

March 2020 - Week 25 Newsletter

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE & SCHOOL CLOSURE

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Further to the Government update on Wednesday, we will today close to all children except those with caregivers who are 'critical roles' to the COVID-19 response and vulnerable children.

You will no doubt have seen this guidance on our Twitter feed this morning:



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The guidance explains schools must follow these key principles:

- 1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
- 2. If a child needs specialist support, is **vulnerable** or has a parent who is a **critical worker**, then educational provision will be available for them.
- 3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends or family members with underlying conditions.
- 4. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

Source: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed, and **you** cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for education provision - this is our school's Category A self-assessment).

As per the official guidance: 'Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined below. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.'

As you already know, in response to these new government guidelines, we will remain open on Monday for children who meet this criteria (and these parents have been informed).

Where there are too many priority children in one school and few in another the local authority will, over the next week, begin to ensure all children of 'critical workers' get a place, but these **may not all be in their own school**. The Admissions team at the Civic Centre will be released to coordinate this. The telephone number for this support is 0191 277 4500.

For now, if we have too many children we may need to prioritise where there are two key workers/or single parent (category A self-assessment) before others (Category B). We will be working alongside the LA, over the next week, to make suitable arrangements for other pupils, if appropriate. If schools cannot offer a place parents can contact the LA on 0191 277 4500. **This will not be available until Monday.**

It is clear from government advice that 'if children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading'. We ask that you please follow this advice.

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 This morning, following the publication of the above guidance, we have been inundated with requests to alter self-assessments to Categories A and B. Unfortunately, we will therefore offer places on a priority basis in this order to:



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- Vulnerable children (on an EHCP plan or health care plan if they CANNOT be looked after safely at home)
 - Children of critical workers (where **both** parents are key workers or only one parent is at home
 - Health and social care (doctors, nurses, paramedics, social workers, care workers and other frontline health and social care staff)
 - Education and childcare (who are at work) teachers, teaching assistants, social workers, social care and supply chain (e.g medical supply)
 - Key to public services management of deceased, journalists, religious staff or running of the justice system.
 - Local government only frontline services
 - Food and necessary goods food production or delivery
 - Public safety police, fire, ambulance, probation, prison employees
 - Transport those who keep the air, water, road and rail passengers operating during COVID19 response
 - Utilities and financial essential for COVID19 response banks, building societies, oil, gas and electric employ
- 2. Children in households where one parent is a critical worker (only in circumstances where it is not possible for a child to be kept safely at home)

The school office will be open, as normal, next week for other queries as long as staff are not unwell.

Thank you in advance for your full cooperation at this very difficult time - we are incredibly grateful for all your support.

Please consider the school is running on fewer staff than usual — there is a very high chance of further staff absence. We would ask families to therefore consider carefully whether their role is critical or not and which childcare arrangements are available to them and to not hesitate to email us.

You are welcome to change your self-assessment in light of the above by emailing the admin account. admin@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk if you believe that your previous self-assessment is now inaccurate.

May we also emphasis that, as per both government and local authority guidance, **schools are to provide childcare and cannot offer their usual curriculum.** This is especially relevant given the extremely high likelihood of large numbers of staff being absent and different staff members providing said childcare.

In addition to opening to families with critical job roles, we will be in touch with a small number of specific families due to their individual circumstances when we are given further guidance. If there are extenuating circumstances that we are not already aware of, we would be very grateful if you could make a telephone appointment to speak to either Mr Booth or myself as soon as possible.

IN SCHOOL CHILDCARE ARRANGEMENTS

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 The message about prioritisation for places, from the LA; Children in care, EHC, pupils with both parents as key workers or single parent key workers, other key workers. This prioritisation is just for the initial days until the LA is in a position to co-ordinate a whole city offer for all key workers.

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Head of Service - School Effectiveness, Newcastle Local Authority

Parents of children in Categories A and B have now had confirmation that school will be open for childcare of their children from Monday 23rd March via ParentMail. We are currently trying to ascertain the day-to-day demand so that we can provide adequate staffing. We would be grateful these parents could complete the form on ParentMail to let us know which days of the week they will need childcare. If this will vary from week to week, there is an option to indicate that.

