



Archbishop Runcie

Church of England (VA) First School



December 2021

Newsletter 7 – 3.12.21

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole School (excluding Nursery)
Wb 22.11.21	96%	89%	94%	89%	92%	94%	92%
Wb 29.11.21	86%	98%	97%	95%	92%	99%	96%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

Children who currently have attendance below 92% have this week received a letter from our Attendance Office, Dan Tolan.



Red – Danger Zone – 92% or below

Amber – At Risk Zone – 93%-96%

Green – Safety Zone – 97% - 100%

SCHOOL VALUES

As you know, our school values are love and determination, based on the Bible passage: Be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love (1 Corinthians 16:13-14).

In school, we have been looking to see children demonstrating these core values. The following children have been nominated by staff and/or peers for showing these values in school. Well done everyone!

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Demonstrating Love	Cai Fatima	Joshua Max Co	Joshua George	Emma Amelie	Zoe Hugo	Hannah Erin
Demonstrating Determination	Aria Franco	Ivy Rio	Scarlett Georgie	Jake Lauren	Dexter Charlotte	Ellie Matthew



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Ms Lowe sent a ParentMail a few weeks ago to assess the demand for extending After School Club hours in order to find out how many families would be interested in using the extend hours.

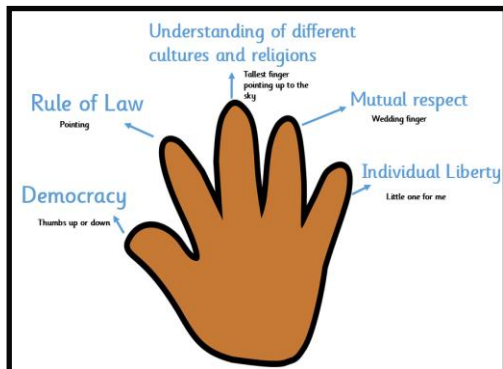
Sufficient parents have registered an interest in extended hours until 5:30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays for us to trial this in January 2022. The additional 15 minutes will initially be £3 per session for January (this may need to be revised if we continue in subsequent months, depending on uptake). Thank you for those who responded.

FUNDAMENTAL BRITISH VALUES

In Worship, we have been exploring Fundamental British Values. These are statutory duties that all schools must uphold but that we celebrate in ARFS. They are also linked to the protected characteristics from the Equality Act 2010.



Over the past fortnight, we have looked at:



- Democracy, including how we in school have our School Council and Worship Council to represent children's views. A special well done to the Year 4 children who could name our local MP, Catherine McKinnell, who of course visited us not long ago!
- The rule of law, including why rules are important to keep us all safe and how they apply to everyone.
- Individual liberty, which is about how we are free to be who we want to be. We read the lovely book *Perfectly Norman* to remind us that we are all special and unique and that we should celebrate our differences and individuality, not hide them/it.

Ask your children if they can remember our handy (!) way of remembering it (above). We'll be exploring our last two 'fingers', mutual respect and understanding of different religions, in the coming week.

WORSHIP

We have, this week in Worship, been thinking about Advent, including lighting our first purple candle. We discussed how Advent is a special time for Christians and how Advent is Latin for 'coming', helping us prepare for what is to come in the next few weeks. We thought about how the colour purple represents hope and Mr Booth even showed his own advent calendar, demonstrating no one is too old to get excited during Advent!



NATIVITY



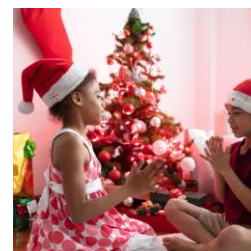
You should, by now, have received a letter from class teachers requesting costumes for our nativities. We would be really grateful if these could be in school by next Monday please (6th December). Thank you! School will provide some costumes so not all children will have had a letter. Please see class teachers if you are unsure.

Copies of scripts or specific scenes have also been sent home to those who are speaking. Please could you, over the weekend and throughout next week, help your child to learn their lines (ideally by heart)? Thank you.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Food lists for Christmas parties will be outside classrooms from Monday 6th December – please sign up to bring something for your child's class. Your child may also like to bring party clothes to school to change into after lunch (with sensible shoes please!).

Due to the introduction of Natasha's Law, all foods must be individually wrapped with ingredients clearly listed on packaging please. Thank you for your understanding.



CHRISTMAS CARDS



We often receive a number of queries at this time of year regarding parents asking for class lists so their child can send Christmas cards to their classmates.

We will be giving out, upon request, class lists with first names only for data protection reasons (unless two children have the same name – in this case, we will give the least amount of letters of their surname to identify them.)

