



## December 2019 – Newsletter 15

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole School (excluding Nursery)
91%	95%	91%	94%	92%	95%	93%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

### PTFA NEWS

Huge thanks to the PTFA for serving refreshments at our nativities this week. A cup of tea and a mince pie really add a special something to the festivities!



Our Christmas Fayre, last Friday, raised £654.45 and the raffle raised £671. The nativity refreshments raised £88.40 which the PTFA will contribute to the 'trim trail'.



### CHARITABLE GIVING

This week, we have received a card thanking us for our donation of £195.24 for the Poppy Appeal. This is an amazing amount for such a small school. Well done everyone!

### WHAT A WEEK!

Wow- what an amazing week it's been in school! Our children have been **AMAZING** this week... each Key Stage has performed twice and did us all proud! Thank you to all the parents of KS1 and KS2 children, who allowed their children to return for the evening performance. It is brilliant that we can offer an evening performance so that working parents are able to watch their children perform.



The parties were a big hit and enjoyed by staff and children alike (we might still be eating leftovers in January!) The panto too was excellent- the children and staff enjoyed being squirted with water, singing joining in with the usual panto traditions! We have just returned from our Christmas Carol Service at Gosforth, St Nicholas' which was wonderful and very centred around our school community. All this has left us feeling very Christmassy!

As you will appreciate, these fabulous events do not happen without an enormous effort from the staff. I would like to offer them my thanks for their endless energy and Christmas spirit, right up until the last day! I'm sure you will join me in wishing them a restful break over Christmas.

### ASD AWARENESS

I would like to offer our huge thanks to Mrs Kohanejad who spoke to fellow parents, prior to the KS1 and 2 performances, as a Mum of a child with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and the journey they have been on as a family. We are really proud of our inclusive school and



hope that, by sharing her experiences with you, it will help parents of other children understand the varying needs of children with ASD.



### CHURCH LINKS

Both our link churches have a fabulous range of family friendly services and events over the festive period!

#### At Gosforth, All Saints'

- Chirstmas Eve 2.15pm Crib Service
- Christmas Eve 4pm and 6.30pm Carol Services
- 9.30am Christmas Day Service.

#### At St Hugh's, Fawdon (Rev'd Shipton's other Church!)

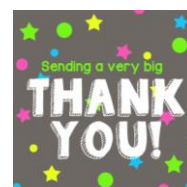
- Christmas Eve 11am Christingle Service.

#### At Gosforth, St Nicholas'

- Christmas Eve 3.30pm Crib Service for children, 6.30pm Carol service, 11.30pm Midnight Mass
- Christmas Day 8am Holy Communion, 10am Sung Eucharist

### THANK YOU!

Thank you also for all the Christmas cards, gifts and kind words that we have received too- they are very much appreciated!



### RESOURCE REQUESTS

Year 1 are seeking clean boxes and tubes for their DT project, making space buggies, in January, please.

### RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

A reminder that the Reception Applications portal is now open. Applications must be made by 12 noon on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 for children to start Reception in September 2020. You can access this at [www.newcastle.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

### NURSERY- JANUARY 2020 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 2019 and December 2019, they will be eligible to start with us in January 2020. If you are interested in a Nursery place, or would like more information, please contact Mrs Francis.



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



### BREAKFAST CLUB

Children at Breakfast Club have enjoyed lots of Christmas craft over the last couple of weeks. They have made cards, decorated Christmas biscuits, made reindeer hot chocolate cones and tree decorations!

If you would like to book places for Breakfast club, for next half term, please contact Mrs Brown [gemma.brown@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:gemma.brown@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk). Breakfast Club now opens at 7:45am and we are



able to be more flexible with ad-hoc bookings as long as we know in advance that your children will be attending.

### LUNCHTIME & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All information about after school clubs for next half term is available on the school website. Please book places directly with providers (not through school). Thank you.

	Before School	Lunchtime	After school
Monday	Breakfast Club 7:45-8:50am Places must be booked in advance £4.50 per session	French (Y1- Y4)	Dance (Y1-Y4) 3:30-4:15pm
Tuesday		<b>NEW</b> All Stars (Year 1-4) Italian Club (Y1 & Y2)	Taekwondo (Y1-Y4) 3:15-4:15pm
Wednesday		Italian Club (Y3 & Y4)	Awards (Y4) 3:15-4:30pm Multiskills (Y1 and Y2)
Thursday		Choir (Year 3 & 4)	Art (Y1-4) 3:15-4:15pm
Friday			Football (Y3 & Y4) 3:15-4:30pm

### ALL STARS BIBLE CLUB

Our group of parent volunteers met this week to discuss the reintroduction of "All Stars" Bible Club, next term. Mrs Lee (Mum of Jake and Maya), Mrs Umemneku (Mum of Ngozi and Ebube) and Mrs Kirkby (Mum of Amara) will be running the club, accompanied by a member of staff.



