



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



December 2018 - Newsletter 13

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole School <small>(excluding Nursery)</small>
95.8%	97.3%	94.1%	98.7%	99.3%	98.7%	97.6%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.



It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas...! Nativity rehearsals and carols practices are now well underway! Whilst being "the most wonderful time of the year" it is also extremely busy... If anyone would like to help with stage scenery, costumes, craft activities etc please let Class Teachers know.



Nursery and Reception children enjoyed a visit from "The Clumsiest Elf" from Bigfoot Productions on Tuesday and their Julia Donaldson "Story Party" on Thursday.



PTFA NEWS

Thank you to everyone who brought in donations for the PTFA Fair today, it is very much appreciated. Any further donations, before Friday, would be gratefully received.

PHOTOGRAPHS

As you aware, photographs of children, who have permission, are used on our Twitter page, Tapestry and school website. We would still ask that parents do not add their own photographs of school events or children to any social media site as not all pupils have photo consent. Thank you for your ongoing support in this matter.

STAFFING UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that, from January 2019, our new Nursery Teacher will be Mrs Lucy Chandler. She will be working in school, alongside Mrs Gregory, until the end of term. Mrs Chandler has previously been a Nursery Teacher in a Northumberland school and has thoroughly enjoyed getting to know everybody this week.

NATIVITIES

	Title	Performance 1	Performance 2
Nursery & Reception	Christmas Counts	9:30am Tuesday 18 th December	2:00pm Wednesday 19 th December
Key Stage One	The Donkey Seller	5:30pm Monday 17 th December	2:00pm Tuesday 18 th December
Key Stage Two	Christmas 1914	1:30pm Monday 17 th December	6:30pm Monday 17 th December

All parents and carers should now have booked their **two tickets** (per Key Stage). Mrs McCloud has checked ticket allocations and some families appear to have mistakenly booked more than two tickets. These bookings will be corrected, by school, to make sure it is fair for all families. From 9:00am tomorrow, we will give you the opportunity to book any spare tickets for other family members or friends, in the payments section of ParentMail. Hard copy tickets will not be issued but there will be a ticket list on the door, which will be checked on entry to school.



We do not charge for tickets to school Nativities however school has to pay a license fee for each performance and we would therefore welcome voluntary donations towards the cost of this. Donations can be made via ParentMail, when booking, or in cash on the day.

Nativity roles have now been allocated to children and costume requests sent home. Please could we request that all costumes are in school by Wednesday 12th December? Thank you

CAROL SERVICE



On Friday 21st December, children and staff in Years 1-4 will be walking from school to All Saints' Church to take part in our school Carol Service. We will need lots of parent helpers to walk up with us. If you are able to help, please complete the form online and come to school for 1:10pm to walk with children. It would be great if parents and carers could **sit amongst children in the church** to help with supervision.

Children will be dismissed by staff from Church, if parents/carers are attending, or will return to school with staff in time for usual collection at 3:15pm. It is important that children are signed out by a member of staff before leaving Church.

Children in Nursery and Reception are welcome to come too, if brought by a parent or carer.

POSTCARDS

As part of our ongoing Geography work, could we please ask that if you visit other cities, counties or countries that you pick up a postcard for our class displays please? Your help would be very much appreciated!



PLACES OF WORSHIP

In addition, if anyone has any photographs or postcards featuring places of Worship around the world (from any religion) we would be really interested in copying them (or you can email them) in preparation for a display on worldwide Christianity and diversity in the Hall.

CHILDREN'S CANCER RUN

The Children's Cancer Run will be held at Newcastle Racecourse on Sunday 19th May 2019. You can register your child (and you!) to take part at www.childrenscancerrun.co.uk under "Archbishop Runcie" in the school's section. There is a 1 mile, 3 mile and a 5 mile cross country route so is suitable for all abilities.



