



March 2022

Newsletter 13 – 18.3.22

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	94%	97%	89%	98%	98%	97%	96%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

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	Felix Benjamin and Carter	George D Jesse	Bella Georgie	Nolan Amara	Safaa Joshua	Karanpreet Oliver
Demonstrating Determination	Fatima Marcel	Samuel Mabel	Georgie Luke	Esther Victory	Hugo Pippa	James Owen



CHICKEN POX

A number of Chicken Pox cases have been reported in school. Please refer to the Little Orange Book (available on our website) for information about symptoms, treatment and absence from school.

STAFFING

We have appointed Miss Hodkinson to support in Year 1, from Monday, until July alongside Miss Rimington. We have also been ably supported by two "supply" support assistants in Year 1 this week; Miss Brown and Miss Carver. They will remain with us on a temporary basis.





MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

Miss Fitzgerald is currently managing medicines for all children in Years 1-4. If your child needs medication during school, please contact her via email

megan.fitzgerald@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

The teaching staff have planned a programme of lunchtime clubs for children, as outlined below. Places can be booked for **one club per child** via ParentMail from 6:00pm on Monday 21.3.22. Due to the range of ages and activities taking place, places will be limited to 20 children per group. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Confirmation emails will be sent to children who do have a place.

What?	When?	Who for?	Where?
Craft Club with Miss Waters	Wednesday lunchtimes (27.4.22 - 25.5.22)	Years 3 & 4	Year 4
Illustrating Club with Miss Rimington	Monday lunchtimes (apart from 2.5.22 which will swap to Wed 4 th May) (25.4.22-23.5.22)	Rec - Year 4	Year 1
Active 30 Club with Miss Nattress	Wednesday lunchtimes (27.4.22- 25.5.22)	Years 1 & 2	Yard
French with Miss Burns	Thursday lunchtimes (9.6.22 - 21.7.22)	Years 3 & 4	Year 4
Buddy Club with Mrs Francis	Friday lunchtime (29.4.22-27.5.22)	Nursery & Year 4	Nursery yard
Book Club with Miss Davison	Wednesday lunchtimes (27.4.22- 25.5.22)	Years 2 - 4	Library
Exploring the World Club with Miss Gray	Tuesday after school (3:15-4:15pm 26.4.22- 17.5.22)	Year 3 & 4	Years 3
Construction Club with Mr Booth	Monday lunchtimes (apart from 2.5.22 which will swap to Wed 4 th May) (25.4.22-23.5.22)	Nursery, Rec & Year 1	Nursery

These are running in addition to All Stars Bible Club which is run by parents on alternate Tuesday lunchtimes for Years 1-4.



BIG WALK & WHEEL

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is taking place 21 March - 1 April 2022. On each day of the challenge, schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school.

As part of our joint efforts to reduce car traffic around schools we are encouraged to join in. In previous years, this has had a real impact on the numbers of children who choose to walk, cycle and scoot to school over the spring and summer in our city. Thank you in advance for your support!

MAGAZINES

If anyone has any children's magazines in good condition at home that are no longer needed, we would love them for our class reading corners! Thank you!



SINGLE USE PLASTIC

As a school, we are trying hard to reduce our consumption of single use plastic. Could we please ask parents and carers to avoid sending single use water bottles to school. We would welcome re-useable bottles that can be washed and refilled. Thank you!

We would also be grateful if parents and carers could reduce/avoid single use plastic in lunch boxes, as far as possible, and consider using re-useable containers for items in lunch boxes. 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!



PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' Evenings are approaching (29th & 31st March). Please remember these are taking place face-to-face in school (unless you have requested a phone appointment).

Please **wait outside** on chairs provided (fingers crossed it is dry!) and wait for the Class Teacher to collect you for your appointment. Appointments are 10 minutes only. If you think you will need longer with the teacher(s), please make an alternative appointment so that we can adhere to timings. SEND reviews have taken place in school this week.

If you have not yet made an appointment or are unable to attend, please contact class teachers directly. Thank you.

