ARCHBISHOP RUNCIE
CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

October 2018 - Newsletter 5

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
88.3%	90.3%	95.3	98.3%	99.3%	99.7%

Our school target for attendance is 96%.

PTFA

The PTFA AGM will be held in school on Friday 19th October at 2:15pm. Please come along if you are able to- everyone is very welcome and it would be fantastic to see some new faces as well as the familiar ones! The film night last night was another successful event- thank you to the PTFA for organising this.

CURRICULUM

This week, children have thoroughly enjoyed Forest School activities and Harvest events. Our Harvest lunch yesterday was a huge success with children enjoying school grown, handpicked potatoes, apples and pears.

Year 3 had great fun playing squash this afternoon with Richard Vitty too and several children are keen to become involved in his club at Newcastle Northern Squash Club.

We forgot to ask for a donation towards the Art workshops last week, sorry! Mrs McCloud will set up an online payment option on ParentMail. We would be extremely grateful for your contributions. Artwork will be on display for you to view at our exhibition at the end of this half term.

Next week, Years 1-4 are facing their fears at Gibside. We will need plenty of parent helpers so please let Class Teachers know if you are able to support.

As part of our school's birthday celebrations, each class will be making money "grow"! Virgin Money have loaned each class £60 (£2 per pupil) to design and make birthday merchandise to sell at our exhibition event on 23rd/24th/25th October. The idea is for each class to "pool" their money to make a product and make a profit (which will be donated to charity). This helps young people learn about enterprise and setting up a small business.

We are holding an e-safety workshop for parents on Friday 19th October at 9:00am. Please come along! If you wish to book a place, please complete the form online.

Thank you for all the positive feedback that we have received about the curriculum this term. We are delighted that your children are enjoying all the enrichment activities and experiences!

CASHLESS SYSTEM

A reminder that, like many other local schools, we are going to go cashless (including cheques) from Friday 12th October. If you are unable to make payments through ParentMail online, we can give you a barcode which you can take to a local PayPoint retailer to make a payment with cash. We will still accept cash and cheques for PTFA charity donations in a named and labelled envelope.

You are encouraged to download the ParentMail app on your mobile phone. If you have any queries, please ask Mrs McCloud.

STAFFING

I am delighted to announce that we have appointed Miss Emily Salter as our new Cover Supervisor, to work five afternoons each week. Miss Salter will be working across all classes to cover teachers' planning time (which is a statutory requirement). She will be joining us in school next week to get to know us all before she starts her employment later in the month.

WORSHIP

Year 4 led our Harvest Worship brilliantly this morning. Years 1-3 will also lead Worship for the rest of the school and parents, during the year. We continue to welcome clergy from All Saints' and "Open the Book" each week.

CHARITABLE GIVING

Year 4 children and staff hosted The World's Biggest Coffee Afternoon last Friday. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes or attended the event. It was a huge success raising £361.30- well done everyone involved!

Thank you to everyone who sent in donations for the People's Kitchen displayed at the Harvest Worship this morning.

READING BUDDIES

Most classes now have Reading Buddies but some classes are still in need! If you could spare an hour or two a week please email class teachers who will be delighted to hear from you! You will require DBS clearance through the school, please see Mrs McCloud who will arrange this.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Michelle Fowler Photography will be in school on Friday 12th October. Please look out for forms coming home today if you would like your child to have their picture taken.

PARKING

It has been reported that parking continues to be an issue on Christon Raod, outside the school gates. Please could we ask that parents do not park on the double yellow lines. The parking restrictions are in place to keep our children as safe as possible and parking illegally could put our children at risk. We have contacted the local authority parking enforcement department to enforce parking restrictions.

REMINDERS

We still need some parents to return photo consent forms, Gibside visit consent/contribution and donations for Forest School.

People remember to empty book bags of letters/flyers from school each evening. It makes life much easier if all that is in the children's book bags is their reading book, reading record and recorder (for Years 2 to 4). Water bottles should be carried separately to avoid leaks onto books!

