



May 2021

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PTFA UPDATE

Our amazing PTFA have arranged the following events for our children and families:

- Silver Coin Challenge - 4th - 28th May (the winner will be the class that fills the most bottles during this time)
- Film Night - 13th May (please book via ParentMail). Children who would usually attend After School Club will attend Film Night
- Doughnut Day – Friday 11th June (children invited to bring in £1 to buy a doughnut)
- Break the rules day (children invited to bring a bottle) - 25th June
- Dress down day (children invited to bring colour themed hamper donations) - 9th July
- Summer Fayre **DEPENDENT ON COVID RESTRICTIONS** (families invited to bring a picnic) - 17th July 2:30- 5:30pm



Class Hampers

After the success of the Christmas class hampers, we are once again asking for colour themed donations from each class to create hampers which will be prizes in the PTFA summer raffle. Each class will have a colour theme to stick to (if possible!).

We are also looking for wicker boxes to put goodies in to too and cellophane and ribbons for wrapping, if anyone has anything suitable at home. If you know any local businesses that may be able to support us with goods, we would be really grateful. Thank you!



Nursery	Pink	Items can include summer themed food and drinks, garden decorations, BBQ themed items, beach treats (or anything else you can think of!) of the allocated colour (where possible). Thank you!
Reception	Orange	
Year 1	Yellow	
Year 2	Green	
Year 3	Blue	
Year 4	Purple	

Children can wear their own clothes on Friday 9th July, in exchange for hamper donations. Thank you in advance!

READING BOOKS

We are aware that some children have not returned their reading books from periods of lockdown, isolation or bubble closure. If you have any school reading books at home, we would be really grateful if you could return them please! Thank you in advance.

SUNGLASSES

Please do not send sunglasses to school with your children. Thank you!



BIRTHDAY SWEETS

Parents and carers (or children!) are welcome to hand out wrapped sweets to their class, at home time, as children leave, if they wish to. Please do not send sweets into school. Thank you.

HALAL FOODS

The school kitchen, run by Newcastle City Council, does not provide halal meat – therefore, if you have indicated that your child requires a halal diet, they will be given the vegetarian option for school lunches.

SIAMS

As some of you will know, as a Church of England First School, ARFS is subject to a Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS), in addition to the usual Ofsted inspections. Our next inspection is likely to be in 2022.



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SIAMS will judge the school on seven areas: Vision & Leadership; Wisdom, Knowledge & Skills; Character Development; Community and Living Well Together; Dignity & Respect; the impact of collective worship; and the effectiveness of religious education.

The staff, governors and children continue to prepare for this inspection through our day-to-day work. We will, in due course, seek to engage further with parents and carers and gather views around each of these areas. We would really welcome your thoughts and opinions in order to help us further improve our school distinctiveness and ethos.

BIG GIG



Children in Years 3 and 4 will be performing in this year's (virtual) Big Gig for Newcastle Music Service where they will be able to demonstrate all that they have been learning in their drumming sessions to schools across the city. We can't wait to see their performance! A ParentMail has been sent out asking for permission to record – please confirm this as soon as possible so that they can be part of the virtual performance. Thank you.

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

This week, I have sadly been contacted by the NCC Road Safety Manager, Cheryl Ford Lyddon, to ask me to remind to parents and carers that they must stop for the School Crossing Patrol officer near our school when she signals for them to do so and when she is in the middle of the road. This rule applies to motorists **and** cyclists.



There has been a number of occasions where a parent on his bike has ridden through the School Crossing Patrol as she was stopping traffic and was assisting pedestrians across the road. Please ensure that you are following the law for the safety of our school families and the wider community. Thank you.

PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

I have also, this week, once again been contacted by school families and local residents about parents and carers of our school parking on the double yellow and zig-zag lines outside school. We frequently request surveillance and support in enforcing parking restrictions. If you would



If you wish to request enforcement action because a vehicle is parked in contravention of a parking restriction, please contact the Parking Enforcement Team with the details of the vehicle, i.e. vehicle registration number, make and model of the vehicle and the location where it is parked. They can be contacted on 0191 277 2739 between the hours of 6.30am to 9.30pm, Monday-Saturday and 8.00am to 5.30pm on Sunday.

Our priority is the safety and wellbeing of our pupils and we would very much appreciate your continued support with this. Thank you.



- Initial Response Service – 0191 277 2500
- Northumbria Police – 101 (in an emergency always dial 999)
- NSPCC Helpline – 0808 800 5000

Headteacher



“Love to learn, learn to love”

Please note that all activities in school are for children and staff only at this time.

May 2021			
10-14 th May	Christian Aid Week		
10 th May	Y3 virtual lesson with Tyne Rivers Trust	2pm	
Wednesday 12 th May	Year 3 Team Games	9:30-10:30	Children in Year 3 need to wear PE kits
Thursday 13 th May	Class Film Nights	3:30pm	More info to follow
Friday 14 th May	Year 1 Christian Aid Worship for children and staff	9:15am	
Tuesday 18 th May	Year 4 virtual visit to The Sill (in school)	morning	Voluntary payments will be requested in due course.
Wednesday 19 th May	Class and individual photos (not sibling photos) taken during school		Order forms & proofs to follow on 7 th June
Friday 21 st May	Year 3 Pentecost Worship for children and staff	9:15am	
Friday 28 th May	Year 4 Trinity Worship for children and staff	9:15am	
June 2021			
Friday 11 th June	PTFA Doughnut Day	2:45pm	Children are invited to bring a £1 to school day for a doughnut
Thursday 17 th June	Year 4 Leavers' Service (virtual)		
Wednesday 23 rd June	Year 2 Grace Darling activities (virtual)	TBC	More info to follow
Friday 25 th June	Break the rules day	All day	Children are asked to bring a bottle in exchange for breaking a rule
31 st May - 4 th June	Half term		
Wednesday 30 th June	Year 4 virtual visit to Segedunum (in school)	Morning	Voluntary payments will be requested in due course.
July 2021			
Thursday 1 st July	Y4 "Sleepover" at school	-	See Newsletter 19 for more info. Payments will shortly be arranged so that they can be made via ParentMail.
Thursday 8 th July	Possible date for GST Transition	TBC	TBC
9 th July	Non uniform day	All day	Children are asked to bring a colour themed summer hamper donation
17 th July	Socially distanced Summer Fayre	2:30-5:30	DEPENDENT ON COVID RESTRICTIONS Feel free to bring a picnic and a rug!
Friday 23 rd July	School closes for summer	3:20pm	

September 2021			
Monday 6 th September	Staff Training Day		School closed to children
Tuesday 7 th September	Children back to school	As per staggered drop off	
Sunday 26 th September	Children's Cancer Run TBC		Depends on COVID restrictions at the time
October 2021			
Friday 22 nd October	Deadline for Nursery applications for January start (for children will have turned 3 before 31 st December 2021)		
25-29 th October	Half term		School closed to children
November 2021			
Monday 1 st November	Staff training day		School closed to children
December 2021			
20-31 st December	Christmas holidays		School closed to children
January 2022			
Monday 3 rd January	Bank holiday		School closed to children
Friday 28 th January	Staff training day		School closed to children
February 2022			
Friday 18 th February	Deadline for Nursery applications for April start (for children who will have turned 3 before 22 nd April 2022)		
21-25 th February	Half term		School closed to children
March 2022			
Friday 18 th March	Deadline for Nursery applications for September start (for children who will have turned 3 before 31 st August 2022)		
April 2022			
11-22 nd April	Easter holiday		School closed to children
May 2022			
3 rd -4 th May	Current Year 3: Year 4 Residential to Dukeshouse Wood		TBC – Further information to follow.