



April 2022

Newsletter 15 – 29.4.22

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole School (excluding Nursery)
Wb 4.4.22	74%	83%	89%	93%	92%	97%	88%
Wb 25.4.22	95%	99%	96%	87%	96%	97%	95%

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 Ruby	George F Rio	Rosa Luke Thomas	Sammy Huwariya	William Layla	Ayaan S James
Demonstrating Determination	JJ Lydia	Phoebe Sienna	Daniel S Evelyn	Jonho Zidan	Wasan Mustafa Thomas	Matthew William

PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

As you know, we have had a number of complaints about parking around school, particularly at home time. We would kindly request that parents, childminders and other carers do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines or the area next to the Residents Association building as this causes issues blocking the narrow lane next to school and reducing the visibility of pedestrians. Additionally, I receive regular phone calls and emails from residents complaining about cars blocking garage doors, back lanes and parked across drives. It is vital that residents are able to access their properties at all times. It saddens me that residents and fellow parents who have challenged this illegal and inconsiderate parking have been met with hostility from members of our school community.



ASDA remain happy for families to park in their carpark and walk to school. We would encourage you to use this facility! Thank you.



UNIFORM LABELS

Please make sure all clothing, coats, hats etc. are clearly named. It is really difficult to return lost items without names! Thank you.

ILLNESS

As you know, we have recently had an outbreak of chicken pox, impetigo and scarlet fever in school. These can all present as rashes in children - please be vigilant in reporting cases to school as soon as possible. Thank you. For further advice and information, please see <https://newcastlelegatesheadccg.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2020/08/Little-Orange-Book.pdf> for advice and support.



Scarlet fever is a notifiable disease and we have reported the cases to the Health Protection Team. They will let us know if numbers grow to the point where we need to take further action. The early symptoms are fever, headache, sore throat, nausea and vomiting. These are followed by a rash. It is usually a mild disease and should be treated with antibiotics to reduce the risk of it spreading. Children are able to come back to school 24 hours after commencing antibiotics. However,

children who have recently had chicken pox are more likely to have a more serious reaction to an infection of scarlet fever and this is another reason why we are keeping a close eye on children who are presenting with the symptoms of either and why we will send children home if we are concerned. If you have concerns over symptoms which your child has, please get in touch.

Impetigo is a very infectious bacterial infection, which is usually treated with antibiotic cream. It usually appears as reddish sores on the face, especially around the nose and mouth and on the hands and feet. Over about a week, the sores burst and develop honey-coloured crusts. Please do not send children into school if you suspect they have Impetigo.



The cases of sickness and diarrhoea are also starting to increase. Please remember that children should be absent from school for 48 hours after their last episode of either sickness or diarrhoea. This is the current NHS and Public Health advice.

We will continue to send home children who are unwell and who we feel should be at home rather than in school. However, we won't send home children who are only displaying mild cold symptoms. Please continue to keep children at home if you feel that it is necessary and do feel welcome to ring us to ask for advice if you are unsure.

HOME LEARNING

Schools are no longer required to routinely provide remote learning to children who are absent because they are self-isolating. You will all be delighted to hear, therefore, that children will no longer be set work via Tapestry if they have covid or are absent for other illnesses.



We will, for now, maintain the capacity to deliver home learning in the event of another reason for school closure e.g. heating closure, mass outbreak or staffing capacity issues etc.



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.

RECEPTION TRANSITION TO YEAR 1

From Wednesday 11th May, in readiness for moving to Year 1, children in Reception will enter school via the main cloakroom from the yard (where Years 1 and 2 enter) instead of through their classroom door. Reception children should initially enter at 8:40am please (and will be greeted by Mrs Pickup) and **Years 1 and 2 can enter after Reception**. Please could we ask children in Years 1 and 2 to stand back to allow Reception to enter first whilst they are getting used to their new routine. After the first few days, when Reception children are comfortable in their new routine, we can resume the 10 minute window for all children. Thank you in advance for your understanding.



UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

We have had a couple of queries about admitting refugee families to school. All requests should go via the local authority admissions team (admissions.information@newcastle.gov.uk) please. Thank you.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Thank you to all those families who attended our Easter Service at Gosforth, All Saints' on the final afternoon of spring term. It was a lovely way to end the term and prepare for Easter. Year 2 led worship on Holy Week, that morning, which dovetailed beautifully.



This term, we are celebrating Eastertide as well as learning some names of Jesus. The children have already impressed us with their fantastic knowledge!



GST CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to our incredible Year 3 and 4 runners who took part in a Gosforth Schools Trust inter-school cross country competition! Held on Gosforth Academy's field and competing against the other local schools as the smallest in the trust (!), every single one of them made all of our school community proud not just with their fantastic running capability but with their impeccable behaviour and their attitude of encouraging everyone taking part. A particularly special congratulations should go to Phoebe and Emmie who came second and third respectively in their races, receiving medals, as well as Mustafa who beat many other competitors one-

footed, having lost a shoe on the first lap (embodying our school value of determination incredibly well!). We look forward to more inter-school competitions in the future now things appear to be getting 'back to normal'!