If you do not wish for your child's name to be included on these lists, please contact the school office. Thank you.

Christmas cards can be handed out at the beginning or end of the school day (not in class!). Thank you!

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

Everyone looked absolutely fantastic in their Christmas jumpers today! Today's was just for fun with no cost and the final Friday of term will be another free Christmas jumper day.



May we remind you that next Friday (10th December) is Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. A £1 donation can be made by ParentMail. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

A couple of weeks ago, all parents received a ParentMail form asking if your child would like to receive a traditional Christmas lunch on Friday 10th December. The deadline for making a dinner choice has now passed. All children who usually have a school meal are included in numbers for Christmas lunch. If your child does not want Christmas Lunch, please send a packed lunch from home. Thank you.



School will provide Christmas crackers for all children and music during lunch. Please remember to wear Christmas jumpers! This is truly a very special day in the ARFS calendar!



MENU UPDATES

As you already know, Miss Cooper, in conjunction with Newcastle City Council, has now updated the school menu to reflect the popular choices. Please see the attached revised menu. If you have any questions or queries, you can contact Miss Cooper directly via email Lynsey.Cooper@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk

HEALTHY EATING

We place a high importance on ensuring children receive a healthy, nutritious lunch as well as snack. May we politely ask that food brought for snack time are fruit or vegetables only please. Thank you for your understanding.





SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Massey, Mr Booth, Miss Willett and Mrs Francis are our school's Designated Safeguarding Leaders. If you have concerns about a child, please contact one of us. If it is an emergency and a child is in immediate danger, please call the police.

Members of the public can also report concerns to Children's Social Care directly. If you have a concern about a child please contact one of the following:

- Initial Response Service – 0191 277 2500
- Northumbria Police – 101 (in an emergency always dial 999)
- NSPCC Helpline – 0808 800 5000

There is also a secure online referral form available for you to explain your concern, if you are a member of the public. <https://nccportal.newcastle.gov.uk/forms/referral/public>

With my very best wishes,

Mrs KE Massey

Headteacher

Be courageous; be strong.

Do everything in love.

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

PTFA NEWS



CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Thank you for your hamper donations today – it was a fantastic amount to receive and we are very grateful for your support!

Raffle tickets were sent home on Wednesday – please return your raffle tickets and money by 10th December. We will then complete the draw on Tuesday 14th December at 3:30pm and hampers will be sent home to winners on Wednesday 15th December.



CHRISTMAS FILM NIGHT

On Wednesday this week, you received a ParentMail about Film Night on Thursday 9th December. This will happen in school between 3:15pm to 5:15pm. If you wish your child to attend, children should be collected from 5:15pm at their usual door. The film choices are the following:

Nursery	Mickey's Once Upon A Christmas
Reception	The Grinch (2018)
Year 1	Muppets Christmas Carol
Year 2	Beauty & The Beast Enchanted Christmas
Year 3	Santa Paws
Year 4	The Santa Clause (1994)



If you would like your child to attend, please complete the ParentMail form and submit £5 payment today and please ensure that they have a water bottle in school.

Please note that there will be no After School Club on the 9th December – if you have paid for wraparound in advance, a refund will be made for you next week. Thank you.

ELF PACKS

Thank you for those who have ordered elf packs! The deadline was Wednesday 2nd December to return. For those who have made their order, children will receive their packs in the last week of term. This will include:

- Reindeer food (paper envelope, oats and cake sprinkles, no plastic or glitter)
- A small Christmas Craft
- A sweet treat.



If you made an order, you will receive a ParentMail in the next week detailing the sweets on offer and asking you to confirm if this matches your children's dietary requirements. Please complete this by Friday 10th December so that your child can receive the food item. Thank you.



