been working in school recently. The club will be open to a maximum of 12 children. Autumn 2 will be for KS2 children and KS1 will be in Spring Term 1.

Dance Club has now moved to after school on Thursday, as the Hall will be required for our new Breakfast Club. Yoga is now open to children in Years 1-4.

Children attending after school clubs will be dismissed by club leaders at the main school office.

Booking information and further details are available on our school website.



### CHICKEN POX & IMPETIGO

Chicken pox continues to be reported in school as well as cases of impetigo. If you have any concerns you can look at "The Little Orange Book" on our website.

## GOSFORTH SCHOOLS TRUST

This week 2 children from each of the Gosforth Schools Trust (GST) met to begin to create an "advert" for GST. This project will be ongoing this term. We look forward to seeing the finished advert next term.



We will be taking part in GST Poppy Week (wb 5<sup>th</sup> Nov) to commemorate the end of WWI. Each child, in all of the 11 schools in the Trust, will make a poppy during the week. Staff and children from GCMS will be delivering an Assembly on Remembrance and each school will display a small selection of pupils' work in Trinity Church on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The exhibition will be open to all school communities and the wider public to view.

## CHARITABLE GIVING



This week we have been thinking about Christian Aid, a partnership of people and churches who are committed to ending poverty worldwide, with a particular focus on Harvest. Today we raised £94.50 through our non-uniform day. Thank you to everyone who donated.

## DISABLED CHILDREN NEWSLETTER

We have added to our website the LA Disabled Children Newsletter which includes activities for half term. Please take a look.

## 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! Please let Mrs McCloud/Miss Wilkinson (Year 1) know.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

We are delighted to be offering our own Breakfast Club, starting after half term. Places need to be booked today for next half term. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs McCloud.

## 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 remember Captain Teds are offering Holiday Club for the half term break.

## REMINDERS

This term we have asked for several financial contributions towards visits and events in school. Please check your ParentMail account to view outstanding payments. If you do not yet use ParentMail, please contact Mrs McCloud. Your donations are greatly appreciated and allow us to offer your children a stimulating curriculum in order to provide the very best for children at Archbishop Runcie First School.



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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## Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Additional Notes
<b>October 2018</b>		
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
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	
	DAAB Christmas Tree Light Switch-on 4:00pm for 4:30pm start (at DAAB House)	All welcome
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	PTFA Disco (5:00-6:30pm)	Tickets via PTFA- form to follow
	Y3 WWI experience Return to school at approx. 3:30-3:45pm	Parent helpers needed please
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y4 WWI experience Return to school at approx. 3:30-3:45pm	Y3 & 4 – Please complete payment & form online Please wear uniform and bring a packed lunch
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
	School Council Meeting	
	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 21 <sup>st</sup> & Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	10:00am - 4:00pm GST "Poppies and Poems" exhibition at Trinity Church, Gosforth High Street	Open to all
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	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 1 visit to Discovery Museum	Please complete form and pay online. Children will need to wear uniform and bring a packed lunch.
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!
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	GST Council Meeting- GCMS	
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:15- Reception Christmas "Stay & Play" 2:15- Nursery Christmas "Stay & Play"	Parents invited
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) 2:30pm-4:00pm	All welcome!
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!
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Worship - Lent begins	Parents invited
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	2:15pm Nursery Parents Stay & Play	Parents invited
<b>CHANGE OF DATE</b> Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9:15 Reception Parents Stay &amp; Play</b>	<b>Parents invited to all or part of session</b>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1-4 Mothers' Day Service 9:00am	Please join us
	N & Rec Mothers' Day Service 2:30pm	
	Nursery places offered	
<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	<b>All Saints' Church</b> , West Avenue (off the High Street) Families welcome
	School closes for Easter	
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	
12-18 May	Christian Aid Week	
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	Details to follow
	School closes for half term	
<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	
<b>CHANGE OF DATE</b> Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>9:15 Reception Parents Stay &amp; Play</b>	<b>Parents invited to all or part of session</b>
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> 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
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	
	<b>Y4 Parents Transition Evening at GCMS</b>	<b>Info to follow from GCMS</b>
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
	<b>Year 4 Leavers' Disco after school</b>	<b>Details to follow</b>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Forest School- Y2, Y3 & Y4	Please wear outdoor clothes with long sleeves and bring
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Forest School- N, R & Y1	

		wellies if wet/sunhat and suncream if warm
	Y3 & Y4 concert TBC	Parents invited
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	

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