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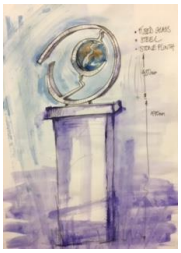
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ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole School
97%	99%	99.7%	96.2%	99.3%	98%	98.3%

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful half term break.

During half term we have been busy improving the school premises; Mr Hunter has continued on our painting spree, City Works have removed the unsafe trim-trail play equipment from the main yard and re-turfed, the "Hobbit" door has been completed for the Nursery children to access the outdoor area directly from the classroom, the PE cupboard doors have finally been fitted in the Hall and preparations have been made for our electronic visitor registration system at the main entrance!



You may also have noticed the internal courtyard has had a second section of grass laid, thanks to the PTFA. Zoe Parker-Smissen is busy creating a sculpture, based on work by the children and inspired by our mission statement, to add the finishing touch in the courtyard (design on the left). The sculpture is an abstract representation of the school badge, made from metal, with coloured glass at the center; this represents the wonder of our school and our aim to transform and inspire our pupils. There will be a grand unveiling in due course!



PTFA NEWS

The PTFA disco on Thursday proved very popular! Thank you to all those who helped organise this event.

CURRICULUM

Thank you to everyone who came to see the exhibition at the end of last term. We are sure you will agree that is was fabulous to see the children's work on display! We have received lots of extremely positive feedback about this, for which we are very grateful- thank you!

We have already made a wonderful start to this half term. Nursery and Reception have begun their topic on "Julia Donaldson Stories" and are looking forward to a Story Party, to be delivered by Seven Stories, later this term! Year 1 have had a week on "Poppies" and are looking forward to a new topic, learning about old toys, from next week. Year 2 have had a wonderful start to their Polar Lands topic with a full day workshop, from Bigfoot Theatre Company. Years 3 and 4 have been on a WWI immersive experience at the Discovery Museum and have already learned lots of facts about WWI!

All class teachers have now sent class newsletters and topic information home via ParentMail (this is also available on the school website).



CHARITABLE GIVING

Thank you to everyone who has donated towards a poppy this week. We have thought about Remembrance in Worship this week as well as creating poppies and poems ready for the GST exhibition at Trinity Church.

WORSHIP

This half term we will continue to welcome Andrew Mason, Rev'd Andrew Shipton and "Open the Book" to lead acts of Worship. We also look forward to Year 3 leading our Advent Worship on Friday 30th November. Please come along if you are able to.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club has made a fabulous start this week and the children have had great fun playing in the hall, on the computers and using the library. They have planned, with Miss Salter, which activities they would like on offer this half term. Mrs Battista has spoilt them with pancakes for breakfast one morning and they baked a cake this morning!









GOSFORTH SCHOOLS TRUST

This week is GST Poppy Week. Thank you to everyone who created a poppy for our display. The children have all learned about Remembrance this week and they have each created a poppy for the exhibition at Trinity Church.

NURSERY- JANUARY 2019 INTAKE



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

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

COLD WEATHER



As the weather changes, we are asking the children to bring a warm coat, hat, gloves etc to school. It would be great if they had a small drawstring bag to leave these items in, on their peg. Please check each item is clearly named- as you can imagine there will be lots of items lying around! Please can you ensure your children stay off the grass before and after school to avoid mud being walked into school.

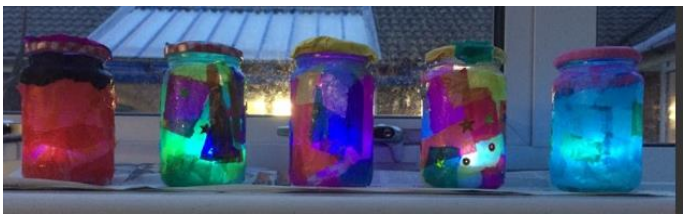
EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS (Autumn 2)

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

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

Art Club has got off to a great start- this week children at Art Club made dream jars.

For a taster session of Yoga please contact Rachel Ferguson, the class leader, directly.



Dance Club, Yoga and Art Club all have places available if any more children would like to join.

THEATRE VISIT



We are very excited to announce that we have booked a Christmas visit to The Stand to see Snow White II "Appely Ever After" for Years 1-4 on Wednesday 19th December. The show begins at 1pm so children will have an early lunch at school then travel by metro to The Stand on High Bridge Street. The show finishes at 2:45pm so we are likely to return to school after 3:15pm. Please complete the permission form and payment via ParentMail (to follow) or request a barcode from Mrs McCloud.

FEEDBACK



Thank you to everyone who has given feedback to help to let us know what is working well and suggestions of how to move our school forward. We have been blown away by the overwhelming quantity of extremely positive responses and messages of thanks for the hard work and effort of the staff. We really appreciate your comments, thank you! If you have not yet completed the form online, or email your comments to admin@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk. Please do so **before Monday 12th November** so we can collate all feedback.

