



April 2021

Newsletter 19 – 23.4.21

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter holiday and enjoyed the sunshine! We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Nursery children and their families who joined us on Tuesday, as well as all those children and families who have been allocated places for Reception September 2021. We are delighted to have had so much demand for places at our school this year!

PTFA UPDATE

We are thrilled that our PTFA Committee met yesterday and have several events planned for our children and families during summer term! They will send more information in due course.



ATTENDANCE

Please report pupil absences to Mrs Pygall in the school office, via ParentMail, NOT to class teachers. Thank you.

Attendance is now mandatory for all children – therefore, holiday requests during term time will not be authorised. Thank you for your understanding.

WRAP AROUND

We would be grateful if any communication regarding either Breakfast Club or After School Club could, in future, be sent to our new email address wraparound@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk please. This will ensure that one of the team receive your message more promptly. Thank you in advance!



READING RECORDS

As you may have noticed, staff have once again begun recording in Reading Records each time they listen to children read. We would be grateful if parents could continue to use Reading Records to let staff know how children are managing their reading at home, what they found interesting or challenging and what their understanding of the text was like. There are helpful hints for the sorts of things that you can record in the front of each reading record if you are stuck! Parents of children in Reception and Year 1 can also include how children got on with their phonics activities in here too. Thank you!

PARENT HELPERS

As soon as covid restrictions allow, some classes will be seeking regular parent helpers and volunteers to help change books, listen to children reading, etc. If you think you may have a regular time, each week, to volunteer in school, please let Mrs Pygall and class teachers know. We can begin DBS checks etc. now so that as soon as the school guidance says we can have helpers in, we can get started swiftly. Thank you in advance!

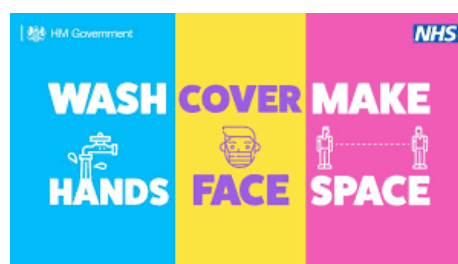


SUNSHINE!

Now that the weather is (hopefully!) improving, children may like to bring a clearly named sunhat to leave in school. Please apply long lasting (once a day) suncream before your child arrives at school rather than sending sun cream in. All children should also bring a clearly named water bottle (containing only water) to school each day please. Thank you!

DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES

	Drop off	Pick up
Nursery	8:50-9:00am	3:10-3:20pm
Reception	8:40-8:50am	3:00-3:10pm
Year 1	8:40-8:50am	3:00-3:10pm
Year 2	8:50-9:00am	3:10-3:20pm
Year 3	8:40-8:50am	3:00-3:10pm
Year 4	8:50-9:00am	3:10-3:20pm



When collecting your child(ren), please remember

- Only one parent or carer per family should enter the yard
- Not to arrive early
- To stay 2 metres away from others
- Not to congregate at the gates
- To leave the yard swiftly after collecting your child
- You are invited to wear masks in busy areas

Thank you!



PE DAYS

There have been some minor alterations to our timetables this term. Please note the change to PE days for some classes. Children should continue to arrive in school in their PE kit (yellow t-shirt, navy joggers or royal blue shorts, navy hoodie or zip up top). We would be really grateful if children only wear shoes that they can fasten independently. Please do not send your child to school wearing lace up shoes if they cannot fasten them by themselves. Thank you.

Monday	Reception
Tuesday	Year 2
Wednesday	Nursery and Year 1
Thursday	
Friday	Years 3 and 4

TRANSITION

Children in Reception will begin preparing for transition to Year 1 later this term. This will mean they begin to enter school via the main cloakroom door and have playtimes on the main yard. Miss Wilkinson will let Reception parents know when these changes will begin.



Children who are due to begin Nursery or Reception at ARFS, in September 2021, and who are new to our school family will (hopefully!) soon be invited to attend small group welcome meetings with EYFS staff, once restrictions allow. We will send further information once places have been accepted by all families.

We are hopeful that Gosforth Central Middle School will soon let schools and families know of plans for Year 4 transition events. These will, ideally, be a combination of face-to-face and virtual activities. We have already begun to have key conversations with the school's Head of Year 5 and SENCo in preparation for next academic year.

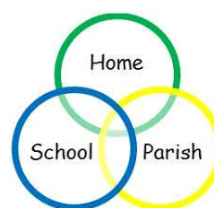


WORSHIP

Thank you to Year 2, who led our Palm Sunday worship and clergy from All Saints' who led worship on Maundy Thursday. Both were excellent events and it was lovely to come together as a whole school for these sessions.

CHURCH LINKS

All Saints' clergy continue to visit school weekly to lead outdoor worship for Year 1-4. We are grateful for their outreach and support. In addition, Beverley Davis visited Reception during Holy Week to help them understand, and act out, the Easter story. They were very excited!



Y4 RESIDENTIAL TBC



In lieu of an overnight stay at Dukes House Wood, we are investigating the possibility of a one night "Year 4 sleepover", on the school site, in July. We are currently in discussions with our safeguarding consultants, LA H&S team and other bodies to see if we can make this possible. If this is not possible, we will be seeking appropriate daytime alternatives. We are really excited and hopeful that we can make this happen. Thank you for your patience!

SRE POLICY

As you will be aware, schools are required by law to teach Relationships and Health Education and to have an RSE Policy, which is on our school website. We have previously engaged with families about our RSE work, in relation to No Outsiders, PSHE policies and the curriculum taught in school.



The amended, proposed curriculum has been shared on the website as part of our consultation with the wider school community, including parents, governors and staff and we welcome your continued thoughts and suggestions as we hone our existing good practice. Thank you.

BIG GIG

Year 3 and Year 4 will be participating in Newcastle Music Service's Big Gig in June! It is a very exciting opportunity for the children to show off their samba drumming skills from their weekly sessions as they prepare for their performance! The event will take place this year virtually and further information will be sent via ParentMail in due course.





SAFEGUARDING

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

Wishing you all a safe and happy weekend.

With my very best wishes,

Mrs KE Massey
Headteacher



“Love to learn, learn to love”

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

April 2021			
May 2021			
1 st May	Deadline to accept Reception places for September 2021		
Monday 3 rd May	Bank holiday		School closed to children
Tuesday 4 th May	PTFA Silver Coin Challenge		More info to follow
Thursday 6 th May	Y3 Play Leaders training		Selected children only
10-14 th May	Christian Aid Week		
10 th May	Y3 virtual lesson with Tyne Rivers Trust		
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.
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			
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 can be made via ParentMail.
Thursday 8 th July	Possible date for GST Transition	TBC	TBC
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	
October 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			
21-25 th February	Half term		School closed to children
March 2022			
April 2022			
11-22 nd April	Easter holiday		School closed to children