Due to the need for many of you to be at work promptly, we will be opening from 7:45am (for Breakfast Club) for a free breakfast facility. You are welcome to arrive at school at any point between 7:45am and 9am to the Main Office. If you require a different drop off time, we will do our best to accommodate this. Usual school protocols will apply otherwise (e.g. late drop off, early pick up, absence etc. - please let us know if there are any issues ahead of time). School will close at 3:15pm as usual. As you undoubtedly already know, the same guidance for self-isolation and when your child needs to stay at home will apply.

**Please indicate which lunch you would like provided in the ParentMail form.** In the case of our cook being absent, we will request packed lunches to be brought in from home. If your child is in receipt of free school meals, this entitlement will not change, even in the event of our cook's absence. The only lunches being offered in school will be a cold packed lunch consisting of a sandwich, biscuit, yoghurt and fruit.

At present, we are unsure of exact staffing arrangements. It is likely that staff will work on a rota basis as long as they are well enough. Dependent on exact staffing and child numbers, it is likely that children will be looked after as one large group with multiple adults. If staffing numbers are critically low, we will liaise with other schools but we must advise you that there is a possibility school will not be able to open in those particular circumstances.

We are still awaiting specific advice from the government and local authority about Easter holiday provision. We will be in touch with relevant families in due course.

Please still bring coats, bookbags, water bottles etc as normal. Children do not need to wear school uniform (unless parents specifically want them to!) and are invited to bring wellies, bikes from home and perhaps a game to play with friends (nothing of value or electronic!)

It is also important to note that staff may bring their own children to school, depending on their family circumstances. We thank you for your understanding with regard to this.

#### **CHANGING YOUR SELF ASSESSMENT**

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/quidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision

We would ask all families to consider the following:

• If you have categorised yourself as A or B already, please consider very closely if you need childcare and if you need it every day. We will be asking families what days they may need. If you believe you will no longer need this childcare, please inform us urgently.

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• If you have already categorised yourself as C or D and believe that your role now falls under a 'critical worker' under the new quidance, that you contact us urgently to inform us.

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- That if there are any extenuating circumstances in your family situation that means you will be unable to provide childcare you inform us urgently.
- That, even if you do not need childcare as of now, that if your role changes over the coming weeks that you inform us when this happens if you need urgent childcare. The school phone will, where possible, be manned as normal from 8am to 3:30pm

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined below. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.

#### **STAYING UP TO DATE**

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The Department for Education helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

**Phone:** 0800 046 868

**Email:** <u>DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk</u> **Opening hours:** 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

#### FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM)

We have been informed that the local authority will begin a FSM voucher scheme for pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium funding. At present I do not know how this will operate but I will, of course, keep you updated. If your child is entitled to FSM but they are not currently attending, you can order a cold packed lunch bag (which can be picked up from school each day), until the voucher scheme is up and running. Please let Mrs Pygall know that you would like to order a meal for collection via email admin@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk



This is not applicable for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who receive Universal Free Meals unless they qualify for Pupil Premium funding.

**Universal Free Meals:** The universal free school initiative (wherein **all** pupils from Reception to Y2 receive a hot, nutritiously balanced meal each day)

**Free School Meals:** If you are in receipt of Child Tax Credit, with no Working Tax Credit (income below £16,190), Income Support, Income Based Jobseekers Allowance, Income Based Employment and Support Allowance, Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit or fall under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 you may be entitled to qualify for free school meals. Just call 0845 6006400 to apply immediately over the phone. Alternatively you can log on to https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals.

