



# November 2021

## Newsletter 6 – 19.11.21

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole School (excluding Nursery)
<b>Wb 8.11.21</b>	99%	90%	96%	98%	98%	★ 100%	96%
<b>Wb 15.11.21</b>	96%	96%	97%	91%	97%	92%	95%

Our school target for attendance is 97%. **Well done Year 4 - 100% attendance last week!**

### 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
<b>Demonstrating Love</b>	Poppy	Esim Henry	Earnest	Holly Monty	Thaddeus Emmie	Ayaan M Archie
<b>Demonstrating Determination</b>	Sacha	Max Jesse	Livi	Karlo Nolan	Wasan Ben	Summer Romeo



### STAFFING UPDATE

We are delighted to announce that Miss Cooper has been appointed as our school chef. Welcome to the team!

Miss Rimington has joined us in Year 1 while Miss Wilkinson is absent.



### STUDENTS

As Nursery families already know, this term we have been joined by Miss Morris in Nursery, as a student teacher, working alongside Mrs Francis. She is due to return to university at the end of next week but will be returning, to undertake her final placement with us, in the spring term. Thank you to all our Nursery children and families for making her so welcome! We are delighted that she wants to come back!



## CHARITABLE GIVING

Thank you for all your poppy donations last week and for the wonderful effort for Children in Need today- the children looked amazing! Please see Twitter for pictures.

## DAFT AS A BRUSH

This week, we were visited by Brian Birnie and Carolyn Hall from Daft as a Brush. They visited each class and talked to them about the work of Daft as a Brush and how, each year, the ambulances make 200,000 journeys with cancer patients to the Freeman Hospital. He also invited us to the "Christmas Lights Switch On" at DAAB House (near the 3 Mile) to see their 200,000 lights being turned on. It would be fantastic if our children could go along to show support.



## BREAKFAST CLUB

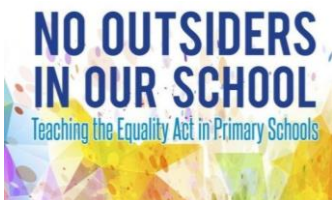
Please remember to sign children in on Inventory (the touch screen in the entrance) when you drop off your child at Breakfast Club. This is important so we know who is on site at all times in case of a fire. Thank you.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Ms Lowe sent a ParentMail, last week, to assess the demand for extending After School Club hours in order to find out how many families would be interested in using the extend hours. Costs would be dependent on pupil numbers (as we would have to cover staffing costs) and therefore there would be an economy of scale (the more children that use it, the cheaper it would be) but there would also need to be minimum pupil numbers to make this viable.

If you use After School Club, we would be grateful if you could complete form that Ms Lowe sent last week, **today please** (if you have not done so already).

## INCLUSION



As you know, as a school we celebrate diversity within our community and all schools are charged with embedding the British Values of mutual respect and tolerance.



As a Church of England school in particular, we are proud to offer an unconditional welcome to all. Additionally, our school was historically established to serve families 'in need' within Gosforth and we still take that mission seriously today.

Our diverse school family not only makes us really proud but also helps our children understand that we are all unique, special and loved by God. The children live this inclusivity out as well as our core value of love on a daily basis. I am therefore saddened to have to ask that parents also demonstrate these values to one another. Please do not approach fellow parents about why their children may behave differently or need different support in school. No parents or children should ever be made to feel that they are not welcome in our school family. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## FUNDAMENTAL BRITISH VALUES

In Worship this week, we have explored how Saul of Taurus changed over time and we have linked this to our work on anti-bullying and celebrating being unique. We have talked about our school values by which we live by and how to serve the common good.





## CHURCH LINKS

All Saints' eco-group have sent us a challenge:

Can you make a Christmas tree from recycled materials? Now's the chance to fire up your imagination and show off your creative skills! Entries will be displayed in church during the weeks before Christmas – no winners, just for fun! Groups, individuals, young or old can all take part.

All entries must be labelled with the name of the creator(s) and delivered to All Saints' Office (or brought to church on one of the Sundays) at the beginning of December. Trees must be made from at least 50% recycled materials.

## COVID UPDATE

Due to the continued high infection rate locally, Newcastle's Covid Control Group has recommended additional precautionary action be taken by those identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

- Anyone who is identified as a close contact of a confirmed case, are advised to get a PCR test as soon as possible.
- If negative, they should take a further precautionary approach, by undertaking **daily LFD testing for 10 days** after their last contact with the positive case.



## NATIVITY

As you will know, due to the current local case numbers of covid, we are not yet able to welcome families back into school at Christmas. However, we are very excited that Julian from GEM Education, who are our Computing consultants, will be recording the Nativities this year! Parents of last year's Year 4 will recognise Julian's work as he produced the absolutely fantastic leavers video that was very well-received!

