



ARCHBISHOP RUNCIE CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VA) FIRST SCHOOL



February 2019 - Newsletter 21

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole School (excluding Nursery)
93.2%	95%	94.8%	98%	93.6%	96.3%	95.6%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

PTFA NEWS

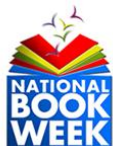
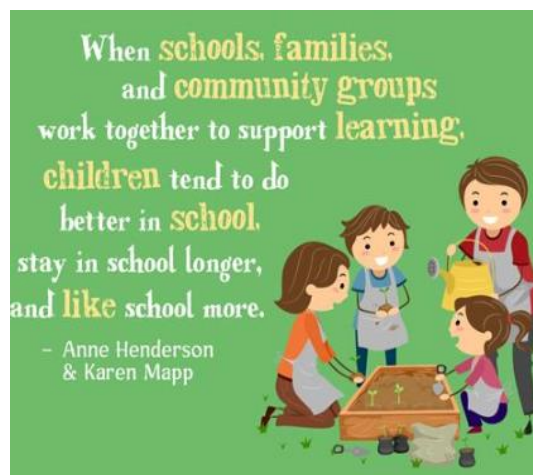
Thank you to everyone who supported the PTFA Film Night and Cake Stall this week and thank you to the PTFA for organising these events for our children.

PARENTS EVENING

Please book your appointment via ParentMail. Year 4 Parents Evening will be postponed as Miss Burns is still unwell (see below).

BETTER READING PARTNERS

A reminder that Reading Buddies and all parents and carers are invited to attend a "Better Reading Partners" workshop on Friday 1st March 9:00-11:00am. Please book your place on ParentMail (form to follow).



SEVEN STORIES VISIT

Years 1-4 are going to Seven Stories as part of our Book Week celebrations on Monday 4th March. Please complete the ParentMail form and pay online (form to follow).

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

We are slightly concerned that there has been a decrease in voluntary contributions received, to cover the costs of visits and visitors, this term. These activities are arranged to enhance the children's engagement and enjoyment of the curriculum and provide real life, hands on learning experiences. Although we ask for voluntary contributions, the reality is that school is unable to cover the cost of these activities so we rely on your financial support. If, in future, we receive insufficient contributions for these activities we will, unfortunately, have to cancel them. If you have not made payment for previous events, you can still do so on ParentMail. Mrs McCloud will also send reminders of missed payment requests. I hope you understand our reasons behind this.



If your particular circumstances are challenging and you are unable to pay for such activities, please let me or Mrs McCloud know. Many thanks.



AHOY THERE!

Year 1 have Captain Raggybeard visiting on Tuesday 26th February. It would be great if children could come dressed as a Pirate for the day!

YEAR 2 SHIPS IN BOTTLES

On Monday 25th February, Year 2 are taking part in an Art Workshop to make ships in bottles linked to their new History topic, Christopher Columbus. We will need lots of parent helpers for this- please email Mr Renny if you are able to help. Each child will also need to bring a clear plastic 1lt bottle (as per image). If you have more than one, any spares would also be appreciated!



EYFS GIBSIDE VISIT

On Tuesday, Nursery and Reception children visited Gibside. They thoroughly enjoyed their day learning about and making natural artwork including mud painting and bark rubbing. They also went on a fairy trail and built animal houses. There were several sleepy passengers on the bus journey home!



Y3 VISIT TO EL TORERO

On Tuesday, Year 3 had an exciting end of topic celebration at El Torero... there were lots of parent volunteers for this trip!! The feedback has been excellent and the children said the tapas was "delicious"!

SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming is part of the PE curriculum in KS2. The national curriculum expectation is for children to swim 25 metres by the end of KS2 (Year 6).



Therefore, Years 3 and 4 non-swimmers will attend swimming lessons after Easter. This is only for children who cannot yet swim 25 metres. We would be grateful if parents of children in KS2 could let us know the swimming capabilities of their child, via ParentMail (form to follow), so we can make appropriate arrangements. If children can already swim 25 metres they will receive alternative PE provision in school.



