



# **March 2024** Newsletter 12 – 8.3.24



## **SECTION 1: ATTENDANCE**

#### WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

- Good attendance at school is essential for children to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing and wider life chances.
- Nurseries and First Schools play a vital role in embedding good attendance habits.
- Even at First School, children with the highest attainment have higher rates of attendance.
- National data shows us that children not meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths had an overall absence rate of 4.7% (so their overall attendance was 95.3%).
- The overall absence rate of children not meeting the expected standard was higher than among those meeting the higher standard (4.7% compared to 2.7%).
- For the most vulnerable pupils, regular attendance is also an important protective factor and the best opportunity for needs to be identified and support provided.
- Research has shown there are clear links between regular absence from school and harm for children (90% of young offenders have been persistently absent as young children) and serious violence (83% of knife possession offenders had been persistently absent for at least one year).

Improving school attendance is everyone's business. Please support us in promoting the benefits of good attendance with your child - not only for their education but, also, to support their wellbeing and future life chances. Thank you.



#### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

	Whole School Attendance (excluding Nursery)	Highest class attendance!	Second place	Third place
Wb 26.2.24	94%	Reception and Year 3 (97%)	Year 2 (95%)	Year 1 (93%)
Wb 4.3.24	95%	Nursery (99%)	Reception (98%)	Year 3 (97%)

Our school target for attendance is 97%.



Please let Mrs Coates know, via ParentMail, if your child will be absent <u>by 9:00am</u> <u>at the latest</u>. Thank you.

If your child is not in school when the register closes at 9.15am (even if this is for a medical or dental appointment), they are marked as absent for the whole morning session. Therefore, we would encourage parents to make medical appointments

outside school time, wherever possible please. Thank you.

If you are experiencing any difficulties and need support with your child's attendance, please contact school as soon as possible. Mrs Gurkin can visit you at home or meet you in school to offer support and advice.

We will now be taking appropriate legal action for children who are deemed persistent absentees (under 90% attendance). Please see the attendance policy on our school website for further information.





#### MINUTES MISSED

During this fortnight, 155 (2 hours and 35 minutes) minutes of learning time have been missed in school due to lateness. Please try to arrive on time at school, between 8:35am – 8:45am. Thank you.

#### **PUPIL ABSENCES**

	Whole School absence (ecidadia Nurseri)	Absence caused by holidays	Other absences
Wb 26.2.24	6%	1%	5%
Wb 4.3.24	5%	0.5%	4.5%

As you know, there is no entitlement in law to time off in term time. Children who are absent from school fall behind in their learning, they miss school events and many find it difficult to catch up. In addition, school staff have to divert their attention away from other children in order to support those that have fallen behind due to a holiday related absence.

For this reason, any request for leave of absence due to holidays in term time will not be authorised. In the case of all unauthorised leave of absences, incurring 8 or more unauthorised sessions (4 days), an application for a Fixed Penalty Notice will be made to the Local Authority.

## **SECTION 2: SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS!**



#### 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). 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	Marnie	Archie	Ryan	George	Jerome	Monty
Love	Billie	Carter	Ava	Max Co	Rex	Samuel
Demonstrating	Sedudzi	Maryam	Franco	Phoebe	Nialah	Lauren
Determination	Ionas	Jacob	Sacha	Ivy	Jacob C	Zidan

#### TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS

By the end of Year 4 children are expected to know all their multiplication tables up to  $12 \times 12$  and Year 4 children undertake their statutory Multiplication Tables Check in the summer term.



The following children have either earned a new TTRS title or engaged highly with TTRS during the last fortnight. Well done everyone!

