



March 2022

Newsletter 14 – 1.4.22

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole School (excluding Nursery)
Wb 7.3.22	92%	89%	99%	99%	97%	98%	96%
Wb 14.3.22	85%	91%	93%	92%	93%	93%	92%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

COVID UPDATE

As I am sure you are aware, the government have today changed their Covid guidance. Free testing has now stopped for the majority of people, unless you are part of a specific group such as NHS staff and some eligible patients.



In summary, the updated guidance for **adults** advises:

- Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature. *This means if you have a high temperature, repeated cough etc you'd stay at home until you feel better. (There are no minimum days in isolation for this - just until you feel better).*
- Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. *Free PCR tests will not routinely be available, but we are aware some of you may still have lateral flow tests to identify positive Covid results*

Guidance from the Department of Education for children states that:

- Respiratory infections are common in children and young people, particularly during the winter months. Symptoms can be caused by several respiratory infections including the common cold, COVID-19, flu, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). For most children these illnesses will not be serious, and they soon recover. Children with respiratory infections can experience a range of symptoms including a runny nose, high temperature, cough and sore throat. It is not possible to tell which germ someone is infected with based on symptoms alone.
- Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education or childcare setting.**
- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people.** They can go back to education or childcare setting when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough.

- **If a child or young person (under the age of 18) has a positive COVID-19 test result, they should try to stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day, they took the test.** The risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower after 3 days if they feel well and do not have a high temperature.
- Children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

Should we have an outbreak of Covid cases in school, extra measures may need to be put into place. We will continue to encourage regular handwashing, ventilating rooms and 'Catch it Kill it Bin it' routines. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

SCHOOL VALUES

As you know, our school values are love and determination, based on the Bible passage: Be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love (1 Corinthians 16:13-14).

In school, we have been looking to see children demonstrating these core values. The following children have been nominated by staff and/or peers for showing these values in school. Well done everyone!

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Demonstrating Love	Benjamin D Annabelle	Elli Hayden	Nialah Franki	Aziza Aleeza	Austin Ruby	Ben Elliot
Demonstrating Determination	Ayesha Eisa	Henry Rebecca	Danny Jacob C	Alfie Nolan	Layla Denver	Bethan Archie

UNIFORM

As the weather momentarily became warmer last week, children were understandably taking off their jumpers in school and on the yard in order to keep cool. However, it is really hard to unite children with their jumpers when they are not clearly named!! **Please remember to clearly label your child's school jumpers and uniform.** Thank you.



READING BOOKS



We would be really grateful if all reading books could be returned to school when complete please. There are already several books missing from our new reading scheme and they are expensive to replace. Please check bookshelves and bedrooms at home for any books that might belong to school. Thank you in advance for your support.

Unfortunately, we have noticed a decline in comments about children's reading, at home, in Reading Records. Please note that books may not be changed if we do not know your child has read them. Please remember to **sign your child's reading record each time your child reads** (which should be daily please). A polite reminder that children should be re-reading their short phonics books **several times during the week** in order to develop their fluency, intonation and pace (this is not always applicable for those children reading longer books on Accelerated Reader). Thank you.

TRAINING DAYS

Training days for next year have now been agreed by governors. These will be as follows:

- Monday 5th Sept 2022
- Monday 31st October 2022
- Friday 23rd December 2022
- Friday 26th May 2023





BIG WALK & WHEEL

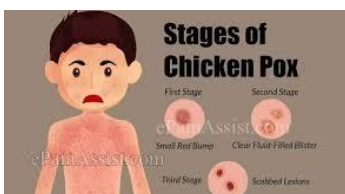
Thank you everyone who has made an effort to travel to and from school on foot, scooters and bikes! We are following the results of all the participating schools in Newcastle each day with anticipation...!

ILLNESS

We have had several reported cases of Chicken Pox and Scarlet Fever in school. Please read the information sent, via ParentMail, earlier in the week.

Scarlet Fever

Children can return to school 24 hours after commencing appropriate antibiotic treatment. If no antibiotics have been administered, the person will be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks.



Chicken pox (shingles)

Cases of chickenpox are generally infectious from 2 days before the rash appears to 5 days after the onset of rash. Although the usual exclusion period is 5 days, all lesions should be crusted over before children return to nursery or school.

A person with shingles is infectious to those who have not had chickenpox and should be excluded from school if the rash is weeping and cannot be covered or until the rash is dry and crusted over.

Useful information can also be found in the Little Orange Book and on the NHS website:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/> <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>



We would be grateful if you could keep a close eye out for symptoms and keep us informed if you think your child has either condition as we will need to inform Public Health. Thank you.



