



ARCHBISHOP RUNCIE
CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VA) FIRST SCHOOL



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ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole School (excluding Nursery)
94%	91.2%	95.2%	94.3%	97.1%	99.7%	95.5%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

We have had a busy but exciting week in school this week and we are all beginning to feel a bit festive! Thank you for the kind donations of Christmas trees and decorations- they look fabulous! Thank you also to the parents who came in to school today to help decorate the school, it is very much appreciated!



WORSHIP

Year 3 led Worship this morning as an introduction to Advent. They were fantastic! Thank you to everyone who came along. Thank you also to Diana Lavin, from All Saints' congregation, for playing the piano for us.

In the run up to Christmas, it would be wonderful to have a pianist to help us learn some carols. If you can play the piano, and would be able to spare half an hour of your time, we would very much appreciate your talents! Thank you.



PTFA NEWS



The PTFA have kindly bought each class a pack of craft resources to make a Christmas decoration to bring home at the end of term. If any parents are free to help with these activities, in the run up to Christmas, please contact Class Teachers directly.

STAFFING UPDATE

After 7 years of dedicated service to the pupils of Archbishop Runcie First School, Mrs Law (Year 2 Teacher, Monday-Wednesday) has decided to leave the school at Christmas to pursue a different avenue. I am sure that you would wish to join me in thanking her and in wishing her all the very best for the future. A collection is being taken at the main office for anyone who would like to contribute to a gift for her.

Mr Tom Renny has been working alongside Mrs Mann in Year 2, getting to know the children and staff. We are delighted to announce that Mr Renny will, from January 2019, teach Year 2 with Mrs Mann. Mr Renny is an experienced teacher and is delighted to join our staff team.

As you know, Mrs Gregory (Nursery Teacher) is on secondment to our school, from Grange First School until the end of December. She has worked tirelessly over the last term to get Nursery up and running, including the induction of "Rising Threes" and 30-hour provision and has been a fabulous support to myself and the staff. We have planned for a handover week in the final week of this term to ensure a smooth transition and Mrs Gregory will visit regularly in the first few weeks of Spring Term to ensure consistency for the children and offer continued support to the staff. There will be an opportunity for Nursery parents and children to meet the new Nursery Teacher in the final week of term.

We are very grateful to the Governors and Leadership Team at Grange to agreeing to this secondment and in supporting us.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Currently, Taekwondo Club (Tuesday after school) invites older children from other schools in Gosforth. From January, Taekwondo Club will be solely for the children of our school (apart from a couple of older helpers). The club teacher will be contacting parents of children on the waiting list to offer places, in due course. If your child is interested in starting Taekwondo please contact Faye, at North East Martial Arts, directly (details are on our website).



NATIVITIES

	Title	Performance 1	Performance 2
Nursery & Reception	Christmas Counts	9:30am Tuesday 18 th December	2:00pm Wednesday 19 th December
Key Stage One	The Donkey Seller	5:30pm Monday 17 th December	2:00pm Tuesday 18 th December
Key Stage Two	Christmas 1914	1:30pm Monday 17 th December	6:30pm Monday 17 th December

Due to fire regulations, we unfortunately have to restrict tickets to Nativity performances. We will initially **offer two tickets per family in total** (not per performance) to be booked in the "payments" section of ParentMail (available to book from 9:00am on Saturday 1st December until 3:00pm on Friday 7th December). We will then give you the opportunity to book any spare tickets from 9:00am on Saturday 8th December. Hard copy tickets will not be issued but there will be a ticket list on the door, which will be checked on entry to school.



We do not charge for tickets to school Nativities however school has to pay a license fee for each performance and we would therefore welcome voluntary donations towards the cost of this. Donations can be made via ParentMail, when booking, or in cash on the day.

Nativity roles are currently being allocated to children and costume requests will be sent home shortly.

PARENT COUNCIL



Research has shown that children thrive when parents and schools work in partnership. It is great that we have received several offers of help and support from parents who are keen to become more involved in the life of the school. A Parent Council is a good way to encourage parent voice and I would ask you to consider taking part. We would be delighted to receive expressions of interest from any parents who would be able to contribute to this initiative. In order to gauge interest, and consider how this could be operationalised, I would be grateful, in the first instance, if you would email admin@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk by Friday 7th December.

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

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Dates for your Diary

New dates are in red, for your information.

