



ARCHBISHOP RUNCIE
CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VA) FIRST SCHOOL



December 2018 - Newsletter 15

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole School (excluding Nursery)
93%	94.6%	95.9%	96.7%	98.2%	98.1%	96.7%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

THANK YOU!

Thank you all so much for the beautiful bouquet of flowers and bottle that were presented to me last Friday- what a lovely surprise! I am genuinely thrilled to have been given the permanent position of Headteacher and am excited to be working with such fabulous families, staff and Governors.



Thank you also for all the Christmas cards, gifts and kind words too- they are very much appreciated!

DIDN'T THEY DO WELL?!



The children have done us all proud this week! Well done to everyone involved in the production, and presentation, of our three fabulous Christmas plays!! The children were amazing (I felt like a proud Mum watching them!).

PTFA NEWS

- The PTFA Film Night, last night, raised an amazing £280. Thank you to the PTFA for organising this for our children.
- The PTFA raffle was drawn on Tuesday after the KS1 Nativity- results have been displayed on the PTFA notice board. Please do check to see if you are a winner!
- The PTFA Fair, last week, raised £660 which is amazing for an after school event! Well done everyone!



PARENT COUNCIL

We have only received two expressions of interest in joining our Parent Council. Please let Mrs McCloud know if you would be interested in joining this group.

KS2 FLUTE LESSONS

After Christmas, Mrs Belshaw will have 4 further places available for flute lessons in school. Please contact NEMCO to book a place directly.

FAME AT LAST!

We were delighted to see that ARFS featured in the latest Church Schools Newsletter... we hope the other schools in the Dioceses enjoy reading all about our 30th Birthday celebrations!



DINNER MONEY

Please check your Dinner Money balance on ParentMail to ensure payments are up to date (N, Y3 & Y4). The balance should be £0, as of today. Payments can now be made for lunches next half term.

Nursery children are £1.90 per day, if your child attends 2.5 days this will be £22.80. If your child attends Nursery full time it will be £57.00 for the half term.

Years 3 and 4 lunches will be £60 for next half term.

BREAKFAST CLUB

If you would like to book places for Breakfast club, for next half term, please complete the ParentMail form online.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All information about after school clubs for next half term is available on the school website.

SPARE CLOTHES

Nursery and Reception staff would be grateful of donations of skirts, trousers and dresses age 3-6 please, if anyone has any spares. Thank you!

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

I would like to thank all the staff for their amazing hard work this term. They have already formed excellent working relationships with each other and, most importantly, our children. They have worked tirelessly to address Ofsted action points and move our school forward in order to provide the very best education for our pupils. I wish them all a well-deserved, restful holiday. I know they are all already looking forward to the exciting activities they have planned for the children in January!!



I would also like to specifically thank Mrs Law, Mrs Gregory and Mrs Marshall for their contributions to our school this term and wish them all happiness and success for their futures (they have all promised to pop in and keep us up to date with their news!).



Finally, thank you to the parents, children and Governors of our school for their amazing support and energy so far this school year. It is a pleasure to work with you all!

All that remains is for me to wish you all a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

With my very best wishes for the festive period!

Mrs KE Massey

Headteacher

“Love to learn, learn to love”

John 3:16

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and all the best for 2019.

Sarah Hawkins

Chair of Governors



15 January 2019 (midday): Deadline to apply for reception class places for September 2019

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The image shows a close-up of wooden Scrabble tiles arranged to spell out the words "LEARN" and "MATHS". The tiles are light-colored wood with black lettering. Some tiles have numbers indicating their point value. The background is a light-colored surface. The text "15 January 2019 (midday): Deadline to apply for reception class places for September 2019" is written in white on a blue background at the top. The website address "www.newcastle.gov.uk/admissions" is written in white on a blue background at the bottom. The Newcastle City Council logo is in the bottom right corner.

Dates for your Diary

New dates are in red, for your information.