READING BUDDIES

We are looking to recruit reading buddies to help in all classes. If you could spare an hour a week, please email class teachers who will be delighted to hear from you! You will require DBS clearance through our school - please speak to Mrs Coates or Mrs Lowe, who will arrange this. Thank you in advance!

AUTISM AWARENESS

This week, we have been celebrating the fact each one of us is unique, special and loved by God. In particular, we have been thinking about neuro-diversity including Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) in our PSHE lessons. Children have demonstrated such maturity and sensitivity during these discussions!



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in collective worship, we have been continuing to think about Lent and how we can prepare for Easter at this half-way point. We have thought more generally about Spring too (ironically as the weather has worsened!) and the signs of Spring we can notice and appreciate.

We really enjoyed welcoming Mums and other carers into school last Friday to watch the Mother's Day Services in school. Thank you to all who attended.

EASTER SERVICE

We are excited that children in Years 1 – 4 will be visiting Gosforth, All Saints', once again, next Friday for our traditional Easter Service. The service will begin at 1:45 pm and will last around 45 minutes. Children can be collected either from church at the end of the service or can walk back to school with staff and be collected as usual at 3:15pm (or go to After School Club). We would be grateful if children did not bring bookbags on this day please.



We are inviting parents and friends of our school to walk with children and staff from school to church. We intend to leave school at 1:15pm. Any help would be greatly appreciated! There is no need to let us know you'll be coming, just come along to the main entrance at 1:10pm and walk, interspersed, alongside the children on our way to church. Thank you in advance!



CHARITABLE GIVING

We were so moved by a child in our school baking staffroom treats in order to raise funds for Ukraine. In total, she has raised £97.80 for the DEC through this and other fundraising initiatives. Our children make us so proud!

SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Massey, Mr Booth, Miss Willett and Mrs Francis 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 – 0808 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,

Kate Massey

Headteacher

PTFA UPDATE



A huge thank you for the support for film night. We hope the kids had a great time. Special thanks to the volunteers and staff helpers; we really appreciate your support.

Thank you too for the fantastic response to the Smartie Tube challenge. We'll bring you an update soon on how much you helped us raise as soon as we've counted all the coins! Children have enjoyed their prizes this afternoon.

Reminders

- Sponsored Bunny Hop is Thursday 7th April for all children in school. Please return sponsor forms to school as soon as possible if your child would like to be sponsored.
- Children are invited to decorate an egg at home and bring it into school on Friday 8th April. Entries are £1.
- Name the Bunny entries will be drawn on Thursday 7th April. We'll accept any entries up until Wednesday 6th.

Many thanks,

Susan Heeley

Chair of PTFA



Be courageous; be strong.
Do everything in love.
 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

DIARY DATES

New dates are in red, for your information

April 2022			
Monday 4 th April	Forest School for Nursery and Year 4	Morning or afternoon	Please send children in long sleeved tops and trousers with appropriate outdoor footwear, waterproofs and warm hats and coats! Voluntary contributions can be made via ParentMail.
Tuesday 5 th April	Forest School for Reception and Year 1		
Wednesday 6 th April	Forest School for Years 2 and 3		
	Year 4 small group visit to GCMS	2:25pm	Selected children only
Thursday 7 th April	PTFA Sponsored Bunny Hop	pm	See info from PTFA
Friday 8 th April	Y2 leading Palm Sunday Worship	9:00am	Y2 parents & carers invited to attend
	PTFA hard-boiled egg decoration competition		Children invited to bring decorated eggs into school (see info from PTFA) £1 to enter
	Easter Service at All Saints' Church	1:45-2:30pm	For children in Year 1- 4 Parents and carers invited to attend.
11-22 nd April	Easter holiday	-	School closed to children
Friday 15 th April	Bookings for May wraparound close		
Monday 25 th April	Construction Club and Illustrating Club begin	In school	See details on confirmation emails (sent wb 4.4.22)
Tuesday 26 th April	Children's Cancer Run training	8:20-8:45am	Just come along- no need to book (Parents and carers must also attend/observe)
	Y2 SATS Meeting for parents	5:00pm	Please book via ParentMail
	Exploring the World Club begins	In school	See details on confirmation emails (sent wb 4.4.22)
Wednesday 27 th April	Collective Worship Council	In school	
	Craft Club, Book Club Active 30 Club begin		See details on confirmation emails (sent wb 4.4.22)
	Y4 Times Table Check Meeting for parents	5:00pm	Please book via ParentMail
Thursday 28 th April	School Council Meeting	In school	
	Y1 Phonics Screen Meeting for parents	5:00pm	Please book via ParentMail
Friday 29 th April	Reception- Y4 FUNDS session	Am	Children in Reception to Year 4 to wear PE kits please
	Buddy Club begins	In school	See details on confirmation emails (sent wb 4.4.22)
May 2022			
Monday 2 nd May	Bank holiday		