#### **USEFUL RESOURCES**

I would like to signpost you to the following resources for staff, parents and children which may be of use: <a href="https://www.mind.org.hk/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/ResponseCoronavirusENG6.2.2020-.pdf">https://www.mind.org.hk/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/ResponseCoronavirusENG6.2.2020-.pdf</a>

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https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/11/well/family/coronavirus-teenagers-anxiety.html?fbclid=IwAR3ZiNhqumvsqDnY9Ewh0WmDpbbcO3Mfr4UJdcB\_doNnxaNLK9b42KZFnhw

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Anna Freud: Self-Care and Coping Strategies

https://www.annafreud.org/selfcare/

BBC: How to protect your mental health <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-51873799">https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-51873799</a>

CBBC: Video and Questions

https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51861089

# mind for better mental health

#### **HANDWASHING**

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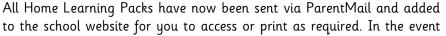
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As we are all washing our hands more frequently, some children are experiencing dry skin. Please could we ask that, if this is the case, parents apply cream to children's hands at bedtime to help prevent any soreness? If your child will still be attending next week, has a skin condition and has a prescribed cream you can, as always, make an appointment to see Mrs Armstrong or Mrs Brown to arrange application of this during the school day. Thank you for your support with this.

#### **ONLINE & HOME LEARNING**

Login details for online resources should already be in pupils' Reading Records. If you need support accessing these resources, please contact your child's class teacher.





of school closure or self-isolation it is important maintain their previous learning. Please continue to read with your child daily, recap phonics daily for children in Reception and Year 1 and practice times tables daily in Years 2, 3 and 4. Thank you for your ongoing support with this. If you need packed printed, please emails Mrs Pygall.

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One of our Year 4 parent, Heather Yoveli, has offered her support as a home educator and is happy for fellow ARFS parents to contact her on Facebook.

If there are any children who do not have access to appropriate IT equipment, please let Class Teachers know as soon as possible for some suggested alternatives.

Dependent on each year group, log ins for various websites have been given. If your child has not been in school this week, a ParentMail with log ins (not yet distributed) will be sent out early next week. There are some important notes about some of the websites, as detailed below. If any log ins do not work properly, please contact your class teacher.

| Name  | Subject | Classes                                 | Further information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-------|---------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Lexia | Reading | Selected<br>children<br>in Years<br>1-4 | www.lexiacore5.com Lexia is a reading programme that requires audio as it involves listening to things before answering. As Lexia requires a pre-assessment, if your child has not been in school for their assessment, a log in has not and will not be given. |

| RM<br>Easimaths          | Maths                 | All<br>children<br>in Years<br>1-4                 | https://www.rmeasimaths.com/ RM EasiMaths is a Maths programme that reminds children of a wide variety of previously covered material. Log in details have been provided. You will need Flash to use Easimaths which can cause issues on some mobile devices.  When logging in, please put your  username  archbishop  password |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Times Table<br>Rockstars | Maths                 | All<br>children<br>in Years<br>2-4                 | www.ttrockstars.com Times Table Rockstars is a fun way to learn times tables. Log in details have been provided.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Purple<br>Mash           | Computing plus others | All<br>children<br>in Years<br>Nursery<br>— Year 3 | https://www.purplemash.com/login/<br>Purple Mash is a series of Computing activities as well as other<br>subject tasks.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

Other resources you may wish to utilise:

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| Phonics    | Reading | N-1 | https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/                                         |  |
|------------|---------|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Play       |         |     | Normally a paid for site, Phonics Play has now been made free.         |  |
| -          |         |     | Please go on the website for further details.                          |  |
| Twinkl     | All     | All | www.twinkl.co.uk                                                       |  |
|            |         |     | Twinkl is a resource website for teachers that is very widely used.    |  |
|            |         |     | Normally a paid for website, it is temporarily free for all, including |  |
|            |         |     | families. You can create an account and use the code                   |  |
|            |         |     | <b>UKTWINKLCARES</b> for full access. Worksheets, PowerPoints and      |  |
|            |         |     | other related resources are plentiful. Simply typing in any subject    |  |
|            |         |     | followed by the year group (e.g. Decimals Year 4, Fairy tales Year     |  |
|            |         |     | 2) will result in lots of useful material.                             |  |
| Classroom  | All     | 1-4 | https://kids.classroomsecrets.co.uk/                                   |  |
| Secrets    |         |     | This is a child-friendly version of a website similar to Twinkl.       |  |
|            |         |     | Temporary free access is available and it has a range of games for     |  |
|            |         |     | children.                                                              |  |
| Pobble365  | English | All | http://www.pobble365.com                                               |  |
|            |         |     | This website has a different picture every day. It has a selection of  |  |
|            |         |     | suggested activities, including written and non-written.               |  |
| Khan       | All     | 2-4 | https://www.khanacademy.org/                                           |  |
| Academy    |         |     | This website is free and uses the US grade system (i.e. Year 3 is      |  |
|            |         |     | second grade; 4 is third grade). Children can watch videos and         |  |
|            |         |     | learn lots, but it's especially useful in Maths and Computing.         |  |
| White Rose | Maths   | All | https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/                               |  |
| Maths      |         |     | Resources for teaching Maths have been made public and free — this     |  |
|            |         |     | is normally a website for classroom teachers. White Rose Maths is      |  |
|            |         |     | the most widely used Maths resource across the country and its         |  |
|            |         |     | variety and quality of material is excellent.                          |  |

