



October



Baby Massey update

Baby Massey has now been named - Oliver James - and Mrs Massey and Oliver visited us on Monday 28th September - mum and baby both doing well!



This Half Term!

All of the children have been busy learning new things extending and deepening their knowledge and skills through a range of topics. The Early Years children are learning about "People who help us". Key Stage 1 have learned a wide range of skills through their work on The Great Fire of Newcastle and enjoyed beautiful weather during their trip to The Quayside on 29th September. They also visited St Nicholas' Church yesterday to support their RE topic "Baptism" - a very wet journey to and from the Church! A huge 'thank you' to the parents who helped on both trips - we couldn't do them without you! Key Stage 2 have started with a mini topic about The Northern Saints and are now in the midst of "Go Green" learning about conservation and green issues. Their drama day on 24th September was an excellent experience and their presentations at the end of the day were enjoyed by the whole school and some parents who were able to come along.

Middle School Transfer & Reception Admissions 2016

Just a reminder that the application process for children transferring to Middle School in September 2016 and for children starting Reception in September 2016 is underway.

***The closing date for Middle School Transfer Applications is
MIDDAY ON 31st October 2015***

You are encouraged by the Local Authority to apply on-line and all information is available at www.newcastle.gov.uk/admissions or you can contact the department directly by emailing admissions.information@newcastle.gov.uk or by telephoning 0191 2787878 and asking for 'school admissions'.

Maths Workshops

Thank you to all parents who attended the Maths Workshops so far run by Liz Bailey. The final session for Key Stage 2 parents focusing on tables and written multiplication & division methods is to be held on Wednesday 14th October starting at 6.00pm for an hour and will be well worth your time!

Liz is an inspirational maths teacher who works throughout the country, leading professional development with teachers, working with children and running workshops for parents.

Harvest Worship

Just a reminder that our Harvest Worship, to be led by Canon Andrew Shipton with help from some of the children, is being held on Friday 16th October at 9am for Years 1 - 4 and all Parents, Friends, Carers are welcome to attend. Please see the recent letter regarding gifts that we will be collecting for The Peoples' Kitchen.



MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

The final total was £404.54! Well done, everyone! Massive thanks to everyone involved in making this event a success.

Jeans for Genes Day

Friday, 18th September, was Jeans for Genes Day and the children and staff came to school wearing their jeans in return for a donation to the charity and raised £169.40. Thank you for your support.

Greggs Cancer Run

Message from Mrs King who attended the awards ceremony;

"The 33rd Greggs Children's Cancer Run held in May 2015 raised over £189,000 for children's cancer research in Newcastle upon Tyne. Archbishop Runcie First School raised £2741 this year. Matthew Roy Y3 (and family) and Tom Cowling and Max Tait (now at GCMS) collected the Certificate and Glass Plaque on behalf of our school at an awards ceremony held at the RVI hospital on Wednesday 30th September. Matthew presented the Certificate and Plaque to Mrs Robson in a school assembly. Well done to everyone who took part in the run, those who cheered and supported the runners and all who donated sponsor money to this very worthy cause"

PTFA

The PTFA are holding their AGM in the school hall on Friday 16th October with refreshments being served from 2.15 and the meeting starting at 2.30. All are welcome to attend and please return your nomination/attendance form together with the PTFA questionnaire.

Topic Money

Just a gentle reminder if you have not yet paid topic money for this term we'd be grateful to receive £5 per family (or £15 for the year). This money really helps us to provide items to enliven the curriculum and enthuse the children.

Extra-Curricular Activities

We offer a number of extra-curricular activities before, during and after school. In order to ensure that the experiences for the children are of the highest quality we will be closely monitoring provision and will reserve the right to change to provision if necessary. In the past we reduced the number of activities on offer due to the poor behaviour of a significant number of children. We have carefully sourced providers with a good record of behaviour management however if any child's behaviour falls short of the required standard they will be asked to leave the club.

Day	Class/Key Stage	Club
Monday 3.15-4.30pm	Year 3	Art Club
Monday 3.30-4.30pm	Year 4	Awards Club
Monday lunchtime	Year 3 & Year 1	Le Club Francais
Tuesday 8.00-8.45am	Key Stage 2	Tennis
Tuesday 3.30-4.30pm	Key Stages 1&2	Tae Kwondo
Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm	Key Stage 1	Jolly Olly Football
Thursday 8.00 - 8.45am	Key Stage 1 & 2	Street Dance
Friday 3.30-4.30pm	Key Stage 2	Lee Sterry Football
Friday lunchtime	Year 4 & Year 2	Le Club Francais

Measles, chicken pox and shingle

Please may we remind you of an important matter?

One of our pupils is receiving chemotherapy which puts them at risk if they are exposed to measles, chicken pox or shingles.

Please let us know immediately if your child is suspected of having measles.

Our pupil is also at risk from chicken pox and would need to be given an injection within three days of contact. If your child is suspected of having chicken pox, you should let us know.

It is important that you let us know if there are any shingles in our household.

Your child is not at risk whatsoever from this situation. However, the health and wellbeing of this particular child who is at risk, does depend on the co-operation of all other parents and we know you will help us.

Thank your continued support.

Nostalgia Night

Message from John Rowland :

"Dance with swing big band and pie and pea supper in St Nicholas Church hall on Thursday 12th November, 8.00pm to 11.00pm. Tickets £5 from John Rowland 07983954924 (Freddie Rowland's Dad, Year 2 or directly from the church) "

October Dates for Your Diary

Friday 16th - Harvest Worship - Years 1 -4 9am in SCHOOL - all welcome

- PTFA AGM 2.15 in school hall

Monday 19th - Michelle Fowler - photographs - see letter sent out 6th October

Thursday 22nd - Prospective Parents 2016 look around school at 4pm

Friday 23rd - School breaks up for half term at 3.15

- PTFA Cake stall at 3.15 in school shelter - see PTFA newsletter sent out 6th October

Saturday 31st - Transfer to Middle School deadline midday.

November Dates for Your Diary

Monday 2nd - School re-opens after half term

Wednesday 4th - Prospective Parents 2016 look around school at 4pm

Tuesday 10th - Reception visit to CLC - details to follow separately

December Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 1st - Prospective Parents 2016 look around school at 4pm

Sunday 6th - Service at St Nicholas' Church - details to follow

Tuesday 15th Dec - 9.20am KS1 Nativity

- 10am approx. KS2 Nativity

- 6.00pm KS1 Nativity

- 6.40 approx KS2

Wednesday 16th Dec - 9.30am Early Years Nativity

- 1.20 pm Key Stage 1 Nativity

- 2pm approx. Key Stage 2 Nativity

Friday 18th Dec - 2pm Carol Service at St Nicholas Church

School closes at 3.15pm for Christmas Holiday

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ~ Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January 2016

MONDAY 4th January - Staff Training Day

School re-opens - Tuesday 5th January 2016

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