Tuesday 3 rd May	Children's Cancer Run training	During School	No need to book (all children in Y1-4 will need to wear PE kits please)
3 rd – 4 th May	Year 4 Residential to Dukeshouse Wood	TBC	Please see ParentMail
Friday 6 th May	PTFA Break the Rules Day		More info to follow from PTFA
Tuesday 10 th May	Children's Cancer Run training	3:15-3:45pm	Just come along- no need to book (Parents and carers must also attend/observe)
Friday 13 th May	Y1 leading Christian Aid worship	10:15am	Children and staff only
	Bookings for June wraparound closes		
Sunday 15 th May	Children's Cancer Run 2022	TBC	Please book your place and remember to register with our school team
16-20 th May	Walk to School Week		
19 th May	Year 5 staff from GCMS to visit Year 4		Children will be using Google Classroom
16 – 20 May	Christian Aid Week Walk to school week		
Friday 20 th May	Year 3 Residential final payment due	Noon	Please pay via ParentMail
Wednesday 25 th May	Collective Worship Council	In school	
	Class Photographs	In school	
Thursday 26 th May	School Council Meeting	In school	
	Y2 leading Ascension worship	10:15am	Children and staff only
Friday 27 th May	Y3 leading Pentecost worship	10:15am	Children and staff only
	PTFA Jubilee Tea Party	In school	More info to follow from PTFA
30 th May- 3 rd June	Half term		
June 2022			
Saturday 4 th June	Platinum Jubilee Picnic at Gosforth, St Nicholas'		More info to follow
Monday 6 th June	School closed in lieu of Jubilee Day Bank Holiday (which falls in half term)		
Wednesday 8 th June	World Oceans Day		
Thursday 9 th June	Year 5 staff from GCMS to teach Year 4	9:00am	
	French Club Begins	In school	See details on confirmation emails (sent wb 4.4.22)
Friday 10 th June	Y4 leading Trinity worship	10:15am	Children and staff only
Wednesday 15 th June	Collective Worship Council	In school	
Thursday 16 th June	School Council Meeting	In school	
Friday 17 th June	Bookings for July wraparound close		
20 – 24 th June	School Sports Week	-	
Monday 20 th June	Reception Sports Day	2:00pm	
Tuesday 21 st June	Year 2 Sports Day	2:00pm	
Wednesday 22 nd June	Nursery Sports Day	9:30am	
	Year 1 Sports Day	2:00pm	
	Year 4 visit to Vindolanda & Roman Army Museum TBC	All day	
Thursday 23 rd June	Year 3 Sports Day	2:00pm	
Friday 24 th June	Year 4 Sports Day	2:00pm	
27.6.22 – 8.7.22	Year 4 swimming every afternoon for 2 weeks	12:45-1:30pm	
29.6.22 & 30.6.22	Provisional Transition Days for GST schools	TBC	
30.6.22-1.7.22	Year 3 overnight stay at school		See ParentMail for further info
July 2022			
Monday 4 th July	Y4 Bikeability	Morning or afternoon session	Children will need a bike and helmet in school in order to take part

Wednesday 6 th July	Collective Worship Council	In school	
Thursday 7 th July	School Council Meeting	In school	
Friday 8 th July	Bookings for September wraparound close		
11.7.22 - 22.7.22	Year 3 swimming every afternoon for 2 weeks	12:45-1:30pm	
Wednesday 13 th July	Full Governing Body	5:00pm	
Friday 22 nd July	School closes for summer holidays		

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1 Corinthians 16:13-14



Fantastic Venues
Gosforth academy for football and multi-sports

Monday 11th April – Thursday 14th April

Tuesday 19th April – Friday 22nd April

Cochrane park multi-sports

Tuesday 19th April – Friday 22nd April 4 day course multi-sports only

Don't miss out !!

For more information

mobile: 07729 058119 Website: www.ls-sc.co.uk

Email: Coaching@ls-sc.co.uk



All Saints Easter Sunday

10:45 - 11:45

Egg Hunt

Bonnet Parade

Crafts

Free to all
Please join us
on the green!