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We will keep you updated if we hear of anything further!

#### ACCELERATED READER

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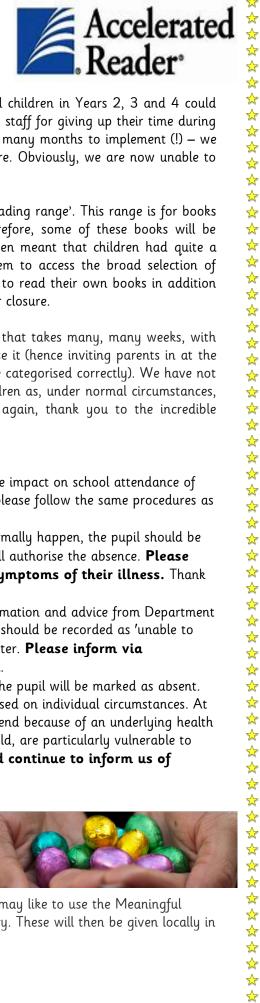
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Unfortunately due to the pandemic, the amazing parents who started the re-organisation of the library were unable to come in and complete the labelling of books for Accelerated Reader. However, staff have



stayed behind several nights this week to do this in order to ensure all children in Years 2, 3 and 4 could take a book home during this period of closure. We are very grateful to staff for giving up their time during such a busy week. Accelerated Reader is normally a process that takes many months to implement (!) - we were planning to have a workshop for parents to introduce the structure. Obviously, we are now unable to do this but information will be shared as appropriate on full reopening.

In brief, children are given a quick assessment on iPads that gives a 'reading range'. This range is for books the children can read independently without any adult support. Therefore, some of these books will be 'easier' and others more challenging. The previous banding system often meant that children had quite a narrow selection of books to choose from and we are excited for them to access the broad selection of books within their reading range. The children are, of course, welcome to read their own books in addition to school books and we would most definitely encourage this during our closure.

As previously stated, rolling out Accelerated Reader is normally a task that takes many, many weeks, with an original timetable of spending the whole of this half-term to organise it (hence inviting parents in at the start of term to go through every single book in school so they could be categorised correctly). We have not been able to spend as much time explaining the programme to the children as, under normal circumstances, we would have done. We thank you for your understanding. Once again, thank you to the incredible parents who gave up their time to help out!

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Current guidance from the DfE is that no school will be penalised for the impact on school attendance of coronavirus (COVID-19). If your child is due to attend or may be late, please follow the same procedures as you would normally:

- Where a pupil cannot attend school due to illness, as would normally happen, the pupil should be recorded as absent in the attendance register and the school will authorise the absence. Please inform us via ParentMail that your child is ill and the symptoms of their illness. Thank
- Where a pupil is in self-isolation, in accordance with latest information and advice from Department of Health and Social Care and Public Health England, the pupil should be recorded as 'unable to attend due to exceptional circumstances' in the attendance register. Please inform via ParentMail us that your child is self-isolating. Thank you.
- Where a pupil does not attend school and is not self-isolating, the pupil will be marked as absent. Headteachers can decide whether to authorise such absence, based on individual circumstances. At ARFS we will authorise absence where a pupil is not able to attend because of an underlying health condition that means they, or a family member in their household, are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus (COVID-19). We would be grateful if you could continue to inform us of reasons for all absences via ParentMail. Thank you.

