



ARCHBISHOP RUNCIE
CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VA) FIRST SCHOOL



January 2019 - Newsletter 18

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

| Nursery | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Whole School (excluding Nursery) |
|---------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------------------------|
| 94.6% | 95.9% | 93.1% | 98.3% | 97.1% | 93.0% | 95.5% |

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

PTFA NEWS

Our school has been selected to be part of the ASDA green token scheme- if you shop in ASDA please ask for tokens and vote for us! The winners will receive £500 and runners up will receive £200. This money will start the fundraising project for the new "trim trail".



WELL DONE EVERYONE!

Mrs Mann, Miss Burns and I have enjoyed working with Mrs Webb from Gosforth Central Middle School this week and last week. She has been really impressed by the behaviour of our children and the quality of their work! Well done everyone! We have also developed some fantastic ideas about how we can enhance our curriculum further.

COMPLIMENT DAY



Thursday was National Compliment Day... children learned about the power of giving a compliment. We talked about how it made our day and made us feel appreciated when we received a compliment. I hope that we can continue to use compliments to show others that we appreciate their actions.

GOSFOTH GOT GOING!

On Thursday, we welcomed Reception children from the other Gosforth First schools to take part in a Multiskills event.



EYFS OPPOSITES DAY

Today, children in Nursery and Reception classes have worn their uniforms inside out and back to front to mark National Opposites Day. They have enjoyed all the activities related to opposites.



**OPPOSITE
DAY**





UKELELE LESSONS

On Tuesday this week, children in Years 3 and 4 had their first ukulele lesson with Mrs Fran Harris- we were really impressed with how well they all managed and look forward to seeing their progress over the course of the year!



REASONING WORKSHOP



On Wednesday 6th February we are holding a Reasoning Workshop for parents at 5:00pm. As you are aware, reasoning was one of the areas that Ofsted identified for our school to improve upon. As a school, we have worked hard to improve this across the curriculum, supporting children to give explanations for their answers and develop their thinking. We would like to invite parents to learn a little more about this on Wednesday evening. Please come along if you are able to. Places can be booked on the ParentMail form.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We have been successful in securing places for several of our new staff on an enhanced teaching programme, for 5 mornings, this term. Miss Burns and Mrs Mann undertook this training last year and highly recommended it and felt it benefited the progress of the children in their classes. Classes will be covered by existing staff, Mrs Hinsche and some supply staff well known to school. The dates are as follows;

- 31st January
- 14th February
- 28th February
- 21st March
- 4th April



We look forward to seeing the impact of this in the coming weeks!

BETTER READING PARTNERS

We are hosting a "Better Reading Partners" Workshop at 9:00am on Friday 1st March, for all Reading Buddies and parents to attend, to support children reading across the school. The training will last approximately 2 hours. Please complete the ParentMail form online to let us know if you are coming. It would be fantastic if as many parents as possible could attend.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

A small number of children have been enjoying Yoga, after school on Mondays, however the numbers remain low and we have more demand for Brooke Brown-Adams to resume her Hip Hop Dance Club. Therefore, after February half term, Dance Club will run each Monday After School. Places for Dance Club should be booked directly with Brooke (contact details are on the school website).

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Miss Leigh has arranged a Chinese Dance Workshop for the whole school on Friday 8th February, to celebrate Chinese New Year. We would welcome contributions of £2.50 per child, in order to help towards the cost please. Payments can be made via ParentMail please.



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We are hosting a Safeguarding Briefing for all Parent Helpers and Volunteers in school (including Reading Buddies) on 22nd March from 9:00-9:30am. Please complete the ParentMail form online to let us know if you can attend.

Mrs Armstrong (KS1&2), Mrs Ramsay (EYFS) and Miss Salter are managing medicines in school this year. If your child needs medicine administering during the school day or has a medical condition that requires medicines to be kept in school, please make an appointment to meet with one of these members of staff (before school at 8:30am) to discuss this. You will need to complete a form with them too. You can contact them via admin@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries.

Mrs KE Massey

“Love to learn, learn to love”

Colossians 3:23-24

Dates for your Diary

New dates are in red, for your information.