Date	Event	Additional Notes
December 2018		
Monday 3 rd Dec	Prospective Reception Parents Open Evening 3:30pm	Please let your friends with young children know!
Tuesday 4 th Dec	GST Council Meeting- GCMS	GST reps only
	Nursery & Rec Bigfoot Theatre visit to school	Please pay online
Wednesday 5th Dec	7:45pm PTFA Christmas Fair Planning session	Meet at the Gosforth Hotel
REVISED DATE Thursday 6 th Dec	Nursery & Reception Story Party (in school) with Seven Stories	Please pay online
Friday 7 th December	Deadline for shoebox donations	
	No crossing patrol on Christon Road today	
	PTFA non-uniform day	Please bring tombola donations and bottles
Mon 10th Dec	Y1-Y4 French Club Christmas Party (lunchtime)	Only for children who usually attend French Club
Wed 12 th Dec	9:15- Reception Christmas "Stay & Play" 2:15- Nursery Christmas "Stay & Play"	Parents invited
	Year 2 visit to Shipley Art Gallery to see The Snow Bear with Chris Bostock (1:00pm)	Children will have a packed lunch. Children can wear festive PJs or a Christmas jumper and can bring a teddy. ParentMail form to follow. Parent helpers needed please!
Thursday 13 th Dec	Y3 & Y4 Multiskills festival at Walker Dome 1:00-2:45pm (we may be slightly late back to school)	Please send trainers and jogging bottoms. Please complete consent form online. Parent helpers needed please.
Friday 14 th Dec	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day	Children and staff wear Christmas Jumpers for £1 donation
	School Christmas Lunch for staff and pupils	Please book online if your child usually has a packed lunch
	PTA Christmas Fair & Carol Singing (Years 1-4) 2:30pm-4:00pm	All welcome!
	New signing in system being installed in office	To be used by all visitors, staff and late pupil arrivals
Monday 17 th Dec	Flu immunizations (pm) R-Y4	Forms now complete
	KS1 & 2 Dress Rehearsal	Children only
	French Club catch up sessions for Year 2 & 4	Missed when on Beamish Trip
	1:30pm KS2 Nativity (Y3 & Y4)	Tickets can be book online.
	5:30pm KS1 Nativity (Y1 & Y2) 6:30pm KS2 Nativity (Y3 & Y4)	Tickets can be book online. Children need to be back at school by 5:00pm please.
Tuesday 18 th Dec	Foundation Stage (N & Rec) Nativity 9:30am	Tickets can be book online.
	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)	Tickets can be book online.
Wed 19 th Dec	Andrew Mason- Worship	Pupils only
	"Appely Ever After" Years 1-2 Theatre visit- £5.00 per child 11:30am-3:30pm	Please pay online. Please note we are likely to be late back to school.
	2:00pm Foundation Stage Nativity (N & Rec)	Ticket info to follow
	4:00pm New Parents' Meeting for Nursery children starting in January	Parents of "Rising 3s" only
Thursday 20 th Dec	KS2 Party (Y3 & Y4) am	Y3 & 4 children can bring party clothes. Please sign up to bring food.

	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 21 st 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 7 th January	School re-opens to children	
Tuesday 8th January	Y4 Road Safety	
Thursday 10 th January	Y1 visit to Hancock Planetarium	Details to follow
Friday 11 th January	Y2 visit to Newcastle Castle	Details to follow
	Governors Ethos Cttee Meeting	
Monday 14 th January	Y4 visit from Mrs Durr- South Africa learning hook	In school, no cost.
	Prospective Nursery Parents Open Evening 3:30pm	Please let your friends with young children know!
Tuesday 15 th Jan	Deadline for Reception (Sept 2019) applications	See below
Thursday 17th Jan	Y2 & Y4 French lesson in lieu of lesson missed for Beamish visit last term	
Friday 18 th January	N & Rec – “Winnie the Pooh Day” (in school)	More info to follow
Tuesday 22 nd January	Years 3 & 4 start ukulele lessons in school	More info to follow
Thursday 24 th Jan	Compliment Day	
	Governors Teaching & Learning Cttee Meeting	
Friday 25 th Jan	N & Rec “Opposites Day” (in school)	
	School Council Meeting with Mrs Mann	
February 2019		
Tuesday 5 th Feb	Safer Internet Day	Activities in school
	10 children from Y1 to Zumba at GPFS	Details to follow
	Governors Finance Cttee Meeting	
Wednesday 6 th Feb	Reasoning Workshop for parents 5:00-6:00pm	Please save the date!
Thursday 7 th Feb	GST Moderation Meeting	Staff only
Friday 8 th Feb	Worship (led by Year 2) 9:00am	Parents invited
Monday 11 th Feb	“Love is...” Day	
Tuesday 12 th Feb	N & Rec visit to Gibside	All Nursery children will need a grown up and we will need as many Reception parents as possible please!
	Y3 visit to El Torero	Details to follow
Thursday 14 th Feb	PTFA Film Night	
Friday 15 th Feb	Random Acts of Kindness Day	
	PTFA Cake Stall after school	
	School closes for half term	
Monday 25 th Feb	School reopens to children	
	International World Thinking Day	
Tuesday 26 th Feb & Wed 27 th Feb	Parents' Evening	
Tuesday 26th Feb	KS2 Quicksticks tournament 1-4pm	Selected children only- details to follow
March 2019		
Mon 4 th March- Fri 8 th March	Book Week	Info to follow
Mon 4 th March	Y1 – 4 visit to Seven Stories	Parent helpers required please! Children to wear school uniform and bring packed lunches please
Wed 6 th March	Y4 Worship - Lent begins	Parents invited
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	Children invited to dress as their

