



May 2022

Newsletter 16 – 13.5.22

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole School (excluding Nursery)
Wb 4.4.22	95%	96%	93%	89%	95%	99%	94%
Wb 25.4.22	87%	99%	95%	94%	97%	96%	96%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

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	Sacha Ava	Teddy George P	Harry Thomas	Jabalah Esther Lauren	Fatima Kiran	Karanpreet Erin
Demonstrating Determination	Olly Anneloise	Isaac Mabel	Esme Scarlett	Zain Holly-Skye	Maddison Hugo	Musa Ayaan S

CHILDREN'S CANCER RUN - THIS SUNDAY!

The Children's Cancer Run will take place this Sunday (15th May) at Newcastle Racecourse. It's still not too late to enter.....!!! Over 40 children from ARFS have signed up to run which is amazing (I have also managed to persuade some staff to join in too!!) so it will be a fabulous day.



Huge thanks to Ian Pickett for organising the three training sessions for the children. They were really well attended and great fun for our children.

Here is some essential information:

- If you didn't sign up and still want to take part, you can still sign up and collect your t-shirt and number on the day.
- If you entered before 2nd May and linked your entry to the school then you will have received your t-shirt and race number via the school this week.

- If you entered and haven't received a t-shirt and entry, then you will need to collect it on the day – please allow plenty of time to do this!
- If you have signed up to run separately (but not with school) and have been allocated a different time to run, please just turn up at 10:15am and join us anyway as suggested timings are not enforced.
- There is a t-shirt exchange at the racecourse if your chosen size doesn't fit.
- There are rolling starts every 5-10 minutes and you can start at any time - the school has been allocated a start time of 10:55am and it would be great to see our children (and adults) setting off together.
- Belongings can be left with Mrs Francis in front of the grandstand while you run, if you wish. She will be there from 10:00am.
- We will meet at the school meeting point from 10:15am (which is opposite the Border Minstrel pub). We will have flags with the schools logo so you can spot us. We will split into 3/5 mile and mini-mile groups here.
- Please note that, in previous years, it has been busy and has taken around 15 minutes to get from the car park to the meeting point – please allow yourself plenty of time!
- You can park at car park A (which is the entrance off the Great North Road). It gets very busy so you may want to consider walking or cycling (there is a manned bike park near the mini-mile start). There is also a Shuttle Service from Four Lane Ends and Quorum Park & Ride.
- After the run we will meet in front of the grandstand (near the end of 3/5 mile run) where the children can enjoy their picnics together. Again, look for the school banner. Mrs Francis will be here from 10:00AM if you want to leave coats, bags etc here during the run and collect them afterwards.
- Please remember to pin your run number to the front of your t-shirt (completing the details on the reverse) with safety pins. We have also included a school logo to pin to the back of your t-shirt.
- Bring a small bottle of water to drink on the way round.
- Please remember any inhalers or other medication for you or your child.
- Please bring a hoodie or coat for after the run.
- Please bring sun protection lotion and a sun hat if required.



Please share your pictures! Use **#CCRun** to share your fabulous moments
Facebook: @ChildrensCancerNorth **Twitter:** @ChildCancerNTH @CancerRunNorth
Instagram: @ChildCancerNTH **LinkedIn:** Children's Cancer North

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Y4 RESIDENTIAL

Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Dukeshouse Wood last week. They faced their fears wonderfully embodying our school value of determination! Activities included a 3G swing, leap of faith and assault course. The children pushed themselves outside their comfort zones and achieved new highs. We all slept well the following night...!! Thank you for such positive feedback.



MEETINGS FOR PARENTS

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our workshops around the Year 1 Phonics Screen, Year 2 SATs and Y4 Times Table Check. PowerPoints have now been sent to all parents and carers in these year groups.

GOSFORTH GETS GOING!

It has been great to get some interschool events back up and running in Gosforth. Children in Years 3 and 4 have now taken part in a cross country and, this week, a football competition. It was fantastic to receive such positive feedback about our children, from staff in other schools, who complimented their behaviour and their support for peers and other school teams. Well done all!



NEWCASTLE'S BEST SUMMER EVER

Newcastle's Best Summer Ever has returned for a third instalment, with the £1.7 million programme, funded by the Department of Education, seeing the local authority, StreetGames, and more than 60 local providers working together to provide for children and young people in the city.



The scheme, which is primarily tailored towards families with children eligible for free school meals, will last throughout the six-week summer holidays and offer children and young people the chance to socialise and gain new experiences.

The Best Summer Ever team is delighted to announce that there will be summer holiday scheme this year. To register your child/children and find out more, please click on the link below.

<https://network.streetgames.org/newcastles-best-summer-ever-participant-registration-form>



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FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

We have been informed of the removal of vouchers for families entitled for income based free school meals during absences from school. Families in receipt of free school meals will, therefore, no longer receive Wonde vouchers for any periods of absence from school. Vouchers will still be provided during school holidays.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY

We are seeing an increase in families who are eligible for Free School Meals within our community due to the ongoing rise in living costs. If you would like to apply for free school meals you can do so here: <https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/help-school-and-learning-costs/apply-free-school-meals>



SUMMER HOLIDAYS

We have been successful in applying for funding for a refurbishment of the children's toilets. The work will be undertaken during the summer holidays – therefore, we will not be running any summer holiday clubs or activities this year. Thank you for your understanding.



PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who has helped improve parking around our school by either walking to school or by parking considerately. The Parking Enforcement Team have issued tickets and have increased their presence in recent weeks.

Next week is Walk to School week so if you are able to walk to school (or part of the way to school) please do. ASDA remain happy for parents and carers to use their carpark and walk from there. Thank you for your support.