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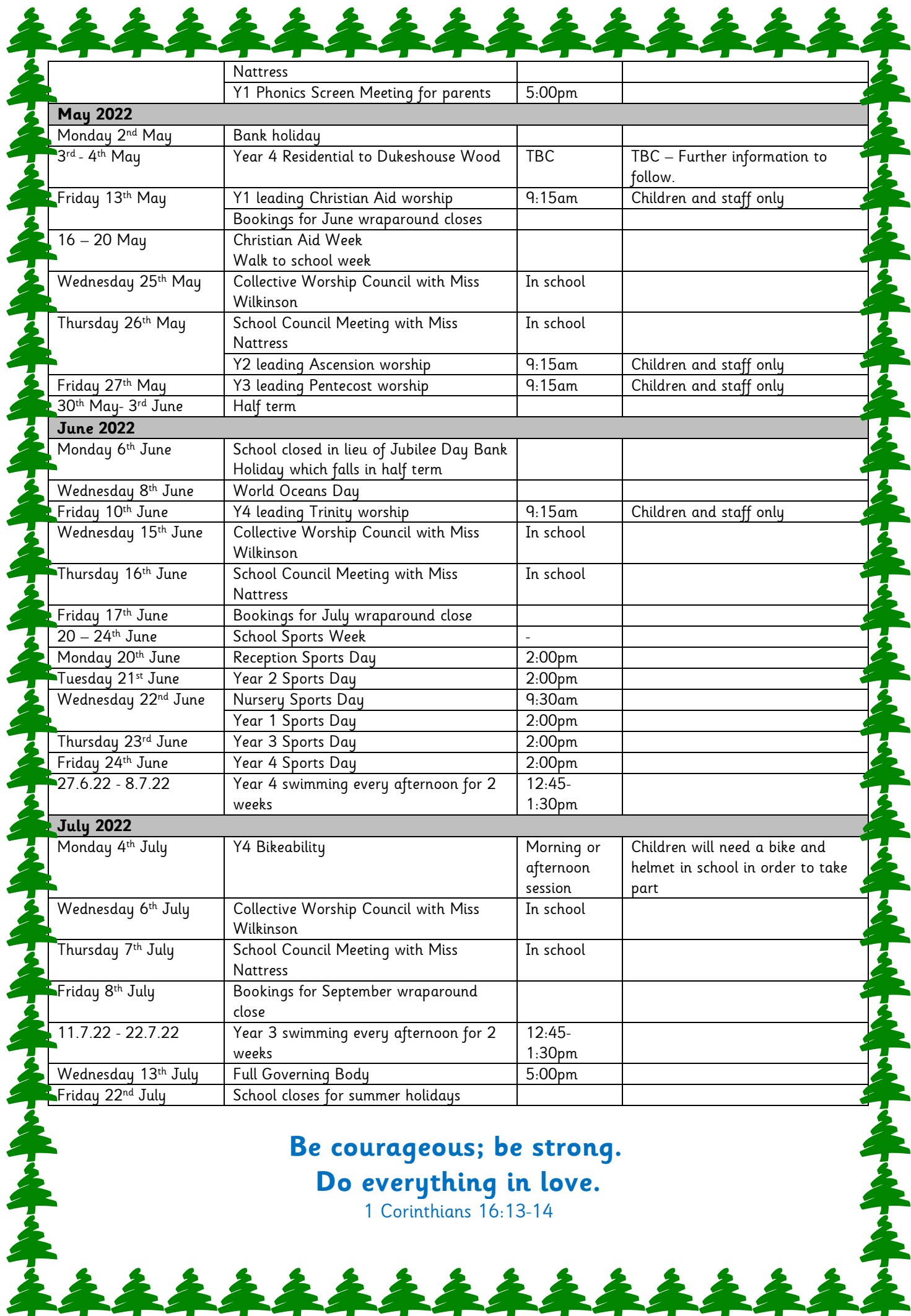


DIARY DATES

New dates are in red, for your information

Saturday 4 th December	Daft as a Brush Christmas light switch on at DAAB house	6:00pm	Rearranged due to storm damage
Monday 6 th December	Computer Science Week	In school	Activities in school
Wednesday 8 th December	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
Thursday 9 th December	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
	Class Film Night	3:15-5:00pm	More details to follow via ParentMail
Friday 10 th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day (wear the rest of uniform as usual)		Children invited to wear school jumper and donate £1 to Save the Children. Donations can be made via ParentMail.
	Christmas Lunch for children, staff and Governors	12:00	
	Bookings for January wraparound close		
Monday 13 th December	Nativities being recorded	In school	Recordings will be shared with parents and carers
Tuesday 14 th December	PTFA raffle drawn	In school	
	Nursery and Reception Christmas Party	pm	Children are invited to bring party clothes to change into. Food lists will be put up outside classroom doors for parents to sign up to bring food contributions.
Wednesday 15 th December	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Party	pm	Children are invited to bring party clothes to change into. Food lists will be put up outside classroom doors for parents to sign up to bring food contributions.
	Nursery and Reception Polar Express Day		More information to follow via ParentMail
Thursday 16 th December	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Party	pm	Children are invited to bring party clothes to change into. Food lists will be put up outside classroom doors for parents to sign up to bring food contributions.
Friday 17 th December	Children invited to wear Christmas jumpers in lieu of school jumpers (wear the rest of uniform as usual)		Just for fun - no cost!
	Carol Service at St Nicholas' for children in Years 1 - 4 Provisional	2:00pm	Arrangements will depend on restrictions TBC This is likely to be for children