Children Need to	Highest accuracy this	Highest	Average Daily
Learn	fortnight	engagement this	Minutes this

					fortnight	fortnight	
Year 2	x 2, x 5, x 10 (and	Ebuka			Ebuka	2	
	corresponding	Henry			Mabel		
	division facts)	Mabel			Harmony		
Year 3	x 2, x 5, x 10, x 3, x	Jacob D			Lydia	1	
	4, x 8 (and corresponding	Rehan			Percy		
	division facts)	Lydia			Jacob D		
Year 4	All tables to 12 x 12	Zidan			Zidan	1	
	(and corresponding	Zain			Yaz		
	division facts)	Emilia			Evie		
Current ra	Current rank of ARFS among nearby schools		15	Med	an studio speed (seconds	s per question)	3.99

#### HANDWRITING HEROES

As a school, we continue to have a real drive in school to improve handwriting, presentation of work and spelling. Each week, class teachers will choose someone who has worked hard to improve their presentation or who consistently demonstrates exemplary standards of presentation. Well done and thank you to the following children:



Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Arthur	Logan	Millie	Daniel	Amelia
Billie	Fatima	Rio		Layla J

## **SECTION 3: SOCIAL ACTION**

#### SCHOOL COUNCIL

Children will be thinking about recycling and the importance of creating a healthier planet for ourselves and future generation. This will link to the Big Plastic Count (info below).





LIBRARY

#### LIBRARY CHAMPIONS

Over half term, our library has had a make over! We have created a new display to celebrate all the reading and books enjoyed from Nursery to Year 4! The library champions helped Mrs Crozier by sharing



their ideas for the display prior to the half term. We have organised lots of books in our library, making space to display the children's fantastic World Book Day 'Book in a Jar' story jars – they look amazing!

We are looking for a group of volunteers to help our Library Champions complete our Library book sorting – if you have any time to give, please contact Mrs Crozier (<u>Emily.Crozier@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk</u>). Thank you.

#### COMIC RELIEF

HARILY

We have a small number of red noses available to buy via Parent Mail. These will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. When they are gone, they're gone! Once ordered via ParentMail, please collect noses from the school office.

#### THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT

Next week, from 11-17 March, thousands of people from across the UK will be coming together to count their plastic waste and we are joining them!



We know that caring for the environment is an essential part of the Church of England's mission and this is a great way for our school community to show that we care and help to join a movement that can bring about real positive change in the world.

Young people have the power to help shape the future of the planet. That's why we want to get as many of our children to take part as possible.

### **SECTION 4: SCHOOL NEWS!**

#### **READING RECORDS**



Due to the decline in parental engagement with Reading Records, Mrs Crozier has sent out a form (attached) for parents and carers to complete to gather parent views on Reading Records.

We would really appreciate it if all parents and carers could record a short comment in Home Reading Records each time you listen to your child read please. Thank you.

#### PARENT WORKSHOPS

As you know, since September, we have offered several workshops for parents and carers (e.g. Reading, e-safety, bullying) and have several more coming up (Phonics, Multiplication Tables etc). Mrs Coates will be sending out a ParentMail form next week to seek parental views about further support that school can offer. Please let us know if there are any areas you would like us to cover. Many thanks.





#### WRAPAROUND STAFFING

Miss Wakefield has decided to step down from her Wraparound Leader role (but will continue her role as support assistant during the school day) from

after Easter. Mr Brown will take over as Wraparound Leader and Designated Safeguarding Lead for Breakfast Club and After School Club.

We are seeking to appoint an additional Breakfast Club supervisor from after Easter (7:30am-9:00am). Please see our school website for further information and feel free to pass the advert to family and friends! Thank you.



#### **STEM WEEK**

Next week is British Science Week! Mrs Egdell has a range of exciting activities and visitors lined up for each class. Children in Years 1 - 4 will need to wear PE kits on Monday please.

#### CURRICULUM UPDATE



We have been busy reviewing our curriculum offer and have updated some of our curriculum pages on our website for your information.

We will continue to send an overview of learning for each class at the beginning of each half term so parents and carers have a strong understanding of what their child(ren) are

learning in school. This includes how you can support your child at home. If you have any questions, please get in touch with your child's class teacher.



#### CLUBS

We are excited to announce an after-school football club for children in Years 3 & 4 beginning after Easter. The club will take place every Tuesday from 3:30pm- 4:30pm. There is a £5 fee per session and the payments will take place online through a system called Class for Kids. A link will be shared with parents over the next week or so to enable

you to make the payments. Children will need to bring suitable clothing and footwear to change into at

3:15pm in order to take part. They can be collected from the main entrance at 4:30pm.