WORSHIP

This week began with "Love is..." Day on Monday when we talked about references to love in the Bible and talked about what love meant to us. Mrs Battista cooked a delicious Italian themed Valentine's lunch on Thursday. Today is Random Acts of Kindness Day where we have tried to live out our values of kindness and compassion by surprising our friends with acts of kindness towards them. Did they notice? Did they reciprocate the act?

STAFFING

Unfortunately, Miss Burns is still unwell and, although she is itching to get back to school, she needs a little longer to recover. She sends her love to the children and thanks for all the kind wishes she has received! Mrs Hail will continue to teach Year 4 until Miss Burns returns.

PACKED LUNCHES

As you know, we are an accredited "Healthy School". Please remember no sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks in packed lunches! We really appreciate your cooperation and support in keeping lunch boxes healthy. It is really important that the children on packed lunches bring something filling such as sandwich or pasta (or other carbohydrates) that will fill them up for the afternoon rather than just crisps and other processed snacks.



SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please remember the kitchen requires 2 weeks notice if you intend to change from school dinners to packed lunch (or vice versa). Mrs McCloud will provide you with a form to complete in this event. School dinners are £2.00 per meal for Years 3 & 4 (£1.90 for Nursery). The amount payable for schools meals next half term is £58 (for Years 3 and 4 taking into account the Seven Stories trip if your child is bringing their own

packed lunch), £22.80 for nursery children who stay for lunch two days were week and £57 for full time children.

ParentMail Lunch Register is up to date with credits/debits. Please can all debts be cleared by the start of next half term.

CLEAN BUSHES PLEASE!



We are really fortunate to have beautiful school grounds in which our children can play. Please could we ask that children **do not use the bushes in the school grounds to wee in** after school- they are not allowed to do this during the school day and we would ask parents to support us in not allowing children to do this at home time either. Our grounds are used by our children who enjoy digging and playing in the environment. It is not hygienic if people are using the bushes as a toilet. Children are encouraged to go to the toilet at home time in preparation for their journey home so there should be no need to go at 3:15pm.

PE & SPORT

On Monday, a group of our Year 1 children attended a "Balance Bike Derby" and had a wonderful time! Miss Wilkinson said they demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship and enthusiasm.



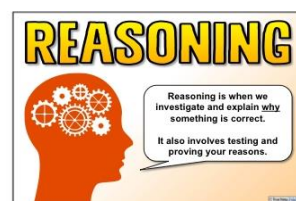
A group of Year 4 children were invited to the ceilidh at GEMS on Thursday. They had a fabulous time.

A group of children from Years 3 & 4 are invited to a Quicksticks hockey tournament on 26th February at Benfield.

There are regular events such as these, that we are invited to, for small groups of children. Depending on the activity and context of the event, these children may be selected interests, relevance, ability or at random. We endeavour to give opportunities to all children to attend such events, over the course of the year. If you have not received a letter on ParentMail it is because your child has not been selected on this occasion.

REASONING WORKSHOP

Due to parental demand, Mrs Gregory has offered to re-run the Reasoning Workshop for parents and carers on Tuesday 19th March at 5:30pm. Mrs McCloud has now sent out the handout and resources, via ParentMail.



FRUIT SNACKS

Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with a fruit snack in school, free of charge. Please do not send snacks from home. If children in Years 3 and 4 would like a mid-morning snack they will need to bring their own fruit from home. We have several food allergies in school, so please only bring fruit.

NURSERY

Just a reminder that all parents who would like to apply for 30 hour Nursery provision funding, in Summer Term, need to apply for the code before 28th February. Mrs McCloud will contact parents directly with regard to payment for additional sessions in Nursery.



BREAKFAST CLUB

If you would like to book regular sessions for your child to attend Breakfast Club please complete the ParentMail form online.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS (Spring Term 2)

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

Art Club is prioritising children in Years 3 and 4 this half term. The majority of children currently attending, from Years 1-4, wish to return so please can any new recruits make themselves known, to Zoe Parker-Smissen, as soon as possible (by Friday 22nd Feb at the latest) so places can be allocated? Thank you.

