



September 2020 Newsletter 2

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole School (excluding Nursery)
100%	99%	96%	100%	99%	100%	99%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

WELCOME BACK!

We hope you all enjoyed a safe and restful summer break. A particularly warm welcome to our new children and their families - we are really looking forward to getting to know you!

The children have amazed us all this week by skipping into school and have settled really well into their new classes. I would like to thank the staff for all their preparations for the start of term: they all worked really hard over the summer to ensure classrooms were organised and inviting for the children's return.

I would also like to thank you all too for such a positive and proactive response to my email on Tuesday. Drop off times have been much less busy and the majority of parents are now distancing themselves for others. Thank you for doing this to keep our school community safe.

KEEPING INFORMED

Welcome to our first School Newsletter of 2020 – 2021. The Newsletter is published fortnightly on a Friday and is the “one stop shop” for all information regarding school activities, the work of the PTFA and the Governing Body. It is sent out by ParentMail, our Home School Communication Portal. If you have not yet registered for this service, please call the School Office and speak to Mrs Pygall. Copies of the Newsletter and the school calendar can also be found on our school website.

In addition to the Newsletter, new parents might also like to read our Parents' Handbook which you may like to print and keep, to refer to during the school year. This is will also be available on the school website, for reference.

CASHLESS SYSTEM

All payments to school are made via ParentMail and no cash/cheques are accepted in school (apart from charitable giving donations). If you are unable to make payments through ParentMail online, we can give



you a barcode which you can then take to a local PayPoint retailer to make a payment with cash. If you have any queries, please ask Mrs Pygall.

We will only accept cash and cheques for PTFA events and other charity donations. Thank you.

TEST & TRACE

If you develop symptoms of COVID-19, you must continue to follow the rules to self isolate with other members of your household. You should get a test to find out if you have coronavirus.

TEST

TRACE

If you test positive for coronavirus, you must let us know immediately as well as sharing information promptly about your recent contacts through the NHS Test and Trace service. If you test positive, the NHS Test and Trace service will send you a text or email with instructions of what to do next. You will be asked to share details of people with whom you have had close, recent contact and places you have visited, via a secure website or phone.

If you are contacted by the NHS Test and Trace service, you will be told to self isolate for 14 days. It is really important to do this, even if you do not feel unwell, as you could become infectious to others.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Traditionally, our Year 4 children host a coffee morning for our school community each September. In lieu of this event, Mrs Battista will be making Macmillan themed biscuits for each of the children in school which they can buy for a suggested donation of £1 on Friday 25th September. Children will bring biscuits home - they will not be eaten in school. As always, please ensure they wash their hands thoroughly before eating. Money should be brought into school in a sealed envelope via bookbags. These will be quarantined before being opened and donated. Thank you in advance for your support.



WORSHIP



We are delighted that Rev'd Shipton and Rev'd Davis will resume weekly worship in school for children in Years 1 to 4, in addition to staff leading worship. Rather than leading whole school worship in the Hall, they will visit each class individually outdoors and they will distance themselves from staff and children. Obviously, these visits will be dependent on the weather! We look forward to welcoming them back!

COMMUNICATION

The class teachers have all sent Class Newsletters and Topic Webs for Autumn 1, as well as adding information to Class Notice Boards (outside each external classroom door). Teaching staff email contact details are displayed outside each classroom too; feel free to email teachers directly.

Nursery	Mrs Francis	Kathleen.Francis@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk
Reception	Miss Wilkinson	Katie.Wilkinson@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk
Year 1	Miss Davison	Allex.Davison@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

Staff check their emails daily, either before or after the school teaching day, on their working days. You can still email admin during the school day with regard to school meals or other generic queries.

Our new School Business Manager, Mrs Valentine, will deal with financial matters such as outstanding payments and debts.

Please also follow us on twitter at [@RuncieOf](#) . You can also view tweets on our school website.



LUNCHES

We have needed to make minor adjustments to lunchtime arrangements this week to allow children extra time for eating as well as for staff to clean between each sitting. The children have become much more efficient as the week has continued but we have needed lots of reminders about using cutlery to eat (not fingers) and **not talking with their mouths full**. These are both particularly important in the current circumstances and we would be very grateful if you could reinforce these expectations at home. Thank you.



Please continue to avoid sending food containing nuts, fizzy drinks and confectionery in lunch boxes and please continue to cut grapes into halves to minimise the risk of choking. We would also be grateful if you could ensure that your child can unwrap/**open all items in their lunch box independently**. Thank you.

A reminder that the kitchen needs two weeks' notice if you wish your child to change from school dinners to packed lunches or vice versa. Thank you.



SUN SAFETY

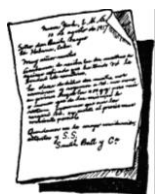
Typically, we have had beautiful weather this week! Please ensure that, on sunny days, children have suncream applied before school. This should be the sun cream that lasts all day please. Children are spending more time outdoors than usual so you may also like to send a **named** sun hat that can stay in school too. Thank you!

PE KITS (OUTDOORS)

As you know from my letter in July, children will be taking part in outdoor PE this term which means they will need navy hoodies or zip up tops and PE shorts and/or navy tracksuit bottoms. Class Teachers have now written to you with the day that **children should come to school wearing their PE kit** on their PE day. Please DO NOT send PE kits into school. Thank you.

PARENTS' HOMEWORK

Parents are invited, if they wish, to write a short letter/e-mail to your child's new Class Teacher(s), introducing your child. Your email might include how they managed during lockdown, how they responded to home learning and what they covered/found tricky, a brief biography, special talents, worries etc. Thank you in advance.