		favourite book character
Thursday 14 th March	Governors Teaching & Learning Cttee Meeting	
Fri 15 th March	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief	Children invited to wear red for £1 donation
Thursday 21 st March	World Poetry Day	2:30pm Poetry Performance for parents of Y1-4 children
	GST Moderation Meeting	Staff only
Fri 22 nd March	Deadline for Nursery applications	
Wednesday 27 th March	2:15pm Nursery Parents Stay & Play	Nursery parents invited
Thursday 28 th March	9:15 Reception Parents Stay & Play	Reception parents invited to all or part of session
Friday 29 th March	Y1-4 Mothers' Day Service 9:00am	Mums invited!
	N & Rec Mothers' Day Service 2:30pm	Mums invited!
	Nursery places offered	
April 2019		
Monday 1 st April	Forest School- N, Rec & Y1	Please wear outdoor clothes with long sleeves and bring wellies if wet/sunhat and suncream if warm
Tuesday 2 nd April	Forest School- Y2, Y3 & Y4	
Tuesday 2 nd April	Autism Awareness Day	Activities in school
Wed 3 rd April	9:00am Year 2 SATs Meeting for Parents	Y2 Parents- please come along!
Thursday 4 th April	PTFA Film Night	
Friday 5 th April	Easter Service at All Saints Church for children in Y1-Y4 2:00pm	All Saints' Church , West Avenue (off the High Street) Families welcome
	School closes for Easter	
Tuesday 23 rd April	School re-opens to children	
	Shakespeare Day	Activities in school
Wed 24 th April	Y4 Bikeability	
Friday 26 th April	Deadline for acceptance of Nursery places	
	PTFA Easter Cake Stall	After school- please send cake donations to school on the day
May 2019		
May	Year 2 Statutory Assessments	Y2 children must be in school please
Friday 3rd May	International Laughter Day	
Thursday 9th May	Governors TLA Cttee	
12-18 May	Christian Aid Week	More info to follow
Thursday 16 th May	Themed lunch	Details to follow
Friday 17 th May	Worship (lead by Year 1) 9:00am	Parents welcome
Sunday 19 th May	Greggs Children's Cancer Run- Newcastle Racecourse	Details to follow
Tuesday 21 st May	Happy Shoes Day	Walk to school and wear your own shoes- donation of £1 please.
	Governors Finance Cttee Meeting	
Friday 24 th May	GST Daft Day for DAAB	Details to follow
	School closes for half term	
June 2019		
Monday 3 rd June	Staff Training Day- school closed to children	
Tuesday 4 th June	School reopens to children	
	pm KS2 All Saints Schools Week	Details to follow
Monday 10th June	10:00am Pentecost Service- All Saints'	All welcome
10-14 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen	Y1 children must be in school please
Tuesday 11 th June	9:15 Reception Parents Stay & Play	Parents invited to all or part of session
Wed 12 th June	GST Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Fair - open to all parents of children on the SEND register	Held at GCMS

	2:15pm Nursery Parents Stay & Play	Parents Invited
Friday 14 th June	PJ Day for Ronald McDonald House Charities	Children invited to wear PJs for school for a £1 donation
Tuesday 18 th June	Big Gig (Gosforth Band & Gosforth Voices)	Northumbria Sports Central
Thursday 20 th June	Govs TLA Cttee Meeting	
Tuesday 25 th June	New Nursery Parents Meeting 5:00pm	
Thursday 27 th June	New Reception Parents Meeting 5:00pm	
Friday 28 th June	Non Uniform Day	Please send bottles or tombola prizes
July 2019		
Tuesday 2 nd July	Gosforth Pyramid Concert (Trinity Church)	For children in Gosforth voices & Gosforth Band
Thursday 4 th July	Governing Body Meeting	
	Y4 Parents Transition Evening at GCMS	Info to follow from GCMS
Friday 5 th July	End of year reports sent home	
Saturday 6 th July	PTFA Summer Fair 3:00pm-6:00pm with BBQ	
8-12 th July	PE Week	If you know anyone who is involved professionally with any sports and could lead a session, please let Mrs Mann know!
Monday 8 th July	Drop in sessions to speak to teaching staff	No appointments required
Tuesday 9 th July		
Wed 10 th July	N & Rec Teddy Bears Picnic (am) children only	Please bring a teddy bear and a healthy snack to share with your friends
Wed 10 th July	N & Rec Sports day (1:30pm)	Parents invited
Fri 12 th July	Year 1-4 Sports Day (1:30pm)	Parents invited
	Year 4 Leavers' Disco after school	Details to follow
Monday 15 th July	Forest School- Y2, Y3 & Y4	Please wear outdoor clothes with long sleeves and bring wellies if wet/sunhat and suncream if warm
Tuesday 16 th July	Forest School- N, R & Y1	
	Y3 & Y4 instrumental concert TBC	Parents invited
Thursday 18 th July	Cakes in the Courtyard	All helpers and volunteers invited- please join us!
Friday 19 th July	9:15am Y4 Leavers' Service	Y4 Parents and carers invited
	3:15pm Picnic in the Playground	Everyone welcome!
	School closes for Summer	

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15 January 2019 (midday): Deadline to apply for reception class places for September 2019



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