The performances will be completed in Key Stages (i.e. Nursery and Reception together, Years 1 and 2 together, Years 3 and 4 together) and their full performances will be shared with families, just like the Year 4 video was, via a Google Drive link requiring a password. The link will be time restricted for a certain number of days for families to download if they wish. The video link will then be removed after this time.

Next week, you will receive a ParentMail form asking you for your permission for this videoing. It is essential that this is completed in order for your child to be included in the recorded production (although, they can still take part in rehearsals). Thank you.

## SMART WATCHES

It has been brought to my attention that some children are wearing 'smart watches' into school. We ask for these not to be brought into school. They could be lost or damaged easily, distract children from their learning and, most importantly of all, could be a safeguarding risk due to the way that some watches can phone other devices and record video and/or sound(s). If any smart watches are found in school, they will be given to staff and returned to families at the end of the day. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



## GOSFORTH VOICES



We are delighted to announce that Gosforth Voices have been asked to perform at the Tyne Bar Christmas Fair on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November. This annual event kicks off the festive season with a jam-packed day of entertainment outside in The Tyne Bar's sheltered beer garden under Glasshouse Bridge. There will be music from three choirs including Gosforth Voices. There will be also many stalls selling unique

crafts, gifts and food.

Gosforth Voices will be performing at 12.30pm for approximately twenty minutes. Please go along to show them your support!



## NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL CATERING ASSISTANTS AND CLEANING ROLES



*Are you looking for a job which helps you earn money and still be able to look after your children?*

Newcastle City Council have opportunities for you to work in schools across Newcastle. Newcastle City Council value their staff and we pay an hourly rate of £9.90, this includes the Newcastle Living Wage.

Catering Assistant roles are term time only so you work 39 weeks during term time so you don't have to think about child care during the school holidays. The Catering Assistant roles vary from 10 to 20 hours per week. There are career progression opportunities too, many of our Catering Assistants have moved to Assistant Chef posts then to Chef posts and on to Management roles.

Cleaner roles are either 39 or 52 week contracts and range in hours from 10 to 30 hours per week. The cleaning roles are either early morning or late afternoon in schools and we have opportunities in our public buildings too. There are also career opportunities here too, many of our Cleaners move to Chargehand Cleaner or Caretaker roles and on to Management roles.

If you would like to discuss the roles you can contact: -

- Catering Assistant roles - Gillian Battista on 0191 278 3291 or [gillian.battista@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:gillian.battista@newcastle.gov.uk)
- Cleaner roles – Shirley Youern on 0191 278 3296 or [shirley.youern@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:shirley.youern@newcastle.gov.uk)

The link to apply for these roles are: -

- Cleaner applications [www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Cleaners/216685](http://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Cleaners/216685)
- Catering Assistant applications [www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Catering\\_Assistant/216686](http://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Catering_Assistant/216686)