RECEPTION TRANSITION TO YEAR 1



Reception children have entered school through the Key Stage 1 entrance this week, in preparation for their transition to Year 1. They have done amazingly! Thank you to the children in Years 1 and 2 for standing back and giving them space while they adjust to these new arrangements. Your patience and kindness is very much appreciated!



YEAR 4 TRANSITION TO GCMS

Year 5 staff from GCMS will be coming into school next week to work with Year 4. There will also be some children from GCMS coming to present in Spanish to the class – hopefully, we will see some familiar faces!

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



This morning, Year 1 led whole school worship for children, staff and their parents and carers. They were amazing!! They read and spoke confidently to the rest of the school and shared lots of information about Christian Aid Week (which is 15th - 21st May).

Other classes will lead collective worship in the coming weeks – please see dates below.

We have continued to learn about the different names of Jesus too. Please ask your child how many they can remember...!



CHURCH LINKS

Gosforth, All Saints' are holding "Games on the Church Green" tomorrow afternoon. Please go along if you are able to.

Gosforth, St Nicholas' are currently gathering your memorabilia / photos / documents for the jubilee exhibition in Church on 2nd – 5th June. If you can 'loan' anything for a few days in the next week or two to be digitally photographed for the exhibition they would be really grateful. Thank you!

GST DAFT DAY

A reminder that GST schools are invited to "Do something DAFT to make someone BEAM!" on Friday 20th May 2022. We will be raising money for Daft as a Brush and Smile for Life's Café Beam along with other GST schools. Children are invited to have a "daft" day at school!



Daft as a Brush

They can wear daft clothes and have daft hair, tell daft jokes... (almost!) anything goes! There is a suggested £1 donation to be shared between the two charities - payments can be made via ParentMail. We hope your child will join us in raising funds for these two local charities that give so much to the Gosforth community. Thank you.



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,

Kate Massey

Headteacher



**Be courageous; be strong.
Do everything in love.**

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

DIARY DATES

New dates are in red, for your information

May 2022			
Saturday 14 th May	Games on the Church Green at Gosforth, All Saints'	3:30 - 4:30pm	
Sunday 15 th May	Children's Cancer Run 2022	10:55am (meet at 10:15am)	Please book your place and remember to register with our school team
16-20 th May	Walk to School Week		
Monday 16 th May	Rescheduled: Year 4 small group visit to GCMS	Morning	Selected children only.
Wednesday 18 th May	Tea party food lists will be available outside classrooms		Please sign up to contribute to a shared picnic. Thank you!
Thursday 19 th May	Year 5 staff from GCMS to visit Year 4		Children will be using Google Classroom
16 – 20 May	Christian Aid Week Walk to school week		
Friday 20 th May	Year 3 Residential final payment due	Noon	Please pay via ParentMail
	GST Daft Day for Daft as a Brush & Café Beam	In school	
Tuesday 24th May	Year 2 visit to Tynemouth	TBC	More info to follow via ParentMail
	Year 3 visit to Hexham Tyne Green	TBC	More info to follow via ParentMail
	Year 4 girls to "Westfield STEM Extravaganza". Please wear uniform. (Mr Booth will stay in school with Year 4 boys. Please wear PE kits.)	All day	More info to follow via ParentMail
Wednesday 25 th May	Collective Worship Council	In school	
	Class Photographs	In school	
Thursday 26 th May	School Council Meeting	In school	
	Y4 GST Football competition TBC	TBC	More info to follow
	Y2 leading Ascension worship	9:00am	Y2 parents and carers invited to attend
Friday 27 th May	Y3 leading Pentecost worship	9:00am	Y3 parents and carers invited to attend
	PTFA Jubilee Tea Party	In school	Children invited to wear red, white and blue. Please sign up to bring food for a shared picnic from 18/5/22. Thank you!
30 th May- 3 rd June	Half term		
June 2022			
Saturday 4 th June	Platinum Jubilee Picnic at Gosforth, St		More info to follow

	Nicholas'		
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		
	Quadkids	1:00-4:00pm	More info to follow
Thursday 9 th June	Year 5 staff from GCMS to teach Year 4	9:00am	
	French Club Begins	In school	See details on confirmation emails (sent wb 4.4.22)
Friday 10 th June	Y4 leading Trinity worship	9:00am	Y4 parents and carers invited to attend
Monday 13 th June	Dental students in school to see Nursery & Reception children		
Wednesday 15 th June	Collective Worship Council	In school	
Thursday 16 th June	School Council Meeting	In school	
	Meeting in school for parents of children starting Nursery in September 2022	5:30pm	More info to follow
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	
	Newcastle "Big Gig"		
	Meeting in school for parents of children starting Reception in September 2022	5:30pm	More info to follow
Wednesday 22 nd June	Nursery Sports Day	9:30am	
	Year 1 Sports Day	2:00pm	
	Year 4 visit to Vindolanda & Roman Army Museum	All day	More info to follow via ParentMail
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	Please let Miss Waters know if you can help walk children to/from Gosforth Pool
30.6.22-1.7.22	Year 3 overnight stay at school		See ParentMail for further info
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	In school	
Wednesday 6 th July & Thursday 7 th July	Confirmed Transition Days for GST schools (all children in school)	In school time	For further information on GCMS activities and parent information for children in Year 4, please see the letter from GCMS
Thursday 7 th July	Gosforth Central Middle School Meeting for Year 4 parents	TBC	
Thursday 7 th July	School Council Meeting	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	Please let Miss Gray know if you can help walk children to/from Gosforth Pool
Tuesday 12 th July	Reception visit to Discovery Museum	TBC	More info to follow via ParentMail
Wednesday 13 th July	Full Governing Body	5:00pm	
Friday 22 nd July	Year 4 Leaver's Service	9:00am	Y4 parents and carers invited to attend
	School closes for summer holidays		

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