| Date | Event | Additional Notes |
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| January 2019 | | |
| Wednesday 30 th January | 2:30pm NEAT Consultation Drop In Session for parents at school | |
| Thursday 31st Jan | Governors Teaching & Learning Cttee Meeting | |
| February 2019 | | |
| Monday 4 th February | 9:00am Parent Council Meeting | Parents who have expressed an interest have been invited |
| | End of Consultation to join NEAT | |
| Tuesday 5 th Feb | Safer Internet Day | Activities in school |
| | Chinese New Year | We are looking for parents who might be able to lead activities in school, linked to Chinese New Year. Please contact Class Teachers. |
| | 10 children from Y1 to Zumba at GPFS | Details will be sent to selected children |
| | Governors Finance Cttee Meeting | |
| Wednesday 6 th Feb | Reasoning Workshop for parents 5:00-6:00pm | Please book places online |
| Thursday 7 th Feb | Reception- Walker Activity Dome | Please complete form on ParentMail Children may be late back to school. |
| | GST Moderation Meeting | Staff only |
| Friday 8 th Feb | Diversity Worship (led by Year 2) 9:00am | Parents invited |
| | Chinese Dragon Dance- all classes | Please pay online- £2.50 |
| Monday 11 th Feb | "Love is..." Day | |
| Tuesday 12 th Feb | N & Rec visit to Gibside | We will need as many Nursery & Reception parents as possible please! |
| | Y1 Balance Bike Relay | Details will be sent to selected children |
| | Y3 visit to El Torero | Details to follow |
| Thursday 14 th Feb | PTFA Film Night | PTFA to send more information |
| | 2:00pm Y4 Ceilidh | Details will be sent to selected children |
| | St Valentine's Day | |
| Friday 15 th Feb | Random Acts of Kindness Day | |
| | PTFA Cake Stall after school | Please send cake donations to school |
| | School closes for half term | |
| Monday 25 th Feb | School reopens to children | |
| | International World Thinking Day | Children invited to wear Brownie/Rainbows/Beavers/Cubs Uniforms |
| Tuesday 26 th Feb & Wed 27 th Feb | Parents' Evening | Please book online next week |
| Tuesday 26 th Feb | Year 1 visit from Captain Raggybeard | Please pay on ParentMail |
| Tuesday 26 th Feb | KS2 Quicksticks tournament 1-4pm | Selected children only- details to follow |
| Thursday 28 th February | Westfield "Sunshine in our pocket" event for selected KS2 pupils | Details will be sent to selected children |
| March 2019 | | |
| Friday 1 st March | Better Reading Partners Workshop for all reading buddies and any parents 9:00-11:00am | Time TBC Please book places online |
| Mon 4 th March- Fri 8 th March | Book Week | Info to follow |
| Mon 4 th March | Y1 – 4 visit to Seven Stories | Parent helpers required please! Children to wear school uniform and |

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| | | bring packed lunches please |
| Wed 6 th March | Y4 Worship – Lent begins | Parents invited |
| Thursday 7 th March | World Book Day | Children invited to dress as their favourite book character |
| Thursday 14 th March | Governors Teaching & Learning Cttee Meeting | |
| Fri 15 th March | Red Nose Day for Comic Relief | Children invited to wear red for £1 donation |
| | Gosforth Voices Tour | |
| Wed 20 th March | Purim (Jewish) | Activities in school |
| Thursday 21 st March | World Poetry Day | 2:30pm Poetry Performance for parents of Y1-4 children |
| | GST Moderation Meeting | Staff only |
| Fri 22 nd March | Deadline for Nursery applications | |
| | 9:00am Safeguarding Briefing for all parent helpers/volunteers in school | Please complete the ParentMail form |
| Wednesday 27 th March | 2:15pm Nursery Parents Stay & Play | Nursery parents invited |
| Thursday 28 th March | 9:15 Reception Parents Stay & Play | Reception parents invited to all or part of session |
| Friday 29 th March | Y1-4 Mothers' Day Service 9:00am | Mums invited! |
| | N & Rec Mothers' Day Service 2:30pm | Mums invited! |
| | Nursery places offered | |
| April 2019 | | |
| 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 | Autism Awareness Day | Activities in school |
| Wed 3 rd April | 9:00am Year 2 SATs Meeting for Parents | Y2 Parents- please come along! |
| Thursday 4 th April | PTFA Film Night | |
| | Y3 Football Tournament BEFS | |
| 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 |
| | School closes for Easter | |
| Tuesday 23 rd April | School re-opens to children | |
| | Shakespeare Day | Activities in school |
| Wed 24 th April | Y4 Bikeability | |
| Friday 26 th April | Deadline for acceptance of Nursery places | |
| | PTFA Easter Cake Stall | After school- please send cake donations to school on the day |
| Saturday 27 th April | PTFA Sponsored Walk | Details to follow |
| May 2019 | | |
| May | Year 2 Statutory Assessments | Y2 children must be in school please |
| Friday 3 rd May | International Laughter Day | |
| | Governors Ethos Cttee | |
| Thursday 9 th May | Governors TLA Cttee | |
| 12-18 May | Christian Aid Week | More info to follow |
| Thursday 16 th May | Themed lunch | Details to follow |
| 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 |
| | Wesak (Buddhist) | Activities in school |
| 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 |
| | Governors Finance Cttee Meeting | |
| Friday 24 th May | GST Daft Day for DAAB | Details to follow |

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| | School closes for half term | |
| June 2019 | | |
| Monday 3 rd June | Staff Training Day- school closed to children | |
| Tuesday 4 th June | School reopens to children | |
| | Eid-UL-Fitr (Muslim) | Activities in school |
| | pm KS2 All Saints Schools Week | Details to follow |
| 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 |
| | 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 | Gosv TLA Cttee Meeting | |
| Tuesday 25 th June | New Nursery Parents Meeting 5:00pm | |
| Thursday 27 th June | New Reception Parents Meeting 5:00pm | |
| Friday 28 th June | Non Uniform Day | Please send bottles or tombola prizes |
| | 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 |
| Thursday 4 th July | Governing Body Meeting | |
| | Transition Day for all Classes | |
| | 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 | | |
| 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 | |

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WEEKLY CLASSES

SATURDAYS

10AM
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TUESDAYS *NEW CLASS!

1.15PM
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NE3 1XD

*BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

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