#### **SHARE THE MIRACLE**

I would like to remind you of our invitation to take part in a local ShareTheMiracle project. Our school will still run a 'ShareTheMiracle Station' (a collection point for Easter Eggs) where children, parents, staff, governors or anyone else associated with the school can donate



an Easter egg. Whilst individuals may choose to donate any egg, some may like to use the Meaningful Chocolate Eggs that are fair trade and include details of the Easter Story. These will then be given locally in an intergenerational expression of kindness.

The ShareTheMiracle vision is to see a wave of kindness transform local communities far and wide at Easter. It provides a simple way to start a conversation, meet people you may not ordinarily and reach out to those less fortunate locally. At this current time, when members of our locality are isolated, this may be a gesture that makes someone's week.

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The giving of an egg has proven to be a catalyst to 'little miracles'. The egg that starts a conversation, an elderly person to feel less lonely when a school reaches out. The possibilities are endless. Each egg has the opportunity to change a situation and each act of kindness helps strengthen your community, form friendships and release hope.



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#### **EASTER EGGS**

Virgin Money in Gosforth Centre have started a Easter egg collection for their chosen charity - North East Cancer Care Research Fund (NECCR). If you would like to buy an Easter Egg you can leave it with Mrs Pygall at the school office. Please let us know which charity to wish to donate an egg to! Thank you.

#### **PARKING**

It has been great to see some parking attendants reinforcing parking restrictions around our school over the last couple of weeks. Thank you to all those of you who continue to park and drive considerately.



#### **RESOURCE REQUESTS**

Breakfast Club are seeking donations of Lego please. Thank you!

#### **HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!**

All public church services have stopped for the time being which means that there are no services at Gosforth, St Nicholas' or Gosforth, All Saints'. The Archbishops invite you to put a candle in your window at 7pm on Mothering Sunday as an ecumenical sign of prayer.

We hope that this week you have received your card and daffodils from your child (if they have been at school). We hope you all have a restful and safe Mothers' Day on Sunday.



#### **CHURCH LINKS**

A message from Jane and Andrew at Gosforth, St Nicholas' and All Saints', respectively:

If you are anxious or worried please do get in touch. Be assured of prayer for you all. With every blessing.

### Revd Jane Nattrass

Vicar of Gosforth, St Nicholas' 07568530503 nattrassjane@aol.com

## Rev Canon Andrew Shipton

Vicar of All Saints' Gosforth and Priest in Charge of St Hugh's 0191 284 5540

andrewshipton085@aol.com

#### **HUMAN SUPPORT GROUP**

Due to the global pandemic around the Coronavirus, most social gatherings for the elderly will have had to be cancelled and communal areas closed. This could leave some elderly people feeling isolated, since they often rely on this interaction throughout the day.

To help combat this, working in partnership with the Human Support Group, we would like to ask for your help. Over the coming weeks, children are invited to write



a letter (or draw a picture) to an elderly pen pal; it would be wonderful to think we could put a smile on someone's face at this time.

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If you would like to take part, letters and pictures can be sent to the address show below, these will be distributed accordingly.

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Jemma Brady Registered Branch Manager Floor 1 managers office Angel Court Waverley Road Gateshead NE9 7TG

Many thanks in advance for your support.



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#### **ONLINE SAFETY**

Given the focus on online learning, we thought it timely to remind you of the following website for guidance and support with keeping children safe online: <a href="https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/">https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/</a>



#### **CANCER RUN**

You will have seen from our Twitter feed that the Children's Cancer Run has been postponed until Sunday  $20^{\text{th}}$  September.

#### **TWITTER**

Please follow us on Twitter @RuncieOf to find out what we've been up to! It is easy to join Twitter or, if you prefer, you can see our Twitter feed on the home page of our school website.



#### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to staff for their swift response to change and being so flexible this week whilst several of their colleagues have been absent. We wish our absent friends a speedy recovery!

May I also thank the many parents who brought their children to school as normal despite the anxiety caused by these challenging circumstances; this has contributed to a sense of normality for all of our community. We are thinking those of you who have not been able to join us this week and you are very much in our thoughts and prayers.

