

ARCHBISHOP RUNCIE CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VA) FIRST SCHOOL



March 2019 - Newsletter 23

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole School (excluding Nursery)
95.3%	98.3%	94.8%	92.5%	96.4%	97.9%	96%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

PTFA NEWS

Sponsor a Tree Project

As a project to improve our schools' outdoor area, we would like to ask our families and community to sponsor a tree. Money raised will go to the PTFA and will help towards buying new playground equipment. We will be planting native trees around the perimeter fence, where planting is currently scarce!

Sponsor a Tree



A letter will follow, from the PTFA, inviting you to sponsor a tree. You will be able to write a message, which will be printed onto a label, for your child can attach to their tree, when planting.

We will be planting the trees on Friday 22nd March and will need as many volunteers (parents, grandparents or other friends and family) to help, even if for just an hour! Over the coming years, the children can watch their tree grow and know that they have contributed to the development of the school grounds in years to come.

Let's get ready to ramble!

Please save the date... On Saturday the 27th April the PTFA are organising a family ramble around Druridge Bay. Sponsor forms to follow in due course!



STAFFING

We are delighted to have Miss Burns and Mrs Armstrong back this week! Mrs Hail will be continue to work alongside Miss Burns in Year 4, next week.

Mr Hunter has been poorly this week- thank you for bearing with us when routines have not run quite so smoothly!

TABLE MANNERS

What an improvement we have noticed- well done everyone! Thank you very much for supporting us with this at home! Please keep practising table manners at home.



WORSHIP

Year 4 led our Lent Service on Wednesday. They invited us to reflect upon our relationship with the planet and actions we could take to reduce plastic waste during Lent. It was a very mature, reflective service- thank you Year 4.

READING BUDDIES

Reception is now the only class **without any Reading Buddies**. If you have a regular time that you give to them, to listen to children read, they would be eternally grateful! Please contact Miss Baharie or Miss Leigh directly.

YEAR 3 FOOTBALL TEAM

Starting from Monday 18th March, Mr Renny will be running a Year 3 football club 3:15 - 4:15pm, every Monday for the remainder of this half term. The purpose of this club is to select a team for the Year 3, seven a side **mixed** team for the Gosforth Gets Going Football Tournament. We will need at least two girls on the team.



Children attending should wear a football kit, including shin pads and football boots as, unless weather is severe, the sessions will take place on the field. Children should also bring a bag to put their muddy shoes in, after the session.

Please complete the form on ParentMail if your child is interested in attending these sessions. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Renny directly. tom.renny@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk

THREADWORMS

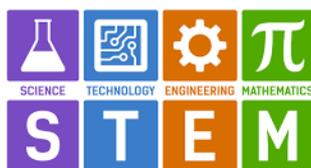
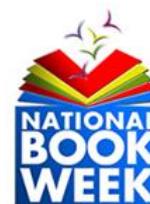


We have been alerted to the fact that some children in school have threadworms, also known as pinworms. These are tiny parasitic worms that infect the large intestine of humans. Threadworms are a common type of worm infection in the UK, particularly in children under the age of 10. To stop threadworms from spreading, children should wash their hands frequently and scrub under their fingernails after going to the toilet and before eating food. To help, please keep your child's fingernails short. If you think your child is showing symptoms, please contact your GP. For more information please see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>

We will, of course, continue to reinforce personal hygiene at school too.

SEVEN STORIES BOOK WEEK VISIT & WORLD BOOK DAY

On Monday, our Year 1 - 4 children visited Seven Stories to launch Book Week in school. Thank you all for the extremely positive feedback. It is great to hear how much the children enjoyed the exhibitions and choosing their own books. Many parents have said how excited the children were by this visit and that they have not put their books down! It is great to hear that we have such enthusiastic readers in school!



STEM WEEK

Next week is STEM week in school. Mr Renny has arranged for lots of visitors to come into school for Year 1-4 but it would also be great to get some STEM visitors into Nursery and Reception for some hands on activities. If you are interested in leading an activity, please contact Mr Renny.