			and staff only. Pick up from school at 3:15pm as usual.
20-31 st December	Christmas holidays	-	School closed to children
January 2022			
Monday 3 rd January	Bank holiday	-	School closed to children
Thursday 6 th January	Year 2 leading Epiphany Worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
Monday 10 th January	Nursery and Reception starting Piccolo Music sessions in school	am	Every Monday for 6 weeks
Wednesday 12 th January	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
Thursday 13 th January	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
Friday 14 th January	Bookings for February wraparound close		
Friday 28 th January	Staff training day	9:00-4:00	School closed to children
February 2022			
Wednesday 9 th February	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
Thursday 10 th February	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
Friday 11 th February	Bookings for March wraparound bookings		
Monday 14 th February	Year 1 leading "Love is..." worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
Thursday 17 th February	Random Acts of Kindness Day	-	
Friday 18 th February	Deadline for Nursery applications for April start (for children who will have turned 3 before 22 nd April 2022)	Noon	
21-25 th February	Half term	-	School closed to children
March 2022			
Wednesday 2 nd March	Y3 leading Lent Worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
Wednesday 9 th March	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
Thursday 10 th March	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
Friday 11 th March	Bookings for April wraparound close		
11-20 th March	British Science Week	-	Activities in school
Friday 18 th March	Red Nose Day	-	Children invited to wear something red for a £1 donation
	Deadline for Nursery applications for September start (for children who will have turned 3 before 31 st August 2022)	Noon	
Friday 25 th March	Mothering Sunday Worship (all classes)	TBC	More info to follow
Tuesday 29 th March	Parent Teacher Consultations (core curriculum focus)	2:30-5:00pm	More info to follow via ParentMail
Thursday 31 st March	Parent Teacher Consultations (core curriculum focus)	2:30-5:00pm	More info to follow via ParentMail
April 2022			
Friday 1 st April	ASD Awareness Day in school		Activities in school
Friday 8 th April	Y2 leading Palm Sunday Worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
11-22 nd April	Easter holiday	-	School closed to children
Friday 15 th April	Bookings for May wraparound close		
Tuesday 26 th April	Y2 SATs Meeting for parents	5:00pm	
Wednesday 27 th April	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
	Y4 Times Table Check Meeting for parents	5:00pm	
Thursday 28 th April	School Council Meeting with Miss	In school	



	Nattress		
	Y1 Phonics Screen Meeting for parents	5:00pm	
May 2022			
Monday 2 nd May	Bank holiday		
3 rd - 4 th May	Year 4 Residential to Dukeshouse Wood	TBC	TBC – Further information to follow.
Friday 13 th May	Y1 leading Christian Aid worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
	Bookings for June wraparound closes		
16 – 20 May	Christian Aid Week Walk to school week		
Wednesday 25 th May	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
Thursday 26 th May	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
	Y2 leading Ascension worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
Friday 27 th May	Y3 leading Pentecost worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
30 th May- 3 rd June	Half term		
June 2022			
Monday 6 th June	School closed in lieu of Jubilee Day Bank Holiday which falls in half term		
Wednesday 8 th June	World Oceans Day		
Friday 10 th June	Y4 leading Trinity worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
Wednesday 15 th June	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
Thursday 16 th June	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
Friday 17 th June	Bookings for July wraparound close		
20 – 24 th June	School Sports Week	-	
Monday 20 th June	Reception Sports Day	2:00pm	
Tuesday 21 st June	Year 2 Sports Day	2:00pm	
Wednesday 22 nd June	Nursery Sports Day	9:30am	
	Year 1 Sports Day	2:00pm	
Thursday 23 rd June	Year 3 Sports Day	2:00pm	
Friday 24 th June	Year 4 Sports Day	2:00pm	
27.6.22 - 8.7.22	Year 4 swimming every afternoon for 2 weeks	12:45-1:30pm	
July 2022			
Monday 4 th July	Y4 Bikeability	Morning or afternoon session	Children will need a bike and helmet in school in order to take part
Wednesday 6 th July	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
Thursday 7 th July	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
Friday 8 th July	Bookings for September wraparound close		
11.7.22 - 22.7.22	Year 3 swimming every afternoon for 2 weeks	12:45-1:30pm	
Wednesday 13 th July	Full Governing Body	5:00pm	
Friday 22 nd July	School closes for summer holidays		

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Do everything in love.