This has been a rollercoaster of a week! Despite its challenges, we have seen so many people at their best, with many acts of kindness and putting others before themselves. Thank you for this!

Please do keep in touch with us over the coming weeks; class teachers will be checking emails on a daily basis where possible (if in doubt or in the event of no response, please email <a href="mailto:admin@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk">admin@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk</a>).

We will be thinking of you all in the coming weeks and please stay safe and well — we will see you all again hopefully very soon!

With my very best wishes,

Mrs KE Massey

Headteacher



# "Love to learn, learn to love"

1 Corinthians 16:14

Dates for your Diary

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New dates are in red, for your information.

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| Dates for your Diar                 | Event                                       | Time          | Additional Notes                  |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| March 2020                          |                                             |               |                                   |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March       | School Closed to all children except thise  |               | Please see Newsletter             |
| r fortung 20 Trunch                 | of 'critical workers'                       |               | T tease see I ve wsteree.         |
|                                     | World Water Day                             | All day       |                                   |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March      | CANCELLED Y3 & Y4 visit to Durham           | All day       | Refunds have been issued via      |
|                                     | University                                  | lg            | ParentMail                        |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March    | CANCELLED Full Governing Body               | 5:30pm        |                                   |
| 3                                   | Meeting                                     | '             |                                   |
|                                     | CANCELLED Year 1 Forest School              | pm            | In school                         |
|                                     | CANCELLED Gosforth Band                     | 3:45-4:45pm   | at Archibald First School         |
| Thursday 26th March                 | CANCELLED Nursery visit to Walker           | 1:00-2:45pm   | Children may be slightly late     |
| J                                   | Dome                                        | '             | returning to school               |
|                                     |                                             |               |                                   |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March       | CANCELLED SATs Meeting for Year 2           | 9:00          | Slides will be sent out           |
| •                                   | Parents                                     |               | electronically via ParentMail     |
|                                     | CANCELLED Nursery & Reception               | am (N&R)      | In school                         |
|                                     | Forest School                               | pm (Y2)       |                                   |
|                                     | Year 2 Forest School                        |               |                                   |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March       | CANCELLED Year 2 visit to Alnwick           | All Day       |                                   |
|                                     | Castle                                      |               |                                   |
|                                     | No French lunchtime club                    | -             |                                   |
| Tuesday 31st March                  | CANCELLED Y3 & Y4 X-Country                 | <u>1:30pm</u> |                                   |
|                                     | CANCELLED New Nursery Parents               | 5:00pm        |                                   |
|                                     | Meeting, for children starting after        |               |                                   |
|                                     | Easter                                      |               |                                   |
|                                     | Last Day for reduced price entry for        |               | Remember to register with our     |
|                                     | Children's Cancer Run                       |               | school!                           |
| April 2020                          |                                             |               |                                   |
| Wednesday 1st April                 | CANCELLED Nursery Stay & Play               | 2:00pm        | Nursery Parents invited           |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April      | CANCELLED Pre-School Easter Egg             | 9:00am        | For children who do not currently |
|                                     | Hunt                                        |               | attend school                     |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April       | CANCELLED French lunchtime club             | Lunchtime     |                                   |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April      | Autism Awareness Day                        | All day       | Activities in school              |
|                                     | CANCELLED Years 3 & 4 visiting St           | 10:00 - 2:00  |                                   |
|                                     | Nicholas' Church- Easter Storytelling       |               |                                   |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April        | CANCELLED <u>Easter Service All Saints'</u> | 1:30pm        |                                   |
|                                     | Church                                      |               |                                   |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April-Friday | Easter Holidays                             |               | School closed                     |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> April              |                                             |               |                                   |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April       | Children back                               | 8:50am        |                                   |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April     | Shakespeare Day                             | All day       | Activities in school              |