In the new year we will be looking for some willing volunteers to organize and run some training sessions for the children. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

CLASS PARTIES



Each class will have a Christmas Party during the last week of term. Food lists will be displayed outside each classroom, from Monday, for parents and carers to sign up to. Please send food donations on the party day (see dates at the back of this letter). Food

should not contain any nuts and should be kept in its original packaging (if shop bought).

WET WEATHER

Due to the recent wet weather we have asked children to stay off the grassed areas around school. Please could we ask that you reinforce this with children before and after school in order to avoid bringing mud into school? Thank you for your support in this matter.



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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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Dear Staff, Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to announce that following our Full Governing Body Meeting last night that Mrs Massey has now been appointed permanently as our Headteacher. I am sure that you will join with me in congratulating her on her appointment.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Hawkins

Mrs S Hawkins
Chair of Governors

Dates for your Diary

New dates are in red, for your information.

Date	Event	Additional Notes
December 2018		
Mon 10 th Dec	Y1-Y4 Christmas French Club (lunchtime)	Only for children who usually attend French Club
Wednesday 12th Dec	Please send Nativity costumes to school	
Wed 12 th Dec	9:15- Reception Christmas "Stay & Play" 2:15- Nursery Christmas "Stay & Play"	Parents invited
	Year 2 visit to Shipley Art Gallery to see The Snow Bear with Chris Bostock (1:00pm)	Children will have a packed lunch. Children can wear festive PJs or a Christmas jumper and can bring a teddy. ParentMail form to follow. Parent helpers needed please!
Thursday 13 th Dec	Y3 & Y4 Multiskills festival at Walker Dome 1:00-2:45pm (we may be slightly late back to school)	Please send trainers and jogging bottoms. Please complete consent form online. Parent helpers needed please.
Friday 14 th 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 online if your child usually has a packed lunch
	PTA Christmas Fair & Carol Singing (Years 1-4) 2:30pm-4:00pm	All welcome!
	New signing in system being installed in office	To be used by all visitors, staff and late pupil arrivals
Monday 17 th Dec	Flu immunizations (pm) R-Y4	Forms now complete
	KS1 & 2 Dress Rehearsal	Children only
	French Club catch up sessions for Year 2 & 4	Missed when on Beamish Trip
	1:30pm KS2 Nativity (Y3 & Y4)	Tickets can be book online.
	5:30pm KS1 Nativity (Y1 & Y2) 6:30pm KS2 Nativity (Y3 & Y4)	Tickets can be book online. All children taking part in Nativities need to be back at school by 5:00pm please.
Tuesday 18 th Dec	Foundation Stage (N & Rec) Nativity 9:30am	Tickets can be book online.
	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)	Tickets can be book online.
Wed 19 th Dec	Andrew Mason- Worship	Pupils only
	"Appely Ever After" Years 1-4 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
	4:00pm New Parents' Meeting for Nursery children starting in January	Parents of "Rising 3s" only
Thursday 20 th Dec	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 21 st 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 7 th January	School re-opens to children	