#### PARKING



We are sad to say that we have, once again, had to ask parent and carers not to park on the zig-zag lines around the school gates. It is imperative that vehicles do not use this area for parking at any time – even for a short amount of time (even if parents are "only dropping off") as, in the case of an emergency, access is needed by emergency vehicles

and parked cars will delay their access. By parking on the zig-zag lines, parents and carers are endangering the lives of our children.



#### PTFA

The PTFA are inviting all children to decorate an egg at home and bring it to school on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 8:45am. There will be a winner from each class – happy decorating!



On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March the PTFA are holding an Easter cake stall on the yard after

school. We would be really grateful of any donations of cakes on the day please. Please bring donations of cakes into school with children at 9:00am with all ingredients clearly stated. Thank you!

We would be really interested to hear about any suggestions of future events. Please email archbishopruncieptfa@gmail.com Thank you.

#### **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

We have been busy in school thinking about Lent as a time of preparation for Easter and what each "step" along that path looks like. We have discussed Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Lenten Sundays, Mothering Sunday as some of those steps on our journey.



Thank you to everyone who came along to our Mothers Day Services for Years 1 - 4 in school. This is always a lovely service in school and it was amazing that so many of you were able to join us.



#### **MOTHERS DAY POP-UP SHOP**

Our Mother's Day Pop-Up-Shop in school was a huge success! Thank you to everyone for your amazing contributions! The children were so excited to bring their money and choose a gift for their special grown-ups. There was a lot of thought from each child that went into picking just the right gift so we hope you enjoy them!

Thank you to Mrs Coates, Ms Lowe and Miss Cooper for organising this – it is definitely something we will be repeating!

#### WORLD BOOK DAY



Yesterday was World Book Day. Children took part in a range of activities during the school day and lots returned for a bedtime story last night! Huge thanks to the staff who made this possible, in particular Mrs Crozier who organised the day. The children enjoyed having different teachers visit their class to read a story and complete an activity with them! One of

the activities was creating their own 'Little People, Big Dreams' story and sharing their big dreams with their friends. Mrs Crozier can't wait to make a beautiful display of their work!

The "books in a jar" are amazing – thank you to everyone who took part. There was clearly lots of effort made with these and they are now proudly displayed in our school library. There was clearly lots of effort made with these and Mr Shipton had a very tricky time choosing 3 winners! Well done to Scarlett (Year 1) who took home a £15 voucher for the Book Fair, Isaac (Year 2) who took home a £10 voucher and Harry

& Molly (Year 1 & Nursery) who took home a chocolate bar! Ms Lowe was so impressed by the children's hard work that she took a trip to Asda and returned with Freddos for all those who joined in the fun!

We have received lots of positive feedback about last nights bedtime stories. We are delighted the children enjoyed the event so much. Thank you to all the staff who stayed to help make this possible.

#### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – NEXT WEEK!

Start date: 13th March 2024 Final date: 19th March 2024

A reminder that Mrs Crozier has organised a visiting Book Fair to be in school next week. There will be 3 a wide range of primary school titles and World Book Day tokens can be accepted at the book fair, £1 per pupil off any title on the fair. **The Book Fair will be held in the Key Stage 1 cloakroom** (up the ramp from the main yard) from 3:15pm each day.

Children will have the opportunity to browse the books available at the Book Fair in advance, on 13th March. Parents and carers can pay by cash or use the QR code displayed at the book fair to pay online by scanning the code on their phone.

The book prices start as low as  $\pounds$ 2.99 and 30% of the books are under  $\pounds$ 5, hence making the event inclusive to all pockets.

Our school can earn commission from each sale that can be spent on purchasing books for the school library and classrooms. Please join us if you can!

#### **CHURCH LINKS**

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MOTHERING

Many thanks to everyone who submitted an entry to the All Saints' Easter Card Competition.

Please see the attached information about the Mothering Sunday Service to be held at All Saints' on Sunday.

Hopefully, your child remembered to bring home an invitation from St Nicholas' Church to their upcoming Holy Week and Easter services.