GST DAFT DAY

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! 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. We hope your child will join us in raising funds for these two charities. Thank you.





ALL STARS

All Stars Bible Club runs on alternate Tuesdays in school by a group of parent volunteers for children in Years 1 - 4. We are delighted that, from next session (10th May), children in Reception are also invited to join All Stars. There are 7 spaces available so places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If your child is interested in attending (or you would like to volunteer to help) please contact susan_abraham@hotmail.co.uk directly. Thank you.

CLUBS

Most of the extra-curricular clubs provided by staff are now underway and children are really enjoying their activities! Please see Twitter for some of the pictures! A couple of the clubs (Construction and Illustrating) were oversubscribed but Mr Booth and Miss Rimington have kindly offered to run a second round of these activities next half term for children who had already put their names down but had not successfully secured a place.



SMART WATCHES

A gentle reminder that children are not allowed to wear smart watches (that record, take pictures etc.) at school. If these are worn, these will be removed from children and held by the class teacher until home time.

TENT LIBRARY

Please see the information attached about a "Tent Library" lending out tents and other camping equipment.

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

Skills for people

Welcome

West End World Snack Taster Event
for Parents/Carers of children and young people
with additional needs



Tuesday 28th June 2022 from 11am - 1pm
FAR Community Centre, Acanthus Avenue (off Cedar Road),
Fenham, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 9YD

Bring a small international snack to share if you wish, and sample something from our buffet! Meet other parents.

Come along and enjoy listening to some guest speakers with a difference.

FAR Centre **Pass it on Parents** **Family Advice & Support**

For more information please email: information@skillsforpeople.org.uk
or call Shelagh on 0191 281 8737

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Positive Behaviour Support Workshops

This series of workshops is about understanding and supporting your child's behaviour, particularly if their behaviour can be more challenging at times.

We help parents to think about strategies and to come up with a plan that focuses on a good quality of life for your child and your family.

For Newcastle parent/carers
You need to be able to attend all 3 PBS workshops

Next Dates:

- 1) Tuesday 28th April
- 2) Tuesday 3rd May
- 3) Tuesday 10th May

From 10am - 12.30pm on Zoom

For families who have a child with a learning disability and/or are autistic. If you are waiting for a diagnosis for your child you are also very welcome to attend.

If you would like to come to the workshop please contact Jillian at Skills for People
Tel: 0191 281 8737 or Email: information@skillsforpeople.org.uk

Working in partnership with:

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You can contact us at Skills for People or come and find us on social media

Facebook: @FamilyAdviceSkillsforPeople

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Family Advice and Support



Do you live in Newcastle?

Do you have a child or young person with a disability or special needs?



Family Meet up

for Newcastle parents/carers of children and young people
with additional needs



Come and join us for a Family Meet up
at the Tim Lamb Centre
on **Tuesday 8th February 2022**
from 4.30 -7pm
Bring the children to play and make
friends in a safe inclusive setting

We will meet up mostly on the first and third Tuesdays in the month
(in term time only)

1st March, 15th March, 5th April,
3rd May, 17th May, 7th June, 21st June, 5th July, 19th July

Check our Pass it on Parents Newcastle Facebook page
for any family meetups in the school holidays

at Tim Lamb Centre, Rising Sun Country Park,
Whitley Rd, Benton, Newcastle NE12 9SS (behind Asda Benton)

Only £3 per child

Don't worry if you haven't got round to buying your Tim Lamb membership.
There will be someone from our Family Advice and Support Team present during your visit.

For more information please ring Shelagh on 0191 281 8737
or Text: 07891 460513

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PTFA UPDATE

Name the Easter Bunny

Overall winner: Rory



	Class winner
Nursery	Benjamin D
Reception	Alicia
Year 1	Theo
Year 2	Amelie
Year 3	Thomas
Year 4	Summer-Leigh

Many thanks,

Susan Heeley

Chair of PTFA



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 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

DIARY DATES

New dates are in red, for your information

May 2022			
Monday 2 nd May	Bank holiday		
Tuesday 3 rd May	Children's Cancer Run training	During School	No need to book (all children in Y1-4 will need to wear PE kits please)
3 rd – 4 th May	Year 4 Residential to Dukeshouse Wood		Please see ParentMail
Friday 6 th May	PTFA Break the Rules Day		Please see poster from PTFA
Tuesday 10 th May	Children's Cancer Run training	3:15-3:45pm	Just come along- no need to book (Parents and carers must also attend/observe)
	Reception children invited to attend All Stars	Lunchtime	Please email Susan directly
Friday 13 th May	Y1 leading Christian Aid worship	9:00am	Y1 parents and carers invited to attend
	Bookings for June wraparound closes		
Sunday 15 th May	Children's Cancer Run 2022	TBC	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!
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	
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 Nicholas'		More info to follow
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		
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	5:00pm	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	5:00pm	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 TBC	All day	Staff and children only
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
29.6.22 & 30.6.22	Provisional Transition Days for GST schools	TBC	
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	Provisional Transition Days for GST schools	TBC	For further information on GCMS activities and parent information, please see the letter that GCMS gave out today.
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
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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