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



October 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 30th birthday merchandise to sell at our Y1-4 exhibition event on 23rd/24th/25th October. Please make sure the exhibition date is in your dairy!

The e-safety workshop for parents is to be held in school on Friday 19th 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 16th 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 5th 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 19th 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 26th 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

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READING







| Date | Event | Additional Notes |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| October 2018 | | |
| 13-19 th October | Christian Aid Week | |
| 15-19 th October | National Design Week | |
| 15 th October | Andy Gawn Worship for Rec-Y4 | Children only |
| 17 th October | Gosforth Band rehearsals 3:45- 4:45pm (parents will need to take their own children) | At Archibald First School |
| 18 th October | GST Council reps to GCMS with Mrs Gregory | Permission slips to be |
| | (chair & vice chair only) | returned please |
| 19 th October | Non uniform in aid of Christian Aid | Donations welcome |
| | e-safety workshop for parents 9:00am | Please come along! |
| | School Council Meeting with Mrs Gregory | |
| | PTFA AGM (School Hall) 2:15pm | Please come along |
| Tuesday 23 rd Oct & Wed 24 th Oct | Parents evening (all classes) and exhibition of | Please come along early to |
| | Y1-4 work in hall (3:30-5:30pm) | look at our exhibition |
| Wed 24 th Oct | 9:15am N & Rec Harvest Festival | Parents welcome |
| Thursday 25 th October | Exhibition open to wider community (1:30- 3:00pm) | |
| Friday 26 th October | Teacher Training Day | School closed |
| Wed 31 st October | Deadline for Middle School applications | |
| | (midday) | |
| November 2018 | | |
| Monday 5 th Nov | Y2 "Polar Lands" Workshop (all day) | Y2 – Please pay online |
| Thursday 8 th Nov | Y3 WWI experience | Parent helpers needed |
| | Return to school at approx. 3:30-3:45pm | please |
| Friday 9 th Nov | Y4 WWI experience | Y3 & 4 – Please complete |
| | Return to school at approx. 3:30-3:45pm | payment & form online |
| 5 th -9 th Nov | Gosforth Schools Trust Poppy Week | Poppies on sale in school |
| Wed 7 th November | Diwali | |
| Thursday 8 th Nov | PTFA Disco (5:00-6:30pm) | Tickets via PTFA- form to follow |
| 12-16 th Nov | Antibullying Week | |
| Thursday 15 th Nov | Prospective Reception Parents Open Evening 3:30pm | Please let your friends with young children know! |
| Friday 16 th Nov | Children in Need Day | Children can wear spotty |
| 5 | | clothing for a donation of £1 |
| | Antibullying workshops for Years 1-4 | Please pay online |
| Wed 21 st Nov | World "Hello" Day | Children will be encouraged |
| | ····· ···· ···· | to greet 10 new people |
| Wed 28 th Nov | N & Rec Julia Donaldson Day | N & Rec children invited to dress as a Julia Donaldson character |
| | Governing Body Meeting | |
| Friday 30 th Nov | 9:00 Advent Worship- led by Year 3 (in school) | Parents and carers welcome |
| December 2018 | | |
| Monday 3 rd Dec | Prospective Reception Parents Open Evening 3:30pm | Please let your friends with young children know! |
| Wed 12 th Dec | 9:15- Reception Christmas "Stay & Play" | Parents invited |
| | 2:15- Nursery Christmas "Stay & Play" | |
| Friday 14 th Dec | Save the Children Christmas Jumper day | Children and staff wear |
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| | PTA Christmas Fair & Carol Singing (Years 1-4) | All welcome! |

