



February 2016



Nursery Applications

We are currently receiving applications for Nursery places for September 2016. If you have a child who will be 3 years old by 31st August 2016 you are eligible to apply for a Nursery place for them to start in September 2016. Application packs are available from the School Office or by email admin@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk. If you know of anyone with pre-school age children who may be eligible for Nursery this year please ask them to get in touch with us as soon as possible. Closing date for applications is Thursday 17th March. *Please spread the word!*

Dropping Off and Picking Up Times

At long last a new gate between Early Years and the main playground is to be fitted at half term. This should ease the situation for parents and carers dropping off and picking up at both sides of the school. Mrs Armstrong opens the Early Years door at 8.40am and the rest of the school lines up at 8.45am. At hometime, whilst all classes finish teaching at 3.15pm, please be assured that staff will remain with your children at their respective doors so that you can safely pick up children from both sides of school.

Grapes

Following recent items in the press, if you are sending grapes in to school in packed lunches or as a snack in Key Stage 2 please slice the grapes in half lengthwise to reduce potential choking hazards. For children who have school dinners grapes are always halved.

Parent Helpers

Several parents have asked how they can help out in school. We value very much the support that additional adults can give and make the following suggestions as to activities you may like to become involved in:

- sticking work into children's books
- reading with small groups or individuals
- repairing library and reading books
- supporting small group work in the classroom

If you are able to commit to a regular "slot" and have DBS clearance through school we'd love to welcome you. Please talk to your child's class teacher. From time to time there are children who do not respond well to having their parent in the classroom and if this is the case we reserve the right to ask you to work elsewhere in the school.

Easter Card Design Competition

All Saints' Church is holding an Easter Card Competition. The winning design will be printed on cards to be delivered to every household in the Parish. The closing date for entries is Sunday 14th February

and entries are to be delivered to the school office for collection by Revd. Shipton on Friday 12th February.

Topic Money

If you have not already done so, we would be very grateful if you were able to contribute £5 per family towards school funds for this term so that we can continue to involve the children in the wide range of activities they have become accustomed to. Please send in to the classroom staff in a named envelope. Many thanks!

Extra-Curricular Activities

We offer a number of extra-curricular activities before, during and after school. In order to ensure that the experiences for the children are of the highest quality we will be closely monitoring provision and will reserve the right to change provision if necessary. In the past we reduced the number of activities on offer due to the poor behaviour of a significant number of children. We have carefully sourced providers with a good record of behaviour management however if any child's behaviour falls short of the required standard they will be asked to leave the club.

Day	Class/Key Stage	Club
Monday 3.15-4.30pm	Year 3	Art Club
Monday 3.30-4.30pm	Year 4	Awards Club
Monday lunchtime	Year 3 & Year 1	Le Club Francais
Tuesday 8.00-8.45am	Key Stage 1	Tennis
Tuesday 3.30-4.30pm	Key Stages 1&2	Tae Kwondo
Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm	Reception and Key Stage 1	Jolly Olly Football
Thursday 8.00 - 8.45am	Key Stage 1 & 2	Street Dance
Friday 3.30-4.30pm	Key Stage 2	Lee Sterry Football
Friday lunchtime	Year 4 & Year 2	Le Club Francais

PTFA Film Night

The PTFA Film Night on 28th January was another great success! The children once again thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience and PTFA members and helpers had the organisation off to a fine art. A big thank you to everyone who helped organise the event.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March and we are inviting the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Also on the same day the PTFA will be running their book swap day and more details will follow in due course. Each child at school will be given a £1 World Book Day voucher which can be spent at the Bookfair in school during the week commencing 21st March.

Visits and Visitors

Key Stage 2 have an exciting day today taking part in an RE workshop "Why Narnia?" whilst Key Stage 1 will tomorrow have two "Special Visitors" who will help launch the new topic for after half term.

Scooter

An old larger size scooter was found at the park outside of school and handed into the school office. If you have an older sibling or friend who has lost one then please ask them to call at the school office to claim it.

Half Term Holiday

School closes tomorrow for half term and reopens on Monday 22nd February. Have a great week! Dinner money for the half term will be £48 (£10 per week). Please pay on a Monday only,

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 12 th Feb -	All Saints' Easter Cards being collected School closes for half term PTFA Valentine's Cake Stall after school
Mon 22 nd Feb -	School reopens Scouting and Guiding Uniform wearing day - details sent out yesterday
Tues 23 rd Feb -	Year 2 Parents' Meeting 6pm
Mon 1 st Mar -	Offer day for Middle School transfer
Thurs 3 rd Mar -	World Book Day - children invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character PTFA book swap day
Fri 4 th Mar -	2.30pm KS1 & KS 2 Mothering Service in school - more details to follow
Thurs 17 th Mar -	Nursery 2016 Applications closing date
Fri 18 th Mar -	Gosforth Voices Tour
Mon 21 st to Thurs 24 th Mar -	Bookfair 3.15 to 3.45 each day
Thursday 24 th Mar -	Nursery Offers posted
Thurs 24 th Mar -	School Closes for Easter Holiday - reopens Monday 11 th April

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