### 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 – 0808 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,

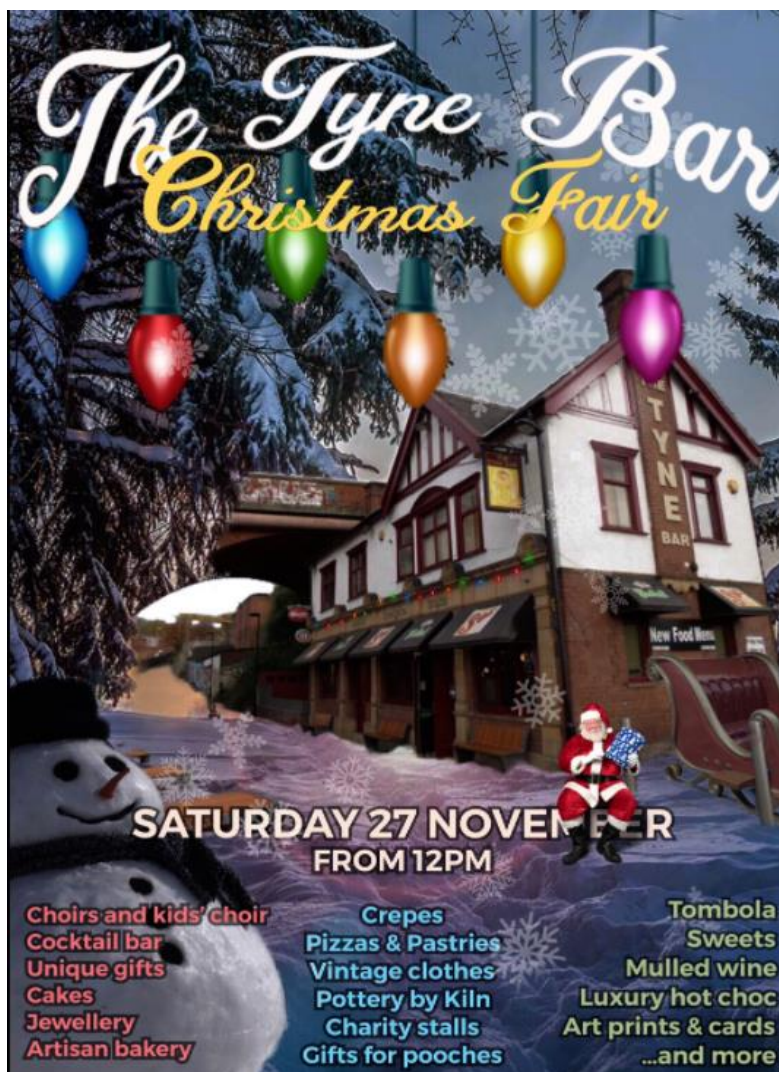
*Mrs KE Massey*

Headteacher

**Be courageous; be strong.**

**Do everything in love.**

1 Corinthians 16:13-14



## PTFA NEWS



### AGM

Thank you to all the parents and friends of our school who attended the PTFA AGM last night. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Caroline Peters and Bridget Higham for their amazing efforts over the past years and the huge amounts of money they have helped to raise for our school.

Susan Heeley has now been appointed as Chair of the PTFA for 2021-22, ably supported by the other PTFA committee members. Congratulations!

### CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

As we are unable to hold the PTFA Christmas Fayre this year, we are asking for themed donations from each class to create hampers which will be prizes in the PTFA Christmas raffle. Each class will have a colour theme to stick to (if possible!).



We are looking for wicker boxes to put goodies in too if anyone has anything suitable at home. If you know any local businesses that may be able to support us with goods, we would be really grateful. Thank you!

<b>Nursery</b>	Purple	Items can include festive drinks, snacks and treats, pamper goodies, candles, decorations, jams and preserves, crackers, chutneys, cheeses, chocolates and sweets etc (or anything else you can think of!) of the allocated colour (where possible). Thank you!
<b>Reception</b>	Red	
<b>Year 1</b>	Green	
<b>Year 2</b>	Silver	
<b>Year 3</b>	Gold	
<b>Year 4</b>	Purple	

Children can wear their own clothes on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December in exchange for hamper donations. Thank you in advance!

As the festive period approaches and you begin to think about your Christmas shopping, please consider using Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile.





## DIARY DATES

New dates are in red, for your information

Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Immunisations in school for children in Reception – Year 4		Please return letters of consent to Mrs Pygall
	Full Governing Body Meeting	5:00pm	
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Gosforth Voices performing at Ouseburn Christmas Market (Tyne Bar)	12:30pm	
	DAAB Christmas Lights being switched on	6:00pm	DAAB House
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3 leading Advent Worship	10:15am	Children and staff only
	Meeting for parents of children starting Nursery in January 2022	5:00pm	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Years 3 & 4 Healthy Active Lifestyle workshops	Morning	Please wear PE kits
<b>December 2021</b>			
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Y1 and Y2 Tennis (rearranged from Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> )	In school	Please wear PE kits
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Children invited to wear Christmas jumpers in lieu of school jumpers (wear the rest of uniform as usual)	-	Please send colour themed hamper donations
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Computer Science Week	In school	Activities in school
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
	Class Film Night	3:15-5:00pm	More details to follow via ParentMail
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day (wear the rest of uniform as usual)		Children invited to wear school jumper and donate £1 to Save the Children. Donations can be made via ParentMail.
	Christmas Lunch for children, staff and Governors	12:00	
	Bookings for January wraparound close		
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativities being recorded	In school	Recordings will be shared with parents and carers
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	PTFA raffle drawn	In school	
	Nursery and Reception Christmas Party	pm	Children are invited to bring party clothes to change into. Food lists will be put up outside classroom doors for parents to sign up to bring food contributions.
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Party	pm	Children are invited to bring party clothes to change into. Food lists will be put up outside classroom doors for parents to