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

"Love to learn, learn to love"

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Additional Notes
October 2018		
Wed 10th October	National "Face Your Fears Day" Y1, 2, 3 & 4 visit to Gibside	Please complete form online and let class teachers know if you can help
Friday 12th October	Individual photographs	Please complete form send home today
Sunday 14th October	DAAB Proms- Gosforth Voices performing	
13-19th October	Christian Aid Week	
15-19th October	National Design Week	
17th October	Gosforth Band rehearsals 3:45- 4:45pm	At Archibald First School
19th October	PTFA AGM (School Hall) 2:15pm	Please come along
19th October	Non uniform in aid of Christian Aid	Donations welcome
	e-safety workshop for parents 9:00am	Please come along!
Tuesday 23rd Oct & Wed 24th Oct	Parents evening (all classes) and exhibition of Y1-4 work in hall (3:30-5:30pm)	Please come along early to look at our exhibition
Wed 24th Oct	9:15am N & Rec Harvest Festival	Parents welcome
Thursday 25th October	Exhibition open to wider community (1:30-3:00pm)	
Friday 26th October	Teacher Training Day	School closed
Wed 31st October	Deadline for Middle School applications (midday)	
November 2018		
Monday 5th Nov	Y2 "Polar Lands" Workshop (all day)	Y2 – Please pay online
Thursday 8th Nov	Y3 WWI experience	Parent helpers needed please Y3 & 4 – Please complete payment & form online
Friday 9th Nov	Y4 WWI experience	
5th-9th Nov	Gosforth Schools Trust Poppy Week	Poppies on sale in school
Wed 7th November	Diwali	
Thursday 8th Nov	PTFA Disco (5:00-6:30pm)	Tickets via PTFA- form to follow
12-16th Nov	Antibullying Week	
Thursday 15th Nov	Prospective Reception Parents Open Evening 3:30pm	Please let your friends with young children know!
Friday 16th Nov	Children in Need Day	Children can wear spotty clothing for a donation of £1
	Antibullying workshops for Years 1-4	Please pay online
Wed 21st Nov	World "Hello" Day	Children will be encouraged to greet 10 new people
Wed 28th Nov	N & Rec Julia Donaldson Day	N & Rec children invited to dress as a Julia Donaldson character
	Governing Body Meeting	
Friday 30th Nov	9:00 Advent Worship- led by Year 3 (in school)	Parents and carers welcome
December 2018		
Monday 3rd Dec	Prospective Reception Parents Open Evening 3:30pm	Please let your friends with young children know!
Wed 12th Dec	9:15- Reception Christmas "Stay & Play" 2:15- Nursery Christmas "Stay & Play"	Parents invited
Friday 14th Dec	Save the Children Christmas Jumper day	Children and staff wear Christmas Jumpers for £1 donation