Dance Club is back by popular demand, next half term. Please contact Brooke Brown-Adams to book a place. All contact details are on our school website.

GOSFORTH CIVIC THEATRE

Gosforth Civic Theatre is a charity run venue so every year they need to raise money through donations and funding to support the work they do. They have asked us to share the attached flyer with the families of the students at the school - there are some great things to get involved in!

They also have some fantastic family theatre coming up over half term and just after...

- **Thursday 21 February**, 11am & 2pm - Half Term! **Captain Cauliflower and Marvin the Mischievous Moose** £7 adult, £6 child. It'll be silly, hilarious and brilliant for all ages
<https://www.gosforthcivictheatre.co.uk/captain-cauliflower>
- **Monday 25 February**, 11am & 4pm **Four Go Wild in Wellies** £5 adult, £3 child. A 30 minute long dance performance from Scotland's Inclusive Dance Company, Indepen-Dance4. It's a beautifully choreographed dance piece for ages 0-5 that's about friendships. More copy and info here <https://www.gosforthcivictheatre.co.uk/four-go-wild-in-wellies>



It is hard to believe that we are half way through the school year already. The staff and I would like to thank you all for your amazing support this half term. It is greatly appreciated! I would like to thank the staff for their endless energy, enthusiasm and commitment to providing an excellent educational experience for our wonderful children. We hope you all have a restful half term holiday and enjoy the first signs of Spring!

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

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 25th February ready for the exciting activities that the staff have planned!

With my very best wishes,

Mrs KE Massey

Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

New dates are in red, for your information.

Date	Event	Additional Notes
February 2019		
Monday 25 th Feb	School reopens to children	
	International World Thinking Day	Children invited to wear Brownie/Rainbows/Beavers/Cubs Uniforms
	Year 2 Art Workshop (in school)	Please pay online. Parent helpers required, please bring a clear plastic bottle and pay online.
	Consultation for ARFS to join NEAT closes	Revised date
Tuesday 26 th Feb	Year 1 visit from Captain Raggybeard Year 1- please dress up as pirates!	Please pay on ParentMail
	KS2 Quicksticks tournament 1-4pm	Selected children only- details to follow
Tuesday 26 th Feb & Wed 27 th Feb	Parents' Evening	Please book your appointment online from Monday evening
Wed 27 th Feb	Reception Audio Testing (in school)	
Thursday 28 th February	Westfield "Sunshine in our pocket" event for selected KS2 pupils	Details have been 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	Please book places online
	11:15am Gala Trials TBC	
	Rec PE sessions with Lee Sterry begins (6 weeks)	No cost to parents
	School Council Meeting with Mrs Mann	
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 bring packed lunches please
	9:00am Parent Council Meeting	
	Governor Meeting to discuss next steps in relation to NEAT consultation	
Tuesday 5 th March	Shrove Tuesday	
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
Monday 11th March	Reception eye tests	In school
	9-10:00am Parent Workshop on managing children's behaviour effectively	Please book places online (form to follow)
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	
Tuesday 19 th March	Let's Laugh Day	
	5:30pm Reasoning Workshop for parents	Please book places online
Wed 20 th March	Purim (Jewish)	Activities in school
	GST Board of Directors Meeting	
Thursday 21 st March	World Poetry Day	2:30pm Poetry Performance for parents of Y1-4 children
	Gosforth Pool School Swimming Gala	Selected children only
	Persian New Year	
	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	2:15pm Nursery Parents Stay & Play	Nursery parents invited

March		
Thursday 28 th March	9:15 Reception Parents Stay & Play	Reception parents invited to all or part of session
	Full Governing Body Meeting	
Friday 29 th March	Y1-4 Mothers' Day Service 9:00am	Mums (or alternative carer) invited!
	N & Rec Mothers' Day Service 2:30pm	Mums (or alternative carer) invited!
	Nursery places offered	
April 2019		
Monday 1 st April	GCMS Spanish event for Y4	Selected children only
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	
	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
Thursday 2 nd May	International Laughter Day	
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
	School closes for half term	
June 2019		
Monday 3 rd June	GST 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	Held at GCMS

	children on the SEND register	
	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	Y4 Leavers' Service	St Nicolas' Cathedral
	Govs 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 children visit GCMS (all day)
	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	

“Love to learn, learn to love”

Colossians 3:23-24

Gosforth Civic Theatre

Fundraising Week

SUNDAY 17 TO
FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2019

HELP RAISE MONEY FOR GOSFORTH CIVIC THEATRE!