			sign up to bring food contributions.
	Nursery and Reception Polar Express Day		More information to follow via ParentMail
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Party	pm	Children are invited to bring party clothes to change into. Food lists will be put up outside classroom doors for parents to sign up to bring food contributions.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Children invited to wear Christmas jumpers in lieu of school jumpers (wear the rest of uniform as usual)		Just for fun - no cost!
	Carol Service at St Nicholas' for children in Years 1 - 4 <b>Provisional</b>	2:00pm	Arrangements will depend on restrictions <b>TBC</b> This is likely to be for children and staff only. Pick up from school at 3:15pm as usual.
20-31 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas holidays	-	School closed to children
<b>January 2022</b>			
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Bank holiday	-	School closed to children
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 leading Epiphany Worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Nursery and Reception starting Piccolo Music sessions in school	am	Every Monday for 6 weeks
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Bookings for February wraparound close		
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff training day	9:00-4:00	School closed to children
<b>February 2022</b>			
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Bookings for March wraparound bookings		
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 leading "Love is..." worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Random Acts of Kindness Day	-	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Deadline for Nursery applications for April start (for children who will have turned 3 before 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2022)	Noon	
21-25 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term	-	School closed to children
<b>March 2022</b>			
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Y3 leading Lent Worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Bookings for April wraparound close		
11-20 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week	-	Activities in school
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> August 2022)	Noon	



Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothering Sunday Worship (all classes)	TBC	More info to follow
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Teacher Consultations (core curriculum focus)	2:30-5:00pm	More info to follow via ParentMail
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Parent Teacher Consultations (core curriculum focus)	2:30-5:00pm	More info to follow via ParentMail
<b>April 2022</b>			
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	ASD Awareness Day in school		Activities in school
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Y2 leading Palm Sunday Worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
11-22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter holiday	-	School closed to children
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Bookings for May wraparound close		
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Y2 SATs Meeting for parents	5:00pm	
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
	Y4 Times Table Check Meeting for parents	5:00pm	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
	Y1 Phonics Screen Meeting for parents	5:00pm	
<b>May 2022</b>			
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank holiday		
3 <sup>rd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Residential to Dukeshouse Wood	TBC	TBC – Further information to follow.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Y1 leading Christian Aid worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
	Bookings for June wraparound closes		
16 – 20 May	Christian Aid Week Walk to school week		
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
	Y2 leading Ascension worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 leading Pentecost worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
30 <sup>th</sup> May- 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Half term		
<b>June 2022</b>			
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	School closed in lieu of Jubilee Day Bank Holiday which falls in half term		
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	World Oceans Day		
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 leading Trinity worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Bookings for July wraparound close		
20 – 24 <sup>th</sup> June	School Sports Week	-	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Sports Day	2:00pm	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 2 Sports Day	2:00pm	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Nursery Sports Day	9:30am	
	Year 1 Sports Day	2:00pm	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 3 Sports Day	2:00pm	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> 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	
<b>July 2022</b>			
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4 Bikeability	Morning or afternoon session	Children will need a bike and helmet in school in order to take part
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Collective Worship Council with Miss	In school	

	Wilkinson		
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> July	Full Governing Body	5:00pm	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	School closes for summer holidays		

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 1 Corinthians 16:13-14



**Lee Sterry sports coaching**

# CHRISTMAS PARTY

**ABOUT THE PARTY**

OUR VERY POPULAR CHRISTMAS PARTIES ARE ALWAYS FUN, EXCITING AND PACKED WITH GAMES.

IT'S A CHANCE TO COME DOWN TO OUR FANTASTIC VENUES - HAVE AN HOUR'S FOOTBALL FUN - FOLLOWED BY A PRESENT

DON'T MISS THE CHANCE TO HAVE A BRILLIANT TIME!

Saturday 11th December at Gosforth Academy	
<b>3-4's</b> indoors 9:00-9:50	<b>5-6's</b> indoors 9:00-9:50
<b>7-8's</b> indoors 10:00-10:50	<b>9-12's</b> outdoors 10:00-10:50

Children must be pre-registered this course in non-refundable in case of adverse weather conditions.  
 Closing Date: Thursday 9th December 2021  
 All payments to be made online [www.ls-sc.co.uk](http://www.ls-sc.co.uk) cost £10 and each child will receive a present.  
 Any further information please contact lee 07729058119 Email [Coaching@ls-sc.co.uk](mailto:Coaching@ls-sc.co.uk)



**CHRISTMAS COURSE WITH LEESTERRYSPORTSCOACHING**

**TEAM FOOTBALL GAMES FOR BOYS & GIRLS**

**AGES 4-12**

Monday 20th-Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2021  
 For 1 day £15  
 For 4 days £45  
 Courses held at Gosforth academy on the 3G 10:00-2:00(4-5 Year Old's indoors bring trainers)  
 Cochrane park outdoors on the 4G team football games 10:00-2:00

For more information  
 Call Lee Sterry 07729058119 or email [Coaching@ls-sc.co.uk](mailto:Coaching@ls-sc.co.uk)  
 All bookings to be made online at [www.ls-sc.co.uk](http://www.ls-sc.co.uk) Christmas course