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|                                               | CANCELLED NCDCC in askerd                                                             | 1 20nm VC1               | 1                                                                 |
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|                                               | CANCELLED NSPCC in school                                                             | 1:30pm KS1<br>2:00pm KS2 |                                                                   |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April                 | Deadline to accept Nursery places in                                                  | Noon                     |                                                                   |
|                                               | school                                                                                |                          |                                                                   |
|                                               | Year 3 & Year 4 swimming lessons begin (weekly until end of term)                     | pm                       | More info to follow                                               |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April               | GST Boys Football competition at BEFS                                                 | 1:15-3:00pm              |                                                                   |
| May 2020                                      | To a bogo i cotoan compension at below                                                | 1110 0.000               |                                                                   |
| May 2020                                      | SATs for Year 2 children                                                              | All month                | Year 2 children must be in school                                 |
| 1 lug 2020                                    | or tra jor rear 2 character                                                           | , the medicine           | please                                                            |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May                 | Staff & Governor Training- Valuing All<br>God's Children                              | 4:00pm                   |                                                                   |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May                  | Wesak (Buddhist)                                                                      | All day                  | Activities in school                                              |
| Thursday 7 May                                | Dinnington First School official opening                                              | TBC                      | Activities in school                                              |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May                    | Bank Holiday                                                                          | TBC                      | School Closed                                                     |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May                   | Christian Aid Worship, led by Year 2                                                  | 9:00am                   | All welcome!                                                      |
| Thursday 14th May                             | Y3 Team Games festival at Walker                                                      | 1:00-2:45pm              |                                                                   |
| Thursday 14" May                              | Dome                                                                                  |                          | Children may be slightly late returning to school                 |
|                                               | Reception Stay & Play                                                                 | 2:00pm                   | Reception Parents invited                                         |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May                   | Phonics Screen Workshop for Year 1<br>Parents                                         | 9:00am                   |                                                                   |
| Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May                   | POSTPONED Children's Cancer Run                                                       | <u>TBC</u>               |                                                                   |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May                   | DAAB planting                                                                         | 10:30-11:30              | Selected Year 1 children                                          |
| Tuesday 19th May                              | GST Teach Meet                                                                        | 3:45pm                   | Staff only                                                        |
| 3 3                                           | Class Photos                                                                          | TBC                      | 33 3                                                              |
| Thursday 21st May                             | GST Y3 & Y4 Benchball competition at                                                  | TBC                      | Selected children only                                            |
|                                               | Brunton                                                                               |                          |                                                                   |
|                                               | Ascension Day Worship, led by Year 3                                                  | 9:00am                   | All welcome!                                                      |
|                                               | World Day for Cultural Diversity                                                      | All day                  | Activities in school                                              |
|                                               | Children's choice lunch                                                               | 12:00                    |                                                                   |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May                   | GST Daft Day                                                                          | All day                  | Children invited to wear something "daft". Suggested donation £1. |
|                                               | Y4 Times Table test Parent Workshop                                                   | 9:00am                   |                                                                   |
|                                               | Eid activities in school.                                                             | All day                  |                                                                   |
| Monday 2th May-Friday<br>29 <sup>th</sup> May | Half Term                                                                             | 7 tt dag                 |                                                                   |
| June 2020                                     |                                                                                       |                          |                                                                   |
| Monday 1st June                               | GST Staff Training Day                                                                | All day                  | School closed to children                                         |
| 1-5 <sup>th</sup> June                        | Year 1 Phonics Screen assessment                                                      | All week                 | Year 1 children must be in school please                          |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June                  | Pentecost Worship, led by Year 4                                                      | 2:30pm                   |                                                                   |
| Š                                             | Year 3 & Year 4- All Saints' Moses Activities                                         | TBC                      |                                                                   |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June                | Gosforth Voices                                                                       | 3:45-4:45pm              | at Grange First School                                            |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June                 | GST Y3 & Y4 Tag Rugby at RFFS                                                         | TBC                      | Selected children only                                            |
| J                                             | GST Inclusion Fair                                                                    | 1:00pm                   | More info to follow                                               |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June                   | Roy Lawson visiting Years 3 & 4                                                       | TBC                      | More info to follow                                               |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June                   | Year 2 visit to St Mary's Lighthouse                                                  | All day                  | Children will need to bring or order a packed lunch please        |
|                                               | No French                                                                             | _                        | 1                                                                 |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June                  | New Nursery Parents Meeting for children starting Nursery in September 2020           | 5:00pm                   |                                                                   |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June               | New Reception Parents Meeting for children starting Reception class in September 2020 | 5:00pm                   |                                                                   |

