



July 2021

Newsletter 26 – 23.7.21

THANK YOU!

After another unsettled year, I would like to thank you all so very much for your continued support of the school, children and staff. The children have been a credit to you all, taking in their stride the many changes and uncertainties that they have been faced with.



Huge thanks also to our wonderful staff who have not only done their own jobs brilliantly, despite the challenging circumstances, but have very often helped out in additional roles in school too. They really have gone above and beyond!



I would also like to thank the Governors for their ongoing support and challenge to ensure the school continues to move forward. The school is in an excellent position to further develop and grow next academic year.

I hope you all have a safe and restful summer and we look forward to welcoming those who are returning back on Tuesday 7th September!

GRASS ROOTS

As you know, Grass Roots Summer Weeks are running from ARFS during the summer holidays. If your child is attending, please **enter via the gate on Christon Road** (not the main school entrance). Thank you.



PTFA UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets and donated prizes to help create our amazing hampers! Raffle winners were:

Nursery – Benjamin, Cai, Ellie
 Reception – Jacob, Frankie
 Year 1 – Lauren, Aadhya, Amelie, Noah
 Year 2 – Pippa, Joshua, Taishaun
 Year 3 – James, Alice, Tristan, Connie
 Year 4 – Lavinia



CHARITABLE GIVING

We have raised £249.98 for our Children's Cancer Run at school. Thank you to the children and staff for running and to everyone who donated.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

As you know, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a universal free school meal and we encourage all families to take up this offer. When children move into **Years 3 and 4, school meals must be paid for**. Please be aware that if your child is moving from Year 2 into Year 3, your child will no longer receive a universal free school meal.

If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, they will receive a free school meal regardless of their year group. You can check your eligibility and apply at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>. Not only does this allow your child to have a free hot meal each day, it also brings funding (known as Pupil Premium) directly in to our school.



Children who qualify for Pupil Premium can also claim 10% off new school uniform, free Breakfast Club places and educational visits will be paid for using the funding received by school. Please bring your uniform receipt to the school office and 10% of the cost will be reimbursed.

Ms Lowe is currently working through outstanding lunch debts so we would be grateful if you could check your ParentMail account balance please. **Any unpaid debts will be referred to NCC Debt Management Service.** Thank you for your swift response.

YEAR 4 LEAVERS

Today we have had our annual Year 4 Leavers' Service. This year, the children had written speeches and some were read out during our service. Children had written maturely about their memories, achievements and milestones during their time at ARFS. It was very emotional!

As you know, each year we hold a wildflower painting competition, in memory of a former member of staff. The paintings this year were superb! Mrs Bell (Kitchen Assistant) had the tricky job of judging - she eventually decided on the following:

- 1st place – Jacob
- 2nd place – Manha
- 3rd place – Yuyang



SEPTEMBER

Teaching staff will be checking emails on Monday 6th September as part of our staff training day. If there is anything particular that you need to tell them, you can email them as detailed below.

Nursery	Mrs Francis	Kathleen.Francis@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk
Reception	Miss Davison	Allex.Davison@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk
Year 1	Miss Wilkinson	Katie.Wilkinson@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk
Year 2	Miss Nattress	Megan.Nattress@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk
Year 3	Miss Gray	Emily.Gray@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk
Year 4	Mr Booth & Miss Burns	Jonathan.Booth@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk Jennifer.Burns@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk

DROP OFF ARRANGEMENTS

As per my letter last Friday, all classes will return to their normal drop off window **8:40-8:50am** in September.

- Nursery and Reception classes will enter via their own classroom doors
- Children in Years 1 and 2 should enter via the main cloakroom door from the main yard.
- Children in Years 3 and 4 should enter via the Year 4 cloakroom door (next to the field).



PICK UP FROM SCHOOL

- All classes will leave school at 3:15pm and should continue to be collected from their class fire exit.
- Any children who are not collected by 3:20pm will be taken to After School Club and parents will be charged accordingly (£9.00).



PE DAYS

- Nursery and Reception children should bring a PE kit (yellow t-shirt and royal blue shorts only) to keep in school on their peg in a clearly named PE bag. Please ensure **all items** are named. They will initially do PE in bare feet in the hall. We have made this decision based on the need to teach our youngest children how to dress and undress.
- Years 1 - 4 will still be asked to arrive at school in navy tracksuit bottoms/royal blue shorts, yellow t-shirt and navy hoodie (plain), trainers they can tie themselves and with long hair tied back.

	PE day	
Nursery	Wednesday	Nursery children should bring a PE kit (yellow t-shirt and royal blue shorts only) to keep in school on their peg.
Reception	Monday	Reception children should bring a PE kit (yellow t-shirt and royal blue shorts only) to keep in school on their peg.
Year 1	Wednesday	Children Years 1-4 should arrive at school in navy tracksuit bottoms/blue shorts, yellow t-shirt and navy hoodie (plain) with running shoes that they can tie themselves and with long hair tied back.
Year 2	Tuesday	
Year 3	Thursday	
Year 4	Friday	

WRAP AROUND

If you require wraparound care for September, please email

wraparound@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk. **The deadline for booking is**

Friday 30th July. This email account will not be checked after this date and

therefore emails will not be seen before the beginning of next term and, as a result, bookings will not be secured. Thank you for your understanding.