	PTA Christmas Fair & Carol Singing (Years 1-4) 2:30pm-4:00pm	All welcome!
Monday 17th Dec	Flu immunizations (pm) R-Y4	Forms now complete
	1:30pm KS2 Nativity (Y3 & Y4)	Ticket info to follow
	5:30pm KS1 Nativity (Y1 & Y2) 6:30pm KS2 Nativity (Y3 & Y4)	Children need to be back at school by 5:00pm please.
Tuesday 18th Dec	Foundation Stage (N & Rec) Nativity 9:30am	Ticket info to follow
	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)	Ticket info to follow
Wed 19th Dec	KS2 Party (Y3 & Y4) pm	Y3 & 4 children can bring party clothes. Please sign up to bring food.
	2:00pm Foundation Stage Nativity (N & Rec)	Ticket info to follow
Thursday 20th Dec	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 21st 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 14th January	Prospective Nursery Parents Open Evening 3:30pm	Please let your friends with young children know!
Tuesday 15th Jan	Deadline for Reception (Sept 2019) place applications	
Friday 18th January	N & Rec - "Winnie the Pooh Day"	
Thursday 24th Jan	Compliment Day	
Friday 25th Jan	N & Rec "Opposites Day"	
February 2019		
Tuesday 5th Feb	Safer Internet Day	
Wednesday 6th Feb	Reasoning Workshop for parents 5:00-6:00pm	
Friday 8th Feb	Worship (lead by Year 2) 9:00am	Parents invited
Monday 11th Feb	"Love is…" Day	
Tuesday 12th Feb	N & Rec visit to Gibside	Parent helpers required please!
Friday 15th Feb	Random Acts of Kindness Day	
	School closes for half term	
Monday 25th Feb	School reopens	
Tuesday 26th Feb & Wed 27th Feb	Parents' Evening	
March 2019		
Mon 4th March- Fri 8th March	Book Week	
Mon 4th March	Y1 - 4 visit to Seven Stories	Parent helpers required please!
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day	Children invited to dress as their favourite book character
Fri 15th March	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief	Children invited to wear red. £1 donation
Thursday 21st March	World Poetry Day	2:30pm Poetry Performance for parents of Y1-4 children
Fri 22nd March	Deadline for Nursery applications	
Wednesday 27th March	9:15 Reception Parents Stay & Play 2:15pm Nursery Parents Stay & Play	Parents invited
Friday 29th March	Y1-4 Mothers' Day Service 9:00am	Please join us

	N & Rec Mothers' Day Service 2:30pm	
	Nursery places offered	
April 2019		
Monday 1st April	Forest School- N, Rec & Y1	Please wear outdoor clothes with long sleeves and bring wellies if wet/sunhat and suncream if warm
Tuesday 2nd April	Forest School- Y2, Y3 & Y4	
Tuesday 2nd April	Autism Awareness Day	
Wed 3rd April	9:00am Year 2 SATs Meeting for Parents	
Friday 5th April	Easter Service at All Saints Church for children in Y1-Y4 2:00pm TBC	**All Saints' Church**, West Avenue (off the High Street) Families welcome
	School closes for Easter	
Tuesday 23rd April	School re-opens	
Friday 26th April	Deadline for acceptance of Nursery places	
May 2019		
May	Year 2 Statutory Assessments	
Thursday 16th May	Themed lunch	Details to follow
Friday 17th May	Worship (lead by Year 1) 9:00am	Parents welcome
Friday 24th May	GST Daft Day	Details to follow
	School closes for half term	
June 2019		
Monday 3rd June	Staff Training Day- school closed	
10-14th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen	
Wed 12th June	GST Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Fair – open to all parents of children on SEND the register	Held at GCMS
	9:15 Reception Parents Stay & Play 2:15pm Nursery Parents Stay & Play	Parents Invited
Tuesday 18th June	Big Gig (Gosforth Band & Gosforth Voices)	Northumbria Sports Central
Tuesday 25th May	New Nursery Parents Meeting 5:00pm	
Thursday 27th June	New Reception Parents Meeting 5:00pm	
July 2019		
Tuesday 2nd July	Gosforth Pyramid Concert	For children in Gosforth voices & Gosforth Band
Thursday 4th July	Governing Body Meeting	
Friday 5th July	End of year reports sent home	
Monday 8th July	Drop in sessions to speak to teaching staff	No appointments required
Tuesday 9th July		
Wed 10th July	N & Rec Sports day (1:30pm)	Parents invited
Fri 12th July	Year 1-4 Sports Day (1:30pm)	Parents invited
Monday 15th July	Forest School- Y2, Y3 & Y4	Please wear outdoor clothes with long sleeves and bring wellies if wet/sunhat and suncream if warm
Tuesday 16th July	Forest School- N, R & Y1	
	Y3 & Y4 concert TBC	Parents invited
Thursday 18th July	Cakes in the Courtyard	All helpers and volunteers invited
Friday 19th July	9:15am Y4 Leavers' Service	
	N-Y4 Toy Day	Please do not bring anything expensive or with pieces that may get lost!
	3:15pm Picnic in the Playground	Everyone welcome!
	School closes for Summer	