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|                                           | Gosforth Band                          | 3:45-4:45pm      | at Archibald First School        |  |
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| 11 <sup>th</sup> June                     | Year 3 School Nurse feelings &         | 1:30pm           | at / it citibata / it st seriost |  |
| 11 Gaite                                  | relationships session                  | 1.00p            |                                  |  |
| 15-19 <sup>th</sup> June                  | Y4 statutory Times Tables test         | All week         |                                  |  |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June             | Year 3 & Year 4 playing at the Big Gig | Performance      | Northumbria Sports Central- Y3 & |  |
| racsaag 10 vanc                           | (out of school all day)                | at 1:30pm        | Y4 parents invited.              |  |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June           | Gosforth Voices                        | 3:45-4:45pm      | at Grange First School           |  |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June            | Year 4 Diocesan Leavers Service        | 10:45am          | St George's Church, Cullercoats. |  |
|                                           |                                        |                  | Staff and children only due to   |  |
|                                           |                                        |                  | space restrictions.              |  |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June              | Y4 visit to Vindolanda                 | All day          | Children will need to bring or   |  |
| 3                                         |                                        |                  | order a packed lunch please      |  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> June                     | Pyramid Concert (Gosforth Voices &     | 4:00pm Rehearsal |                                  |  |
|                                           | Gosforth Band)                         | 6:15pm at Trin   |                                  |  |
| July 2020                                 |                                        |                  |                                  |  |
| Wednesday 1st July                        | pm Y4 Skipping Event- GJA              | TBC nearer       |                                  |  |
|                                           |                                        | the time         |                                  |  |
|                                           | Nursery Stay & Play                    | 2:00pm           | Nursery parents invited          |  |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July             | GST Y4 Netball at Grange               | TBC              | Selected children only           |  |
|                                           | GST Transition Day                     | TBC              |                                  |  |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July               | Reports out                            |                  |                                  |  |
|                                           | Y4 Bikeability all day                 | All day          | All children in Year 4 need to   |  |
|                                           |                                        | _                | bring a bike to school.          |  |
| Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> July             | PTFA Summer Fair                       | TBC              |                                  |  |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July               | KS1/2 Sports Day                       | 1:30pm           | Parents Invited                  |  |
|                                           | PE Week (Mon- Fri)                     | All week         |                                  |  |
|                                           | Drop in for parents                    | 3:30-5:00pm      | No need to book an appointment   |  |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July              | Drop in for parents                    | 3:30-5:00pm      | No need to book an appointment   |  |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July            | Y2 skipping at GJA                     | 9:30-12:30       |                                  |  |
|                                           | pm EYFS Sports Day                     | 1:30pm           | Parents invited                  |  |
|                                           | Full Governing Body Meeting            | 5:30pm           |                                  |  |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May              | Y2 Team Games festival at Walker       | 1:00-2:45pm      | Children may be slightly late    |  |
|                                           | Dome                                   |                  | returning to school              |  |
|                                           |                                        |                  |                                  |  |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July              | Year 4 Leavers' Service                | 9:00am           |                                  |  |
|                                           | End of term picnic lunch for staff and | Noon             | Please pay via ParentMail        |  |
|                                           | children                               |                  |                                  |  |
|                                           | Picnic in the Playground               | 3:15-4:15pm      |                                  |  |
|                                           | School closes for Summer               |                  |                                  |  |
| September 2020                            |                                        | 1                |                                  |  |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2020     | Staff Training Day                     | All day          |                                  |  |
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September         | School reopens to pupils.              | 8:45am           |                                  |  |
| 2020                                      |                                        |                  |                                  |  |
| Sunday 20th September                     | Children's Cancer Run                  | TBC              |                                  |  |
| Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Y4 Residential |                                        | TBC              | More info to follow              |  |
| September- Thursday 1st                   |                                        |                  |                                  |  |
| October                                   |                                        |                  |                                  |  |

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