SENDCO ROLE



Miss Burns (Year 4 Teacher) will be taking over from me as Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDCo) in January. We have worked together closely this term, as a handover, which has given her an opportunity to meet most parents of children on the SEND register as well as familiarizing herself with paperwork and documentation. She will be supported by Jill Tough, from the LA (as well as me of course!). She will continue to teach Year 4 full time, with a Monday afternoon out of class, to undertake her SENDCo duties. She is very excited about her new post within school and I am confident she will be fantastic in this role and an asset to the school and our families.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

We have been invited to donate filled shoeboxes to "Helping Our Homeless" which supports homeless people in Newcastle, via The People's Kitchen and Destiny's Streetwork. If you would like to fill a shoebox, or send in a donation for a shoebox, these would be gratefully received until Friday 7th December. Many thanks.



REMINDERS

Mrs McCloud will be sending out reminders about outstanding payments and dinner money. We would be grateful if these could be paid as soon as possible please.

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

With my very best wishes,

Mrs KE Massey

Headteacher

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Dates for your Diary

New dates are in red, for your information.

Date	Event	Additional Notes
November 2018		
Sat 10th Nov	10:00am – 2:00pmCafé Beam opening (Gosforth High Street) see invitation below	Please go along to show your support
12-16th Nov	Antibullying Week	Activities for children during school
DATE TBC	Nursery & Reception Story Party (in school)	Please pay online
Thursday 15th Nov	Prospective Reception Parents Open Evening 3:30pm	Please let your friends with young children know!
Friday 16th Nov	Children in Need Day	Children can wear spotty clothing for a donation of £1
	School Council Meeting	
CHANGE OF DATE Monday 19th Nov	Antibullying workshops for Years 1-4 £4.00 per child	Please pay online
Wed 21st Nov	World "Hello" Day	Children will be encouraged to greet 10 new people
Wed 21st & Thursday 22nd Nov	10:00am - 4:00pm GST "Poppies and Poems" exhibition at Trinity Church, Gosforth High Street	Open to all
Wed 28th Nov	N & Rec Julia Donaldson Day	N & Rec children invited to dress as a Julia Donaldson character
	Governing Body Meeting	
Thursday 29th Nov	Year 1 visit to Discovery Museum	Please complete form and pay online. Children will need to wear uniform and bring a packed lunch. Parent helpers needed please!
Friday 30th Nov	9:00 Advent Worship- led by Year 3 (in school)	Parents and carers welcome
December 2018		
Monday 3rd Dec	Prospective Reception Parents Open Evening 3:30pm	Please let your friends with young children know!
Tuesday 4th Dec	GST Council Meeting- GCMS	GST reps only
Friday 7th December	Deadline for shoebox donations	
Wed 12th Dec	9:15- Reception Christmas "Stay & Play" 2:15- Nursery Christmas "Stay & Play"	Parents invited
Friday 14th Dec	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day	Children and staff wear Christmas Jumpers for £1 donation
	School Christmas Lunch for staff and pupils	Please book on line if your child usually has a packed lunch
	PTA Christmas Fair & Carol Singing (Years 1-4) 2:30pm-4:00pm	All welcome!
Monday 17th Dec	Flu immunizations (pm) R-Y4	Forms now complete
	1:30pm KS2 Nativity (Y3 & Y4)	Ticket info to follow
	5:30pm KS1 Nativity (Y1 & Y2) 6:30pm KS2 Nativity (Y3 & Y4)	Children need to be back at school by 5:00pm please.
Tuesday 18th Dec	Foundation Stage (N & Rec) Nativity 9:30am	Ticket info to follow
	Foundation Stage Party (N & Rec) pm	N & Rec children can bring party clothes. Please sign up to bring food.

	Key Stage One Nativity 2:00pm (Y1 & Y2)	Ticket info to follow
Wed 19th Dec		
	"Appely Ever After" Years 1-2 Theatre visit- £5.00 per child 11:30am-3:30pm	Please pay online Please note we are likely to be late back to school
	2:00pm Foundation Stage Nativity (N & Rec)	Ticket info to follow
Thursday 20th Dec	CHANGE OF DATE TO ACCOMDATE THEATRE VISIT- KS2 Party (Y3 & Y4) am	Y3 & 4 children can bring party clothes. Please sign up to bring food.
	KS1 party (Y1 & Y2) pm	Y1 & Y2 children can bring party clothes. Please sign up to bring food.
	PTFA Film night 3:15pm	Tickets available via PTFA
Friday 21st Dec	2:00pm Carol Service for children in Y1-Y4	**All Saints' Church**, West Avenue (off the High Street) Families welcome to join us
	School Closes for Christmas (2 weeks)	
January 2019		
Monday 7th January	School re-opens to children	
Monday 14th January	Prospective Nursery Parents Open Evening 3:30pm	Please let your friends with young children know!
Tuesday 15th Jan	Deadline for Reception (Sept 2019) place applications	
Friday 18th January	N & Rec – "Winnie the Pooh Day"	More info to follow
Tuesday 22nd January	Years 3 & 4 start ukulele lessons in school	More info to follow
Thursday 24th Jan	Compliment Day	
Friday 25th Jan	N & Rec "Opposites Day"	
February 2019		
Tuesday 5th Feb	Safer Internet Day	
Wednesday 6th Feb	Reasoning Workshop for parents 5:00-6:00pm	Please save the date!
Friday 8th Feb	Worship (lead by Year 2) 9:00am	Parents invited
Monday 11th Feb	"Love is…" Day	
Tuesday 12th Feb	N & Rec visit to Gibside	Parent helpers required please!
Friday 15th Feb	Random Acts of Kindness Day	
	School closes for half term	
Monday 25th Feb	School reopens to children	
Tuesday 26th Feb & Wed 27th Feb	Parents' Evening	
March 2019		
Mon 4th March- Fri 8th March	Book Week	Info to follow
	PTFA Sponsored Read TBC	Info to follow
Mon 4th March	Y1 - 4 visit to Seven Stories	Parent helpers required please! Children to wear school uniform and bring packed lunches please
Wed 6th March	Y4 Worship - Lent begins	Parents invited
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day	Children invited to dress as their favourite book character
Fri 15th March	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief	Children invited to wear red for £1 donation
Thursday 21st March	World Poetry Day	2:30pm Poetry Performance for parents of Y1-4 children
Fri 22nd March	Deadline for Nursery applications	
Wednesday 27th March	2:15pm Nursery Parents Stay & Play	Nursery parents invited
Thursday 28th March	9:15 Reception Parents Stay & Play	Reception parents invited to