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| Monday 17 th Dec | 2:30pm-4:00pm Flu immunizations (pm) R-Y4 | Eavma naux complete |
| Monday 17 Dec | | Forms now complete |
| | 1:30pm KS2 Nativity (Y3 & Y4) | Ticket info to follow |
| | 5:30pm KS1 Nativity (Y1 & Y2) | Children need to be back a |
| | 6:30pm KS2 Nativity (Y3 & Y4) | school by 5:00pm please. |
| Tuesday 18 th Dec | Foundation Stage (N & Rec) Nativity 9:30am | Ticket info to follow |
| | Foundation Stage Party (N & Rec) pm | N & Rec children can bring |
| | 5 5 1 | party clothes. Please sign |
| | | up to bring food. |
| | Key Stage One Nativity 2:00pm (Y1 & Y2) | Ticket info to follow |
| Wed 19 th 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 th Dec | KS1 party (Y1 & Y2) pm | Y1 & Y2 children can bring |
| 2 | | party clothes. Please sign |
| | | up to bring food. |
| | PTFA Film night 3:15pm | Tickets available via PTFA |
| Friday 21 st Dec | 2:00pm Carol Service for children in Y1-Y4 | All Saints' Church, West |
| 5 | | Avenue (off the High Street |
| | | Families welcome to join us |
| | School Closes for Christmas (2 weeks) | |
| January 2019 | | |
| Monday 14th January | Prospective Nursery Parents Open Evening | Please let your friends with |
| 5 5 | 3:30pm | young children know! |
| Tuesday 15 th Jan | Deadline for Reception (Sept 2019) place | |
| 5 | applications | |
| Friday 18 th January | N & Rec — "Winnie the Pooh Day" | |
| Tuesday 22 nd January | Years 3 & 4 start ukulele lessons in school | |
| Thursday 24 th Jan | Compliment Day | |
| Friday 25 th Jan | N & Rec "Opposites Day" | |
| February 2019 | | |
| Tuesday 5 th Feb | Safer Internet Day | |
| Wednesday 6 th Feb | Reasoning Workshop for parents 5:00-6:00pm | |
| Friday 8 th Feb | Worship (lead by Year 2) 9:00am | Parents invited |
| Monday 11 th Feb | "Love is" Day | |
| Tuesday 12 th Feb | N & Rec visit to Gibside | Parent helpers required |
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| Friday 15 th Feb | Random Acts of Kindness Day | |
| Thaay to Teb | School closes for half term | |
| Monday 25 th Feb | School reopens | |
| Tuesday 26 th Feb & Wed 27 th Feb | Parents' Evening | |
| March 2019 | Turenta Eventing | |
| Mon 4 th March- Fri 8 th March | Book Week | |
| | PTFA Sponsored Read TBC | |
| Mon 4 th March | Y1 - 4 visit to Seven Stories | Parent helpers required |
| | 11 - 4 VISIT TO Seven Stories | please! |
| Wed 6 th March | Y4 Worship - Lent begins | Parents invited |
| Thursday 7 th March | World Book Day | Children invited to dress as |
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| | | character |
| Fri 15 th March | Red Nose Day for Comic Relief | Children invited to wear |
| | Rea Nose Day for Comic Relief | red. £1 donation |
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| Thursday 21 st March | World Poetry Day | 2:30pm Poetry Performanc |
| Fri 22 nd March | Deadline for Nursery applications | for parents of Y1-4 childrer |
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| | 2:15pm Nursery Parents Stay & Play | | |
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| Friday 29 th March | Y1-4 Mothers' Day Service 9:00am | Please join us | |
| | N & Rec Mothers' Day Service 2:30pm | | |
| | Nursery places offered | | |
| April 2019 | | | |
| Monday 1 st April | Forest School- N, Rec & Y1 | Please wear outdoor cloth | |
| Tuesday 2 nd April | Forest School- Y2, Y3 & Y4 | with long sleeves and brin wellies if wet/sunhat and suncream if warm | |
| Tuesday 2 nd April | Autism Awareness Day | | |
| Wed 3 rd April | 9:00am Year 2 SATs Meeting for Parents | | |
| Friday 5 th April | Easter Service at All Saints Church for children in Y1-Y4 2:00pm TBC | All Saints' Church, Wes Avenue (off the High Stree Families welcome | |
| | School closes for Easter | | |
| Tuesday 23 rd April | School re-opens | | |
| Friday 26 th April | Deadline for acceptance of Nursery places | | |
| May 2019 | | | |
| May | Year 2 Statutory Assessments | | |
| Thursday 16 th May | Themed lunch | Details to follow | |
| Friday 17 th May | Worship (lead by Year 1) 9:00am | Parents welcome | |
| Friday 24 th May | GST Daft Day | Details to follow | |
| | School closes for half term | | |
| June 2019 | | | |
| Monday 3 rd June | Staff Training Day- school closed | | |
| 10-14 th June | Year 1 Phonics Screen | | |
| Wed 12 th June | GST Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Fair – open to all parents of children on SEND the register 9:15 Reception Parents Stay & Play | Held at GCMS Parents Invited | |
| | 2:15pm Nursery Parents Stay & Play | | |
| Tuesday 18 th June | Big Gig (Gosforth Band & Gosforth Voices) | Northumbria Sports Centr | |
| Tuesday 25 th June | New Nursery Parents Meeting 5:00pm | | |
| Thursday 27 th June | New Reception Parents Meeting 5:00pm | | |
| July 2019 | | | |
| Tuesday 2 nd July | Gosforth Pyramid Concert | For children in Gosforth voices & Gosforth Band | |
| Thursday 4 th July | Governing Body Meeting | | |
| Friday 5 th July | End of year reports sent home | | |
| Monday 8 th July | Drop in sessions to speak to teaching staff | No appointments required | |
| Tuesday 9 th July | | | |
| 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 | |
| Fri 12 th July | Year 1-4 Sports Day (1:30pm) | Parents invited | |
| Monday 15 th July | Forest School- Y2, Y3 & Y4 | Please wear outdoor cloth | |
| Tuesday 16 th July | Forest School- N, R & Y1 | with long sleeves and brin wellies if wet/sunhat and suncream if warm | |
| | Y3 & Y4 concert TBC | Parents invited | |
| Thursday 18 th July | Cakes in the Courtyard | All helpers and volunteers invited | |
| Friday 19th July | 9:15am Y4 Leavers' Service | | |
| | N-Y4 Toy Day | Please do not bring anything expensive or with pieces that may get lost! | |

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