The group will meet each Tuesday, in the Reception classroom at lunchtime, for approx 25 minutes. They will listen to a story from the Bible, play a game or an activity and sing a song. The club will begin in the second week back (14<sup>th</sup> Jan). If your child would be interested in attending please contact [susan.abraham@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susan.abraham@hotmail.co.uk) (or you can speak to Mrs Pygall in the office).

### FLU VACCINE

Catch up clinics are being held at GP surgeries, at the beginning of term in January, for those parents who did not return their child's consent forms in time or missed the session in school. Parents can ring the vaccine team after 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 on 0191 6432869 to book an appointment. The office is closed between 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 until 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020, so calls will not be answered during this time.

### HAPPY CHRISTMAS!



I would like to thank all the staff for their amazing hard work this term. New staff have settled in brilliantly and existing staff have been an excellent support for their new colleagues.

Thank you also to parents, carers, children and Governors of our school for their amazing support this term. It is a pleasure to work with you all!

All that remains is for me to wish you all a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

As always, if you have anything that you would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With my very best wishes,

*Mrs KE Massey*

Headteacher







## “Love to learn, learn to love”

1 Corinthians 16:13

### Dates for your Diary

New dates are in red, for your information.

Date	Event	Additional Notes
<b>January 2020</b>		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff Training Day	School closed to children
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Prospective Reception Parent visits 4:00pm	Please book a place via the school office
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Y1 Planetarium Visit (Hancock Museum) 9:30am-2:00pm	Please make payments via ParentMail
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3/4 Computing with GEM Education	
	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
	KS2 MicroBit lessons in school	
	Midday deadline for Reception class applications for September 2020	<a href="http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/schooladmissions">www.newcastle.gov.uk/schooladmissions</a>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Children's Choice Lunch	We are hoping for 100% school lunch uptake! Please order lunches on ParentMail if your child usually has a packed lunch.
	Year 2 Newcastle Castle Visit	
	PTFA Film Night	More info to follow
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Gosforth Gets Going at ARFS	Workshop for Reception children across GST
	Year 3 begin their Fish keeper Fry Project	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Weekly, whole class ukulele lessons begin for Years 3 & 4	No charge
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Road Safety sessions for Nursery, Reception and Year 1	
	Year 4 PSHE session on relationships	
	EYFS Opposites Day	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Chinese New Year celebrations in school	
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	5:00pm Managing children's behaviour workshop for parents	
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	9:00am Managing children's behaviour workshop for parents	
<b>February 2020</b>		
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	2:00pm Reception “Stay & Play”	Reception parents invited
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Y3 & Y4 visit to Durham <b>Now 24.3.20</b>	<u>More info to follow</u>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception visit to Walker Dome 1:00-2:45pm	Children may be slightly late returning to school

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening	
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day	Activities in school
	9:30-10:30 Year 1 Gosforth Gets Going event at GPFS	Selected children only
	Parents Evening	
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	PTFA Valentines Disco	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Love is... Worship, led by Year 1	All welcome
	Year 3 Operation Encompass session & drop in for parents and carers	
	Break up for half term	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb-Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Half term	School Closed
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school	
	International World Thinking Day	Cubs, Beavers, Brownies, Rainbows invited to wear uniforms.
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Lent Worship, led by Year 4	All welcome
	Prospective Nursery Parent visits 4:00pm	Please book a place via the school office
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	9:00 Parent Council Meeting	
<b>March 2020</b>		
2-6 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Week in school	
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
	5:30-6:30pm Bedtime Story Telling Evening in school	More information to follow
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	Children invited to dress as a book character
	Bedtime stories at school 5:30-6:30pm	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Class visits to Gosforth Library	
	Year 2 visit to Centre for Life 10:00am - 2:00pm	
9-13 March	British Science Week	We would welcome any parents/visitors to school linked to Science please.
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Purim	Activities in school
	Prospective Nursery Parent visits 4:00pm	Please book a place via the school office
9 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week	We will be looking for parents to come into school to lead science based activities for children please!
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 visit to Centre for Life 10:00am - 2:00pm	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 visit to Centre for Life 10:00am - 2:00pm	
	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 visit to Centre for Life 10:00am - 2:00pm	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Persian New Year	Activities in school
	9:00am Year 1-4 Mothers' Day Service	One member of each family invited to attend
	Visit from a local poet for Y1-Y4 TBC	
	2:30pm EYFS Mothers' Day Service	One member of each family invited to attend
	Closing date for Nursery applications for Sept 2020	
	Gosforth Voices Tour	Performance in all GST school
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Water Day	
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>NEW DATE</b>	More info to follow