		all or part of session
Friday 29th March	Y1-4 Mothers' Day Service 9:00am	Mum's invited!
	N & Rec Mothers' Day Service 2:30pm	Mum's invited!
	Nursery places offered	
April 2019		
Monday 1st April	Forest School- N, Rec & Y1	Please wear outdoor clothes with long sleeves and bring wellies if wet/sunhat and suncream if warm
Tuesday 2nd April	Forest School- Y2, Y3 & Y4	
Tuesday 2nd April	Autism Awareness Day	Activities in school
Wed 3rd April	9:00am Year 2 SATs Meeting for Parents	Y2 Parents- please come along!
Friday 5th April	Easter Service at All Saints Church for children in Y1-Y4 2:00pm TBC	**All Saints' Church**, West Avenue (off the High Street) Families welcome
	School closes for Easter	
Tuesday 23rd April	School re-opens to children	
Wed 24th April	Y4 Bikeability	
Friday 26th April	Deadline for acceptance of Nursery places	
May 2019		
May	Year 2 Statutory Assessments	Y2 children must be in school please
12-18 May	Christian Aid Week	More info to follow
Thursday 16th May	Themed lunch	Details to follow
Friday 17th May	Worship (lead by Year 1) 9:00am	Parents welcome
Sunday 19th May	Greggs Children's Cancer Run- Newcastle Racecourse	Details to follow
Tuesday 21st May	Happy Shoes Day	Walk to school and wear your own shoes- donation of £1 please.
Friday 24th May	GST Daft Day	Details to follow
	School closes for half term	
June 2019		
Monday 3rd June	Staff Training Day- school closed to children	
Tuesday 4th June	School reopens to children	
10-14th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen	Y1 children must be in school please
Tuesday 11th June	9:15 Reception Parents Stay & Play	Parents invited to all or part of session
Wed 12th 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 14th June	PJ Day for Ronald McDonald House Charities	Children invited to wear PJs for school for a £1 donation
Tuesday 18th June	Big Gig (Gosforth Band & Gosforth Voices)	Northumbria Sports Central
Tuesday 25th June	New Nursery Parents Meeting 5:00pm	
Thursday 27th June	New Reception Parents Meeting 5:00pm	
July 2019		
Tuesday 2nd July	Gosforth Pyramid Concert	For children in Gosforth voices & Gosforth Band
Thursday 4th July	Governing Body Meeting	
	Y4 Parents Transition Evening at GCMS	Info to follow from GCMS
Friday 5th July	End of year reports sent home	
Monday 8th July	Drop in sessions to speak to teaching staff	No appointments required
Tuesday 9th July		

Wed 10th July	N & Rec Teddy Bears Picnic (am) children only	Please bring a teddy bear and a healthy snack to share with your friends
Wed 10th July	N & Rec Sports day (1:30pm)	Parents invited
Fri 12th July	Year 1-4 Sports Day (1:30pm)	Parents invited
	Year 4 Leavers' Disco after school	Details to follow
Monday 15th July	Forest School- Y2, Y3 & Y4	Please wear outdoor clothes with long sleeves and bring wellies if wet/sunhat and suncream if warm
Tuesday 16th July	Forest School- N, R & Y1	
	Y3 & Y4 instrumental concert TBC	Parents invited
Thursday 18th July	Cakes in the Courtyard	All helpers and volunteers invited- please join us!
Friday 19th July	9:15am Y4 Leavers' Service	Y4 Parents and carers invited
	N-Y4 Toy Day	Please do not bring anything expensive or with pieces that may get lost!
	3:15pm Picnic in the Playground	Everyone welcome!
	School closes for Summer	

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