Tuesday 8 th January	Y4 Road Safety	
Thursday 10 th January	Y1 visit to Hancock Planetarium	Details to follow
Friday 11 th January	Y2 visit to Newcastle Castle	Details to follow
	Governors Ethos Cttee Meeting	
Monday 14 th January	Y4 visit from Mrs Durr- South Africa learning hook	In school, no cost.
	Prospective Nursery Parents Open Evening 3:30pm	Please let your friends with young children know!
Tuesday 15 th Jan	Deadline for Reception (Sept 2019) applications	See below
Wednesday 16th January	Italian Club starts (lunch time)	Please book places directly- contact details on website
Thursday 17 th Jan	Y2 & Y4 French lesson in lieu of lesson missed for Beamish visit last term	
Friday 18 th January	N & Rec – “Winnie the Pooh Day” (in school)	More info to follow
Tuesday 22 nd January	Years 3 & 4 start ukulele lessons in school	More info to follow
Thursday 24 th Jan	Compliment Day	
	Governors Teaching & Learning Cttee Meeting	
Friday 25 th Jan	N & Rec “Opposites Day” (in school)	
	School Council Meeting with Mrs Mann	
February 2019		
Tuesday 5 th Feb	Safer Internet Day	Activities in school
	10 children from Y1 to Zumba at GPFS	Details to follow
	Governors Finance Cttee Meeting	
Wednesday 6 th Feb	Reasoning Workshop for parents 5:00-6:00pm	Please save the date!
Thursday 7 th Feb	GST Moderation Meeting	Staff only
Friday 8 th Feb	Worship (led by Year 2) 9:00am	Parents invited
Monday 11 th Feb	“Love is...” Day	
Tuesday 12 th Feb	N & Rec visit to Gibside	All Nursery children will need a grown up and we will need as many Reception parents as possible please!
	Y3 visit to El Torero	Details to follow
Thursday 14 th Feb	PTFA Film Night	
Friday 15 th Feb	Random Acts of Kindness Day	
	PTFA Cake Stall after school	
	School closes for half term	
Monday 25 th Feb	School reopens to children	
	International World Thinking Day	
Tuesday 26 th Feb & Wed 27 th Feb	Parents' Evening	
Tuesday 26 th Feb	KS2 Quicksticks tournament 1-4pm	Selected children only- details to follow
March 2019		
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
Wed 6 th March	Y4 Worship - Lent begins	Parents invited
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	Children invited to dress as their favourite book character
Thursday 14 th March	Governors Teaching & Learning Cttee Meeting	
Fri 15 th March	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief	Children invited to wear red for £1 donation
Thursday 21 st March	World Poetry Day	2:30pm Poetry Performance for

		parents of Y1-4 children
	GST Moderation Meeting	Staff only
Fri 22 nd March	Deadline for Nursery applications	
Wednesday 27 th March	2:15pm Nursery Parents Stay & Play	Nursery parents invited
Thursday 28 th March	9:15 Reception Parents Stay & Play	Reception parents invited to all or part of session
Friday 29 th March	Y1-4 Mothers' Day Service 9:00am	Mums invited!
	N & Rec Mothers' Day Service 2:30pm	Mums invited!
	Nursery places offered	
April 2019		
Monday 1 st April	Forest School- N, Rec & Y1	Please wear outdoor clothes with long sleeves and bring wellies if wet/sunhat and suncream if warm
Tuesday 2 nd April	Forest School- Y2, Y3 & Y4	
Tuesday 2 nd April	Autism Awareness Day	Activities in school
Wed 3 rd April	9:00am Year 2 SATs Meeting for Parents	Y2 Parents- please come along!
Thursday 4 th April	PTFA Film Night	
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
May 2019		
May	Year 2 Statutory Assessments	Y2 children must be in school please
Friday 3 rd May	International Laughter Day	
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
Tuesday 21 st May	Happy Shoes Day	Walk to school and wear your own shoes- donation of £1 please.
	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	Staff Training Day- school closed to children	
Tuesday 4 th June	School reopens to children	
	pm KS2 All Saints Schools Week	Details to follow
Monday 10 th June	10:00am Pentecost Service- All Saints'	All welcome
10-14 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen	Y1 children must be in school please
Tuesday 11 th June	9:15 Reception Parents Stay & Play	Parents invited to all or part of session
Wed 12 th June	GST Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Fair - open to all parents of children on the SEND register	Held at GCMS
	2:15pm Nursery Parents Stay & Play	Parents Invited
Friday 14 th June	PJ Day for Ronald McDonald House Charities	Children invited to wear PJs for school for a £1 donation
Tuesday 18 th June	Big Gig (Gosforth Band & Gosforth Voices)	Northumbria Sports Central
Thursday 20 th June	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
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	
	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
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 suncream if warm
Tuesday 16 th July	Forest School- N, R & Y1	
Thursday 18 th July	Y3 & Y4 instrumental concert TBC	Parents invited
	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	

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15 January 2019 (midday): Deadline to apply for reception class places for September 2019

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