WE LOVE BEING YOUR LOCAL THEATRE AND AS A CHARITY
WE NEED TO RAISE FUNDS EVERY YEAR TO SUPPORT THE WORK THAT WE DO.

How You Can Help Us Fundraise



FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Sunday 17 February, 10am - 2pm, £50 per team.

Enter a team to take part in a sponsored five a side tournament at Goals, Newcastle Racecourse. £50 per team to enter plus any sponsorship you collect.



DRESS-UP FREEPLAY

Monday 18 February, 9.30am - 2.30pm, Make a donation or get sponsored.

A special fancy-dress version of Babies & Toddlers Freeplay! Dress your children up as their hero, be it a superhero, a family member or anything in between!



SING-A-LONG CINEMA

Monday 18 February, 10am & 1pm, Suggested donation £5

In a special After School Film Club, we're showing a film chosen by you at 10am followed by The Greatest Sing-a-long film of last year at 1pm.



24 HOUR SPIN-ATHON

Friday 22 February, 10am - 4pm, Make a donation or get sponsored

Join in a 24-hour cycle relay between 10am and 4pm, get sponsored to take a 30-minute slot (or longer if you're feeling fit!).



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Gosforth Civic
Theatre

Fundraising Week

SUNDAY 17 TO
FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2019

Dear Friends of Gosforth Civic Theatre

As you may know we are a charity that supports people with learning disabilities and autism, and it was their dream to run a building that they could welcome the community in to, that dream has become a reality at Gosforth Civic Theatre.

We love being your local theatre. Since opening our doors in September 2016 we have received over **115,000 visits** from you lovely lot, at everything from free babies and toddler groups to gigs and performances from world-renowned artists. To make all of this happen we need to raise **£10,000 every month** on top of what we make from selling great coffee, tickets and everything else.

To put this in context: we receive £20,000 a year from Newcastle City Council, but we have to raise the remaining **£100,000 through donations and applying for grants**. So, to help us raise these much needed funds we are holding a **fundraising week between the 17th and 22nd of February**. We are asking to: pedal, dance, watch and play our way to raising money for Gosforth Civic Theatre and you can get involved!

SUNDAY 17th FEBRUARY – FIVE A SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT. We are looking for teams to take part in a sponsored five a side tournament between 10.00am and 2.00pm at Goals, Newcastle Race Course (NES SHIP). It's £50 per team plus any sponsorship you can collect. Please contact kelly@liberdade.co.uk for further information and to register your interest.

MONDAY 18th FEBRUARY – DRESS UP FREEPLAY. Between 9.30am – 2.30pm we are running a special freeplay session where we are asking you to dress your children up as their hero. They could be a superhero, a grandparent, Peppa pig or anything in between. Make a donation or get sponsored, it's up to you!

MONDAY 18th FEBRUARY – SING ALONG CINEMA. We will screen a film at 10am picked by the After School Film Club members (visit our Facebook group further details) and at 1pm we will screen a sing-a-long version of The Greatest Showman. Suggested donation £5.

FRIDAY 22nd FEBRUARY – 24HR SPINATHON. Thanks to a donation of four bikes from Gosforth Leisure Centre, we are asking for willing volunteers to join in a 24-hour cycle relay between 10am and 4pm. If you would like to get sponsored to take a 30-minute slot (or longer if you're feeling fit!), then pop into the Theatre, Gosforth Leisure Centre or give us a ring on 0191 284 3700 to book your place. For a sponsor form please email kelly@liberdade.co.uk.

If you would just like to make a donation then please feel free to visit our Virgin Money Giving page (via the QR code below) or get in touch. Keep your eyes out for other activities happening throughout the week on our social media pages @GoCivTheatre.

Thank you for all of your support.

Rob Huggins

CFO, Liberdade Community Development Trust

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