PARENT COUNCIL

On Monday, our Parent Council met for the second time. Minutes are now on the website. The next meeting will be held at 11:00am on Monday 1st April. You can email our Parent Council directly on parentcouncil.archbishopprunice@gmail.com



PARENT WORKSHOP



We are holding a one hour workshop at 9:00am for parents, on Monday 11th March, around managing children's behaviour. Paula Stones, from Clennell Education Solutions, will run the session. This is a really worthwhile session for parents to attend and a positive opportunity to gain new ideas and strategies - I am hoping to pick up a couple myself, for my two boys! Please do come along if you are able to. You can register for a place via ParentMail.

SWIMMING TEAM

Following trials last Friday, our KS2 Swimming Team has been selected. Congratulations to Toby P (Y3), Oliver A, Oliver S, Evan M, Amber R, Harriet M, Edie and Evie J. We look forward to hearing how they get on at the Gala on 21st March.



RED NOSE DAY

Next Friday is Comic Relief so children are invited to wear red clothing on Friday 15th March in exchange for a £1 cash donation. Charity donations are the only funds we receive in cash at school.

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

“Love to learn, learn to love”

Colossians 3:23-24

MESSAGE FROM THE FULL GOVERNING BODY

After careful consideration of the responses to the consultation, the Full Governing Body of ARFS has decided that, at the present time, we are not going to progress with the proposal to join Newcastle East mixed-multi Academy Trust.

We would like to thank all stakeholders for their engagement with, and contributions to, the consultation process. A summary of the feedback has been produced and is available on the school website, for your information.

We appreciate your responses to the consultation and, in particular, the assistance that has been offered i.e. playing the piano in Worship, as Reading Buddies to the children, or to come into school and undertake discrete administrative tasks. Parents also have an opportunity to join our newly formed Parent Council.

As the challenges our school faces have not changed, the Governors will now be considering alternative options to enable the school to thrive. The Governors will look at a range of options, including those suggested by stakeholders during the consultation, to enable the school to further improve and to ensure a bright and flourishing future for our children.

ARFS Governing Body

Dates for your Diary

New dates are in red, for your information.

Date	Event	Additional Notes
March 2019		
Monday 11 th March	Reception eye tests	In school
	9-10:00am Parent Workshop on managing children's behaviour effectively	Please book places online
11 th -15 th March	GST STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) focus Week	We would be grateful of any parents who would be able to come into school to talk about their STEM themed work. Please contact Mrs McCloud if you would like more information.
Tuesday 12 th March	School Nurse delivering PHSE sessions in school	
Wednesday 13 th March	Link Governor visit to school	
Wednesday 14 th March	Plastics Project Assembly	
Thursday 14 th March	Governors Teaching & Learning Cttee Meeting	
	STEM visitor "Technology Tom" for Year 1-4	Please pay online £3.50 Parent helpers needed please
Fri 15 th March	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief	Children invited to wear red for £1 donation
	Gosforth Voices Tour	
Monday 18 th March	Year 3 visit to Egyptian Exhibition at the Hancock Museum	Please pay online
	Football Club with Year 3 (boys and girls) 3:30-4:15pm	Contact Mr Renny directly for more info
Tuesday 19 th March	Let's Laugh Day	
	School Nurse delivering PHSE sessions in school	
	5:30pm Reasoning Workshop for parents	Please book places online
Wed 20 th March	Purim (Jewish)	Activities in school
	STEM Assembly for Reception & Year 1	
	GST Board of Directors Meeting	
Thursday 21 st March	World Poetry Day	2:30pm Poetry Performance for parents of Y1-4 children
	Gosforth Pool School Swimming Gala 9:30am	Selected children only (letters have been sent)
	Persian New Year	Activities in school
	GST Moderation Meeting	Staff only
Fri 22 nd March	Deadline for Nursery applications	
	9:00am Safeguarding Briefing for all parent helpers/volunteers in school	Please complete the ParentMail form
	pm Tree Planting in school	See info from PTFA
	First instalment for Y4 Dukes House Wood visit (Sept 2019)	Please pay via ParentMail
Tuesday 26 th March	STEM workshop for Rec & Y1	
	School Nurse delivering PHSE sessions in school	
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
	Full Governing Body Meeting	
Friday 29 th March	Y1-4 Mothers' Day Service 9:00am	Mums (or alternative carer) invited!
	N & Rec Mothers' Day Service 2:30pm	Mums (or alternative carer) invited!
	Nursery places offered	
April 2019		