1 Corinthians 16:13-14



Lee Sterry sports coaching

CHRISTMAS PARTY

ABOUT THE PARTY

OUR VERY POPULAR CHRISTMAS PARTIES ARE ALWAYS FUN, EXCITING AND PACKED WITH GAMES.

IT'S A CHANCE TO COME DOWN TO OUR FANTASTIC VENUES - HAVE AN HOUR'S FOOTBALL FUN - FOLLOWED BY A PRESENT

DON'T MISS THE CHANCE TO HAVE A BRILLIANT TIME!

Saturday 11th December at Gosforth Academy

3-4's	5-6's	7-8's	9-12's
indoors 9:00-9:50	indoors 9:00-9:50	indoors 10:00-10:50	outdoors 10:00-10:50

Children must be pre-registered this course in non-refundable in case of adverse weather conditions.
Closing Date: Thursday 9th December 2021
All payments to be made online www.ls-sc.co.uk cost £10 and each child will receive a present.
Any further information please contact lee 07729058119 Email Coaching@ls-sc.co.uk



CHRISTMAS COURSE WITH LEESTERRYSPORTSCOACHING

TEAM FOOTBALL GAMES FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGES 4-12

Monday 20th-Thursday 23rd
December 2021
For 1 day £15
For 4 days £45
Courses held at Gosforth academy
on the 3G 10:00-2:00(4-5 Year
Old's indoors bring trainers)
Cochrane park outdoors on the 4G
team football games 10:00-2:00

For more information
Call Lee Sterry 07729058119 or
email Coaching@ls-sc.co.uk
All bookings to be made online at
www.ls-sc.co.uk Christmas course

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Menu 2021-22



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza (v) Chips, Coleslaw Sandwich selection * * * * Frozen Flavoured Yoghurt	BBQ Chicken Fillet / BBQ Quorn Fillet (v) Seasoned Potato Wedges Baked Beans Sandwich selection * * * * Flapjack with Custard	Cheeseburger / Meat Free Cheeseburger (v) in Bun Chips, Sweetcorn Sandwich selection * * * * Melting Moment Biscuit	Pork/Quorn (v) Sausages Sage and Onion Stuffing Baby Boiled Potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, Carrots Sandwich selection * * * * Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Cod Fish Fingers or Cheese and Onion Quiche (v) Oven Roast Potatoes Beetroot, Garden Peas Sandwich selection * * * * Strawberry Cupcake Chilled Drink
Week 2	Macaroni Cheese (v) Focaccia Bread or Quorn Dippers (v) with Seasoned Wedges, Garden Peas Sandwich selection * * * * Madeleine Sponge with Custard	Baked Low Fat Pork or Quorn (v) Sausages Creamed Potatoes Broccoli Sandwich selection * * * * Lemon Drizzle Cake with Custard	Spaghetti /Quorn (v) Bolognese Garlic Bread Sweetcorn Or Cheese Omelette (v), Hash Browns, Baked Beans Sandwich selection * * * * Chocolate Banana Muffin	Roast Chicken/Quorn (v) Fillet, Yorkshire Pudding Oven Roast Potatoes Savoy Cabbage Or Tuna or Cheese Tortilla Wedges(v), Oven Roast Potatoes, Coleslaw Sandwich selection * * * * Ice Cream Tub with Shortbread Finger	Cod Fishcake, Chips, Spaghetti Hoops Quorn and Vegetable Pie (v) Creamed Potatoes, Carrots Sandwich selection * * * * Anzac Biscuit
Week 3	Pasta Pomodoro (v) Garlic Bread Sweetcorn or Fish Fingers, (v) Chips, Garden Peas Cheese Sandwich (v) * * * * Frozen Strawberry Mousse	Quorn Burger (v) or Beef Burger in Bun, Oven Roast Potatoes Baked Beans Sandwich selection * * * * Sticky Date Pudding with Custard	Meat Balls in Gravy Creamed Potatoes, Broccoli or Pizza Margherita (v) Seasoned Wedges, Sweetcorn Sandwich selection * * * * Rice Pudding with Peaches	Roast Beef / Quorn Fillet (v) Yorkshire Pudding Oven Roast Potatoes ' Carrots Sandwich selection * * * * Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Custard	Crispy Coated Fish or Quorn Sausage Roll (v) Chips, Garden Peas, Baked Beans Sandwich selection * * * * Fresh Fruit Salad or Yoghurt

Available Daily Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling Cheese, Baked Beans (v) or Tuna
 Selection of fresh bread and rolls
 Fresh Fruit Selection, Yoghurt and Cheese and Biscuits

Sandwich selection of Ham, Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo
 Choice of drinks: Fruit juice drink, reduced fat milk, chilled drinking water