Date	Event	Additional Notes
January 2019		
Monday 7 th January	School re-opens to children	
Tuesday 8 th January	Y4 Road Safety	In school, no cost.
Wednesday 9 th January	NEAT Consultation Meeting for parents and carers - 5pm	Please come along if you are able to.
Thursday 10 th January	Y1 visit to Hancock Planetarium	Please complete form online
Friday 11 th January	Y2 visit to Newcastle Castle	Please complete form online
	Governors Ethos Cttee Meeting	
Monday 14 th January	Y4 visit from Mrs Durr- South Africa learning hook	In school, no cost.
	Prospective Nursery Parents Open Evening 3:30pm	Please let your friends with young children know!
Tuesday 15 th Jan	Deadline for Reception (Sept 2019) applications	See below
Wednesday 16 th January	Italian Club starts (lunch time)	Please book places directly- contact details on website
Friday 18 th January	N & Rec – “Winnie the Pooh Day” (in school)	More info to follow
Tuesday 22 nd January	Years 3 & 4 start ukulele lessons in school	More info to follow
Thursday 24 th Jan	Compliment Day	
	Governors Teaching & Learning Cttee Meeting	
Friday 25 th Jan	N & Rec “Opposites Day” (in school)	
	School Council Meeting with Mrs Mann	
February 2019		
Tuesday 5 th Feb	Safer Internet Day	Activities in school
	10 children from Y1 to Zumba at GPFS	Details to follow
	Governors Finance Cttee Meeting	
Wednesday 6 th Feb	Reasoning Workshop for parents 5:00-6:00pm	Please save the date!
Thursday 7 th Feb	GST Moderation Meeting	Staff only
Friday 8 th Feb	Worship (led by Year 2) 9:00am	Parents invited
Monday 11 th Feb	“Love is...” Day	
Tuesday 12 th Feb	N & Rec visit to Gibside	All Nursery children will need a grown up and we will need as many Reception parents as possible please!
	Y3 visit to El Torero	Details to follow
Thursday 14 th Feb	PTFA Film Night	
Friday 15 th Feb	Random Acts of Kindness Day	
	PTFA Cake Stall after school	
	School closes for half term	
Monday 25 th Feb	School reopens to children	
	International World Thinking Day	
Tuesday 26 th Feb & Wed 27 th Feb	Parents' Evening	
Tuesday 26 th Feb	KS2 Quicksticks tournament 1-4pm	Selected children only- details to follow
March 2019		
Mon 4 th March- Fri 8 th March	Book Week	Info to follow
Mon 4 th March	Y1 – 4 visit to Seven Stories	Parent helpers required please! Children to wear school uniform and bring packed lunches please
Wed 6 th March	Y4 Worship - Lent begins	Parents invited
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	Children invited to dress as their favourite book character
Thursday 14 th March	Governors Teaching & Learning Cttee	

	Meeting	
Fri 15 th March	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief	Children invited to wear red for £1 donation
Thursday 21 st March	World Poetry Day	2:30pm Poetry Performance for parents of Y1-4 children
	GST Moderation Meeting	Staff only
Fri 22 nd March	Deadline for Nursery applications	
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
Friday 29 th March	Y1-4 Mothers' Day Service 9:00am	Mums invited!
	N & Rec Mothers' Day Service 2:30pm	Mums invited!
	Nursery places offered	
April 2019		
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	
Tuesday 2 nd April	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	
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	
Friday 26 th April	Deadline for acceptance of Nursery places	
	PTFA Easter Cake Stall	After school- please send cake donations to school on the day
May 2019		
May	Year 2 Statutory Assessments	Y2 children must be in school please
Friday 3 rd May	International Laughter Day	
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
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
Tuesday 21 st May	Happy Shoes Day	Walk to school and wear your own shoes- donation of £1 please.
	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	Staff Training Day- school closed to children	
Tuesday 4 th June	School reopens to children	
	pm KS2 All Saints Schools Week	Details to follow
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
	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	Govs TLA Cttee Meeting	
Tuesday 25 th June	New Nursery Parents Meeting 5:00pm	
Thursday 27 th June	New Reception Parents Meeting 5:00pm	
Friday 28 th June	Non Uniform Day	Please send bottles or tombola prizes
	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
Thursday 4 th July	Governing Body Meeting	
	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		
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
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 suncream if warm
Tuesday 16 th July	Forest School- N, R & Y1	
	Y3 & Y4 instrumental concert TBC	Parents invited
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	

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