LETTERS

The home-school agreement and other key documents were sent home (in hard copy via book bags) this week. Please could we ask you to read, share with your child, sign and return these to school please. Many thanks. Letters will, in future, be sent electronically via ParentMail as much as possible.

BOOKBAGS

Each class has boxes for children to store their book bags in. Please could children all use school book bags rather than rucksacks. Children should not bring personal belongings to school in their bags or add bulky keyrings or toys to bookbags please. You may wish to write your child's name on the handle of the bag to help them identify it. Thank you!





HAND SANITISER

School provides all hand sanitiser for children as we must ensure that this complies with PHE guidance and is a minimum of 70% alcohol in order to be effective against coronavirus. Children do not need to bring their own to school. If you wish to provide your own, please speak directly to Mrs Massey. Many thanks.

MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Brown manage medicines in school. If your child needs medicine administering during the school day or has a medical condition that requires medicine to be kept in school, please make a telephone appointment to discuss this and for a form to be sent. You can contact them on andrea.armstrong@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk or gemma.brown@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk

READING & HOMEWORK

Reading books will be given out this week- please aim to listen to your child read aloud daily (it is still important to listen to children read; even when they are fluent and able, particularly in Years 3 and 4). You can use the question stems in the Reading Records if you are struggling to think of questions after reading. We would appreciate a comment in Reading Records whenever you listen to your child please. Thank you.



Staff in Years 1 - 4 will carry out further reading assessments of children next week to ensure books are well matched to children's abilities. Children in Years 2 onwards are able to choose from a *range of challenge*. Later in the term, after children in Years 2- 4 have completed a book, they will be given a quiz to check their understanding. Any questioning that you have done at home will support them approach this.

Children in Years 1-4 are also given Maths and SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar) homework too, via IXL. Class Teachers will give details of homework expectations via Reading Records. Homework will be set each Thursday and should be completed by Tuesday of the following week. Many thanks in advance for your support.

In the event of sudden closure, we will set more objectives to allow a (hopefully) seamless transition between home and school learning *alongside* White Rose Hub Maths resources and resources on class pages.



We sent out usernames and passwords in reading records for our current Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 children in July (some via post), along with other log in details for different services depending on what we can offer to different children. Please ensure children bring these records into school and please have a go at accessing these. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is now mandatory and usual attendance policies apply. Please remember to let Mrs Pygall know, via ParentMail, if your child is absent.



BREAKFAST CLUB & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



Breakfast Club re-started this week and always cheers me up when I arrive at school! Please note that children need to arrive before 8:15am if they want to eat Breakfast. Mrs Battista cannot provide food at 8:35am for children who need to be in classrooms at 8:40! Please remember to enter the building via the main entrance and sign your child in on the screen in the foyer.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

IONAH AND THE WHALE



Join us on Sunday
20th September
at 2.30pm for an
interactive service
retelling the story of
Jonah and the Whale!



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

September 2020			
Thursday 10 th September	New Nursery children start (please see information from Mrs Francis) half days		
Friday 11 th September	All Reception children in for morning and lunch only.		Pick up at 1:00pm please
Monday 14 th September	All Nursery and Reception children back full time		
Wednesday 16 th September	Year 1 and 2 Worship (outdoors) with Revd Davis	9:15 and 9:30am	
Thursday 17 th September	Governing Body Meeting	5:30pm	
Friday 18 th September	Year 3 and 4 Worship (outdoors) with Revd Shipton	9:15 and 9:30am	
Monday 21 st September	Bishop Christine visiting	9:30am	
Friday 25 th September	Macmillan Biscuits – suggested donation £1		
Sunday 20 th September	Children's Cancer Run		Postponed until Sunday 23 rd May 2021
October 2020			
Friday 2 nd October	Individual Class Harvest Festival	9:15am	This year, rather than a donation of food, we will be sending a monetary donation to the People's Kitchen. Children are invited to come in non-uniform and bring a cash donation in a sealed envelope. Thank you.
Monday 5 th October	Dyslexia Awareness Week		Activities in school
Wednesday 7 th October and Thursday 8 th October	Parent/Teacher consultations via telephone	2:00-5:30pm	Booking forms to follow via ParentMail
Friday 23 rd October	Staff Training Day	All day	School closed to children
Monday 26 th October- Friday 30 th October	Half term		School closed to children
31 st October 2020	Deadline for middle school applications	Noon	
November 2020			
Friday 6 th November	Flu sniff vaccines administered in school		More info to follow
Monday 9 th November	Anti-bullying Week		
Wednesday 11 th November	Remembrance Worship (all classes)		Children are invited to bring money to school for poppies/other merchandise from Monday 2 nd November
Friday 13 th November	Diwali activities in school		
Thursday 24 th November	Governing Body Meeting	5:30pm	
Friday 27 th November	Advent Worship in school	9:15am	Children only

December 2020			
Friday 18 th December	School closes for Christmas holidays	3:20pm	
21 st Dec- 1 st January 2021	Christmas holidays		School closed to children
January 2021			
Monday 4 th January	School re-opens to children	8:40am	
February 2021			
15-19 th February	Half Term		School closed to children
March 2021			
April 2021			
2-16 th April	Easter holidays		School closed to children
Monday 19 th April	Staff Training Day		School closed to children
Wednesday 21 st - Thursday 22 nd April 2021	Y4 Residential		Please note new date Please proceed with payment if you are able to. Deadlines will be communicated in due course.
May 2021			
Monday 3 rd May	Bank holiday		
June 2021			
31 st May- 4 th June	Half term		
July 2021			
Friday 23 rd July	School closes for summer	3:20pm	

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