#### EASTER SERVICE

On Thursday  $28^{th}$  March, children in Years 1 - 4 will be walking to All

Saints' Church (on the other side of the High Street) for our Easter Service. Please complete the form on ParentMail to let us know if you would prefer your child to be collected from church at 2:15pm or whether you intend to pick your child up from school (or After School Club) as usual. Thank you.

#### PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

We currently have 30 children in school who qualify for funding. The school is given  $\pounds$ 1480 per child in order to further strengthen our offer to families. We do this by ensuring these children get additional support in school and by funding events (such as educational visits and other activities) to ensure all children in

school have access to equal opportunities. We would encourage all families to check their eligibility for this funding <a href="https://www.newcastlelea.org/CitizenPortal\_LIVE/en">https://www.newcastlelea.org/CitizenPortal\_LIVE/en</a>

If you are unsure or need help, please see Mrs Lowe.











Supermarket vouchers (£30 per child) have been scheduled for Saturday 30th March 2024. Please note we are unsure whether supermarket vouchers will be issued after this holiday. We will let you know once we have more news.

#### SEND PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

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Does your child have a special educational need or disability? Would you like to talk to other parents/carers or get advice from professionals? Whether your child has a formal diagnosis or not, you are invited to drop in to the SEND Support Group for an informal place to chat and get advice. **The next** 

#### meeting is March 9<sup>th</sup> at Gosforth Civic Theatre.



#### **COUNTY LINES**

Please see the attached information from Northumbria Police regarding County Lines.

#### SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Massey, Mrs Francis and Mrs Crozier are our school's Designated Safeguarding Leaders (DSL). Mr Brown is DSL for Wraparound care. 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. <u>https://nccportal.newcastle.gov.uk/forms/referral/public</u>

For more information, you can read our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy on our school website.

With my very best wishes,

Kate Massey

Headteacher

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1 Corinthians 16:13-14







### **DIARY DATES**



New dates are in r	red, for your information		
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Years $1 - 4$ need to come to		British Science Week activities in school
March	school in PE kits please.		
	Year 2 Forest School	pm	Children can wear PE kits for forest school and bring wellies and waterproofs to change into please.
11 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 4 swimming	1:30-2:15pm	Please see info sent via ParentMail
March			
$13^{th}-20^{th}$	Book Fair	3:15-3:45pm	See info in Newsletter 11
March			
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Healthy Active Lifestyle	am	Children should arrive at school in PE kit
March	opportunity for Year 1 &		please.
	Year 2 (Multiskills)		
	Year 4 MTC workshop for	5:00pm	Please come along if you have a child in

	Y4 parents		Year 4.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day		Red noses can be ordered via ParentMail from 26.2.24
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Forest School	pm	Children should wear school uniform tops, joggers and bring wellies and waterproofs to change into please.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 visit to Cragside		More info to follow
March	Royal Opera House workshop with Choir		Info has been sent to Choir members via ParentMail
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 visit to Newcastle		More info to follow
March	Castle		
	Workshop for Year 1 parents/carers about Phonics Screen Check	5:00pm	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3 & Year 4 singing at	9:30am	
March	Newcastle Cathedral		
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	PTFA egg decorating competition		See info in newsletter. Eggs to be brought into school with children at 8:45am
<del>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March</del>	Nursery & Reception Forest School	pm	Children should wear school uniform tops, joggers and bring wellies and waterproofs to change into please.
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 visit to St Mary's Lighthouse		More info to follow
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	PTFA Easter cake sale	3:00pm	Donations gratefully received please
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	ARFS has talent celebration		If your child has won a badge, award or trophy in one of their out of school activities since Christmas, they can bring it into school so we can celebrate their achievements.
	Easter Service at All Saints' Church	1:45pm	Parents and carers invited to attend
29.3.24 – 12.4.24	Easter Holiday		School closed to children
April 2024	•		
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 visit to Beamish		Please see ParentMail
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year 1 leading Collective Worship	9:00am	Parents and carers welcome to attend
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Class Photographs		
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Deadline for GST Photo Competition		See info in Newsletter 10
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3 & 4 visit to Safety Works		
May 2024		•	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	GST Photo Competition winners announced		
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 leading Ascension worship	9:00am	Parents/carers welcome to attend
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 leading Christian Aid Collective Worship	9:00am	Parents and carers welcome to attend
J	Healthy Active Lifestyle opportunity for Nursery & Reception children	am	Children will wear PE kits already in school
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	No Outsiders demo lessons, open lesson and staff		More info to follow