WEDDING BELLS

As you know, Mr Booth is getting married this weekend. Thank you for all the cards, gifts and good wishes that he and his bride-to-be received. We look forward to hearing all about it in September! We hope they have a wonderful day and manage to get away on honeymoon.

WATERFIGHTS & PICNICS

This week, each class has had an end of term picnic and water fight. The children have loved it! It has been lovely listening to the squeals of delight and laughter around school! Thank you for supporting these events.



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE- Wild World Heroes

As you know, Newcastle City Libraries are running a challenge for primary pupils to keep them reading over the summer holidays. You can register children here <http://tiny.cc/SRC2021> [Register](#)



There is also a video trailer at <https://youtu.be/UGOJLw43Ap4> which you can watch with your child. The Challenge will run from 17 July and through August in all Newcastle Libraries. Children will set themselves a reading challenge and receive special rewards each time they finish a book. There will be online activities and a dedicated webpage on Newcastle Libraries website.

A trophy will be awarded to the school who has the most children completing the challenge and certificates will be distributed to all children who take part in September. We would love ARFS to be the winner! If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Fiona Hill and Leanne Sinclair. fiona.hill@newcastle.gov.uk leanne.sinclair@newcastle.gov.uk

Read more about it at <https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/citylife-news/culture/dara-mcanulty-and-steve-backshall-revealed-ambassadors-summer-reading> and visit www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

GOSFORTH NATURE RESERVE



This weekend, Gosforth Nature Reserve have a Wild Weekend event - a perfect start to the summer holidays! Everyone is welcome to go along to explore the diversity of wildlife at the reserve. There will be wildlife activities and demonstrations suitable for all ages. There is no need to book - you can drop in at any time between 10:00 – 15:00 this Saturday and Sunday.

More details about the event can be found here: <https://www.nhsn.org.uk/events/wild-weekend-at-gosforth-nature-reserve/>

SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Massey and Mr Booth 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 – 0800 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,

Mrs KE Massey

Headteacher

GRASS ROOTS

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SUMMER SPORTS & ACTIVITY WEEKS

VENUE: Archbishop Runcie CofE First School - Gosforth

OPTION 1: Monday 26th July - Friday 30th July (£60)

OPTION 2: Monday 2nd August - Friday 6th August (£60)

OPTION 3: Monday 16th August - Friday 20th August (£60)

OPTION 4: Monday 23rd August - Friday 27th August (£60)

TIME: 10am – 3pm each day



COURSE DETAILS:

The week will involve various sports, including football, cricket, gymnastics, rounders, tennis, hockey etc and will involve fun based activities such as water games/fights, crash mat tournaments and tug of war competitions.

Children will be grouped loosely according to age & ability. The course will be taken by qualified coaches/teachers. The staff/pupil ratio will not exceed 1:20 & all of our coaching staff have been through a recent police clearance.

Children should be between the ages of 5 (4 is fine if in reception) and 12 (Yr 7)

YOU WILL NEED:

- A PACKED LUNCH
- CHANGE FOR THE TUCK SHOP
- A CHANGE OF CLOTHES IN CASE WE PLAY WATER GAMES!
- TO BE COLLECTED FROM SCHOOL PROMPTLY AT 3PM



BOOKING INFORMATION:

To book onto this course, please visit www.grassrootssports.co.uk where you can pay by debit/credit card.

On the website you will also find our full summer programme; detailing ALL the courses we run throughout the holidays.

Any queries please call Keith (07703 533 556) or Sarah (07725 128 717)



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Option 1:
Saturday 3 July 14:00 - 15:00

Option 2:
Sunday 15 August 09:00 - 10:00

For more information or to book your place go to www.girlsgolfrcks.org/NorthumberlandGC



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FOOTBALL & MULTI-SPORTS SUMMER CAMPS JULY-SEPT

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6
Mon 26 to Fri 30 Jul	Mon 2 to Fri 6 Aug	Mon 9 to Fri 13 Aug	Mon 16 to Fri 20 Aug	Mon 23 to Fri 27 Aug	Tue 31 Aug to Fri 3 Sept

To book call M:07729 058 119 or visit: www.ls-sc.co.uk



“Love to learn, learn to love”

September 2021			
Monday 6 th September	Staff Training Day		School closed to children
Tuesday 7 th September	Children back to school	Drop off 8:45- 8:50am for all classes	
Sunday 26 th September	Children's Cancer Run	TBC	
October 2021			
Friday 22 nd October	Deadline for Nursery applications for January start (for children will have turned 3 before 31st December 2021)	Noon	
25-29 th October	Half term	-	School closed to children
November 2021			
Monday 1 st November	Staff training day	9:00-4:00	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	9:00-4:00	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)	Noon	
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)	Noon	
April 2022			
11-22 nd April	Easter holiday	-	School closed to children
May 2022			
Monday 2 nd May	Bank holiday		
3 rd -4 th May	Current Year 3: Year 4 Residential to Dukeshouse Wood	TBC	TBC – Further information to follow.
30 th May- 3 rd June	Half term		
June 2022			
Monday 6 th June	School closed in lieu of Jubilee Day Bank Holiday		
27.6.22 - 8.7.22	Year 4 swimming every afternoon for 2 weeks	12:45-1:30pm	
July 2022			
11.7.22 - 22.7.22	Year 3 swimming every afternoon for 2 weeks	12:45-1:30pm	
Friday 22 nd July	School closes for summer holidays		