<b>Y3 &amp; Y4 visit to Durham University</b>		
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Full Governing Body Meeting	
	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery visit to Walker Dome 1:00-2:45pm	Children may be slightly late returning to school
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	9:00 SATs Meeting for Year 2 Parents	
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	5:00pm New Nursery Parents Meeting, for children starting after Easter	
<b>April 2020</b>		
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	2:00pm Nursery Stay & Play	Nursery Parents invited
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Autism Awareness Day	Activities in school
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter Service 1:30pm All Saints' Church	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April- Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Shakespeare Day	Activities in school
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Deadline to accept Nursery places in school	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	GST Boys Football competition at BEFS	
<b>May 2020</b>		
May 2020	SATs for Year 2 children	Year 2 children must be in school please
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Wesak (Buddhist)	Activities in school
	Dinnington First School official opening	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Christian Aid Worship, led by Year 2	All welcome!
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 Team Games festival at Walker Dome 1:00-2:45pm	Children may be slightly late returning to school
	2:00pm Reception Stay & Play	Reception Parents invited
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	2:00pm Reception Stay & Play	Reception Parents invited
	Phonics Screen Workshop for Year 1 Parents 9:00am	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	GST Teach Meet	Staff only
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	GST Y3 & Y4 Bench ball competition at Brunton	Selected children only
	Ascension Day Worship, led by Year 3	All welcome!
	World Day for Cultural Diversity	Activities in school
	Children's choice lunch	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	GST Daft Day	Children invited to wear something "daft". Suggested donation £1.
	9:00 Y4 Times Table test Parent Workshop	
	Eid activities in school.	
Monday 2 <sup>th</sup> May- Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term	
<b>June 2020</b>		
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	GST Staff Training Day	School closed to children
1-5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screen assessment	Year 1 children must be in school please
	All Saints' Schools Week	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	2:30pm Pentecost Worship, led by Year 4	
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	Selected children only
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>NEW DATE</b> Roy Lawson visiting Years 3 & 4	More info to follow
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 visit to St Mary's Lighthouse	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	New Nursery Parents Meeting for children starting Nursery in September 2020	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Parents Meeting for children starting Reception class in September 2020	
	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
15-19 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 statutory Times Tables test	

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Big Gig all day (Gosforth Voices & Gosforth Band) Best of British theme	Northumbria Sports Central
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 visit to Vindolanda	More info to follow
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Pyramid Concert (Gosforth Voices & Gosforth Band)	4:00pm Rehearsal 6:15pm at Trinity Church
<b>July 2020</b>		
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	2:00pm Nursery Stay & Play	Nursery parents invited
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	GST Y4 Netball at Grange	Selected children only
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Reports out	
	<b>NEW DATE</b> Y4 Bikeability all day	
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	PTFA Summer Fair	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1/2 Sports Day	Parents Invited
	PE Week (Mon- Fri)	
	Drop in for parents	No need to book an appointment
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Drop in for parents	No need to book an appointment
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	pm EYFS Sports Day	Parents invited
	Full Governing Body Meeting	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Y2 Team Games festival at Walker Dome 1:00-2:45pm	Children may be slightly late returning to school
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Cakes in the Courtyard	All helpers and volunteers invited!
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	9:00 Year 4 Leavers' Service	
	End of term picnic lunch for staff and children	Please pay via ParentMail
	Picnic in the Playground	3:15-4:15pm
	School closes for Summer	
<b>September 2020</b>		
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	School reopens to pupils.	
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Y4 Residential	More info to follow

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**Colossians 3:23-24**



**Apply now!**

**15 January 2020** (midday)  
Deadline to apply for reception class places for September 2020

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**PTEA FUNDS RAISED SEP-DEC 2019**