Monday 1 st April	GCMS Spanish event for Y4	Selected children only
	11:00 Parent Council	
	Autism Awareness Week	Activities in school
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	
	School Nurse delivering PHSE sessions in school	
	Cross Country Event- Blakelaw	
	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- Sing along Greatest Showman	Please note, this film is a PG
	Y3 Football Tournament BEFS	
	No Art Club tonight	
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	
Thursday 25 th April	TBC Year 2 visit to RNLI Grace Darling Museum at Bamburgh	Please note that this is not yet confirmed. More info to follow in due course.
Friday 26 th April	Deadline for acceptance of Nursery places	
	Y1 visit to Dobbies Garden Centre	Details to follow
	PTFA Easter Cake Stall	After school- please send cake donations to school on the day
Saturday 27 th April	PTFA Sponsored Walk	Druridge Bay
May 2019		
May	Year 2 Statutory Assessments	Y2 children must be in school please
	PTFA 5p challenge	Details to follow
Thursday 2 nd May	International Laughter Day	
	Governors Ethos Cttee	
Thursday 9 th May	Governors TLA Cttee	
12-18 May	Christian Aid Week	More info to follow
Thursday 16 th May	Themed lunch	Details to follow
	Governors Safeguarding visit to school	
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
Monday 20 th May	Y1 DAAB planting	Selected children only
	Wesak (Buddhist)	Activities in school
Tuesday 21 st May	Happy Shoes Day	Walk to school and wear your own shoes- donation of £1 please.
	World Day for Cultural Diversity	Activities in school
	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	GST Staff Training Day- school closed to children	
Tuesday 4 th June	School reopens to children	
	Eid-Ul-Fitr (Muslim)	Activities in school
	pm KS2 All Saints Schools Week visit	Details to follow
	Safeguarding update for Governors	

Monday 10 th 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
	Class Photos 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	Y4 Leavers' Service	St Nicholas' Cathedral
	Govs TLA Cttee Meeting	
Monday 24 th June	Y2 French Club today	Lunchtime
Tuesday 25 th June	New Nursery Parents Meeting 5:00pm	
Thursday 27 th June	New Reception Parents Meeting 5:00pm	
	TBC Nursery visit to Railway Museum	More information to follow
Friday 28 th June	Non Uniform Day	Please send bottles or tombola prizes
	Y1 French Club today	
	Y2 Big Sing 1:15-2:30pm	Details to follow
July 2019		
Tuesday 2 nd July	Gosforth Pyramid Concert (Trinity Church)	For children in Gosforth voices & Gosforth Band
	Y3 & Y3 Beach safety session	
Thursday 4 th July	Governing Body Meeting	
	Transition Day for all classes	Y4 children visit GCMS (all day)
	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		
Monday 8 th July	Y1 & Y2 Beach safety session	
	9:15 French Assembly	
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
Thursday 11 th July	Y4 Transition activities TBC	
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 sun cream if warm
Tuesday 16 th July	Forest School- N, R & Y1	
		Y3 & Y4 instrumental concert TBC
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	
September 2019		
Monday 2 nd September	Staff Training Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 3 rd	School opens to children	

September		
Wed 25 th -Thursday 26 th September	Y4 Residential to Dukes House Wood	

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Captain Ted's
Children's Entertainment Centre

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB!!!

Monday 8th-Friday 12th April

Only £25 all day 8.30am-5.30pm, including snacks, lunch and tea.

8.30am-1pm £17.50 including snack and lunch

1pm-5.30pm, £17.50 including snack and tea

Including arts and crafts, movies, baking, fun and games!

Speak to a member of staff now to book your place!

Childcare vouchers accepted

a jolly good place to play