	training.		
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Pentecost Service at St Nicholas' Church (led by Year 3)	1:30pm	Parents and carers invited to attend.
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	NE Children's Cancer Run	ТВС	Please save the date! <u>https://childrenscancernorth</u> .enthuse.com/pf/ kate-massey-357dc
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 1 Mosque visit	am	More info to follow
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 leading Trinity worship	9:00am	Parents/carers welcome to attend
	GST Daft Day		Donations can be made to Daft as a Brush via ParentMail
27.5.24 – 31.5.24	May Half Term		School closed to children
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Residential at Dukeshouse Wood		More info to follow
June 2024	•		
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	Staff training day		School closed to children
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day - commemoration and lunch		Children who usually have packed lunch are welcome to have a themed D-Day lunch (bookable via ParentMail)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Wear wellies for Winston's Wish		https://www.winstonswish.org/ More info to follow
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Family Quiz Night	5:30-7:00pm	More info to follow
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 sleepover at school		More info to follow
July 2024			
Monday 1st July	Reception visit to the Discovery Musuem.	All day	More info to follow
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 2 visit to Grace Darling Museum		More info to follow
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Music Concert at All Saints' Church		More info to follow
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	ARFS has talent celebration		If your child has won a badge, award or trophy in one of their out of school activities since Easter, they can bring it into school so we can celebrate their achievements.
22.7.24 – 30.8.24	Summer Holidays		School closed to children
September 2024			
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024	School re-opens to children		

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## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**NURSERY 30 HOUR PLACES** 

Childcare Applying for 30 hours free childcare

Choices through the childcare service
Apply through the childcare service: https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/ You will need to confirm your identify.
If successful you will receive an eligibility code – <b>'50</b> xxxxxxxx'
Take this code to your childcare provider with your NI number, child's date of birth and complete a Parent Declaration form.
Your childcare provider checks the code is valid - and if valid - confirms when you can start and reminds you to reconfirm - every 3 months
5 Every three months, reconfirm your eligibility through the childcare service (helpline below)
Your 30-hour eligibility code has a validity end date. If you fail to reconfirm or become ineligible, you will stop receiving the extra hours. If you are unsure discuss with your provider immediately. This is your responsibility.
For support call Customer Interaction Centre on 0300 123 4097

#### **HEALTHIER TOGETHER**

The Healthier Together website (<u>https://www.nenc-healthiertogether.nhs.uk</u>) provides accurate and trusted healthcare advice for parents/carers, young people and professionals in the North East and North Cumbria. You can find parental advice on illnesses, allergies, vaccines, child development as well as many other topics. You can also download the Healthier Together app.

The Healthier Together website also includes the Little Orange Book which provides advice for babies and children when they are poorly.





#### WRAPAROUND BOOKINGS

Bookings for Wraparound Care are managed by Child Care Bookings for Schools. This will make managing and making bookings far easier for parents and carers. You can still pay using either a debit/credit card or using childcare vouchers.

The URL to access the booking system is <u>https://archbishop-runcie.cbfs.uk/</u> Contact email address: archbishopruncie@childcarebookingsforschools.co.uk Contact phone number: 01444 523335



#### **COMMUNITY HUB NORTH**



Children & Families Newcastle is part of a community network providing activities and services across four localities in the city for babies, children, young people and families. We are part of the North Community Hub. Community hubs link to other buildings in the locality to create a network of venues that offer activities and services.

The community hubs also offer a range of services including – health visiting, family support, community midwifery, mental health support, children's therapies, youth provision, training opportunities, childcare and employability services. To find out what is available near you,

telephone your local Community Hub at Fawdon Children's Centre, Cairns Way, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 2SN. Telephone 0191 2115773 Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm.

https://www.newcastlesupportdirectory.org.uk/north



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