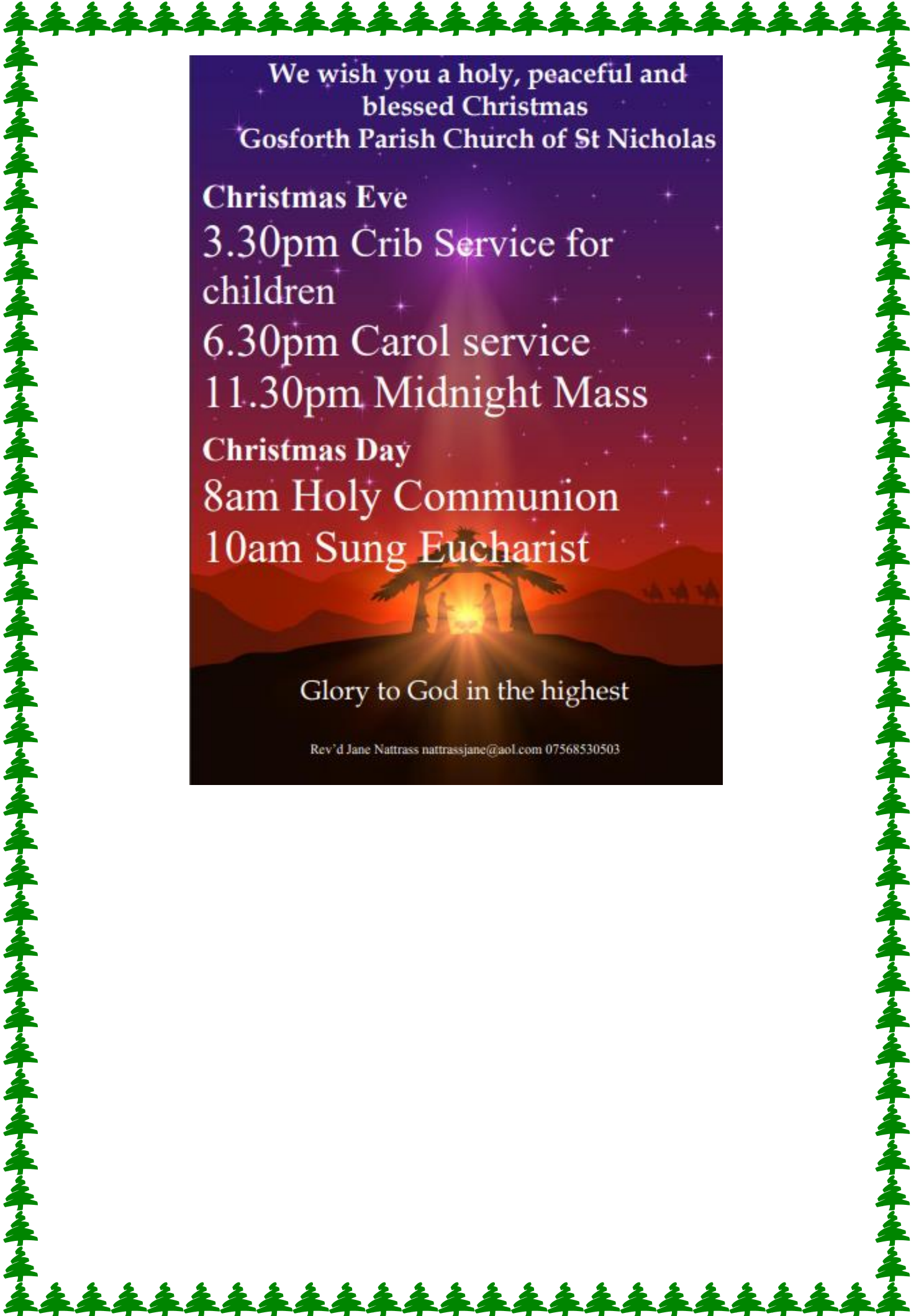
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<b>EVENTS HELD</b>	<b>MONEY SPENT</b>
Film night	Contribution to ipads
Disco	Apps for ipads
Uniform sale	Purple mash
Xmas fayre	Contribution to trim trail and golden mile track, arriving in Feb 2020!
Xmas raffle	
Nativity refreshments	
Xmas cards	
Easyfundraising & Amazon Smile	



**THANK YOU AND MERRY XMAS!!!**





We wish you a holy, peaceful and  
blessed Christmas  
Gosforth Parish Church of St Nicholas

Christmas Eve

3.30pm Crib Service for  
children

6.30pm Carol service

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

8am Holy Communion

10am Sung Eucharist



Glory to God in the highest

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