For face-to-face appointments before 3:30pm:

- Please wait outside the main entrance to school
- Please do not arrive early
- Appointments will take place in the school hall. Seating will be distanced from staff.
- Children's books will be available to look at during the appointment
- Parents are invited to wear masks if they wish to



For face-to-face appointments after 3:30pm:

- Please wait outside classroom fire doors (in the playground through which children are dismissed) until your appointment
- Please do not arrive early
- Seating for parents will be distanced from staff within the classroom
- Children's books will be available to look at during the appointment
- Parents are invited to wear masks if they wish to

If you have opted for a phone appointment:

- Staff will phone you at the agreed appointment time
- Please ensure your contact details are up to date
- Books can be available for you to view if you wish. Please arrange with class teachers via email.



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in collective worship, we have been continuing to think about Lent and how we can prepare for Easter. The children are loving being able to sing hymns together. We have also thought about the story of Samuel and Moses; what listening means, why it is important and how God loves us for what we are. The children genuinely make me so proud with their amazing behaviour, responses and engagement.

TWITTER

We encourage all parents, carers and friends of our school to follow us on Twitter. Parents and carers, who do not use Twitter, can also view our Twitter feed via the school website to see what's happening in school.





FEEDBACK

I have had very little feedback regarding costumes and non-uniform events but the feedback that I have received has been wholly in favour of keeping these events running in school. Thank you to those who responded.

CHARITABLE GIVING

Thank you for the overwhelming generosity of our recent collection for the Ukraine Appeal. We were touched by all the donations from our school community and those of the whole of GST.



Today is Red Nose Day! The School Council have explained, to children in Reception – Year 4, the significance of the day and how their donations can support others. Thank you to everyone who donated via ParentMail. We raised a grand total of £125 which is amazing.



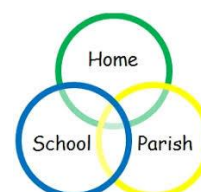
BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

Huge thanks to Miss Davison for organising our school Science Week. She managed to rally lots of visitors to come into school to talk to our children as well as leading a whole school project on growing vegetables and plants. We look forward to seeing the developments in the coming weeks. We are always blown away by the skills and expertise of the families and friends of our school and we have not been disappointed this year. Thank you to Mr Watson, Dr Pickett, Mr Nattress, Mr Hall & Mr Williams who visited school, led workshops and inspired our children!



CHURCH LINKS

All Saints' Church plan to send out an Easter Card to the homes of the Parish showing all the services and events happening at All Saints' over Easter. Children aged 12 and under are invited to design the front picture for the card. The design should show what Easter means to the young person and relate to the real meaning of Easter. Entries can



either be given to a church leader or to Mrs Coates in our school office. Entries should be in by Sunday 27th March. Please do encourage your child to get involved!

St Nicholas' are having a church grounds spring clean! Please join them from 10am - 12 noon on Saturday 19th March to tidy the church grounds ... there might even be coffee/juice/biscuits (and if wet, bring wellies). Thank you.

St Nicholas' are collecting for West End Food Bank. If you would like to donate, please take any contributions to the back of church, or leave in the porch at 23 Ilford Road. The churchwardens deliver to the Food Bank fortnightly. Thank you.

EASTER SERVICE

We are delighted to be visiting All Saints' for our Easter Service, once again, this year on Friday 8th April. Children in Years 1 – 4 will leave school at 1:15pm (parents are invited to walk with us from school!) to All Saints' Church for the service at 1:45pm. The service will last around 45 minutes so parents and carers who attend church can take their children home from church at 2:30pm or children can walk back to school with staff and be collected at 3:15pm, as usual, from school. After School Club will run as usual for children who are booked in.



CHILDREN'S CANCER RUN

The Children's Cancer Run is taking place on Sunday 15th May and is now open for entries. The early bird booking discount finishes at the end of the month so please book your places now!

The entry website

is: <https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/ChildrensCancerRunNewcastle2022> - please remember to register as part of our school team!



Ian Pickett (Dad of Bethan) will be coming into school to promote the event with the children. This will include some Running Training sessions for children too:

- 26th April- before school (8:20-8:45am)
- 3rd May – during school
- 10th May- after school (3:15-3:45pm)

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



ARFS PTFA NEWS

Archbishop Runcie First School Parents, Teachers & Friends
Association
March 2022

The PTFA is a registered charity (1040041). Together, we raise funds for planned and future purchases for our school and the benefit of the children.

Things we're fundraising for...

RUNNING TRACK EXTENSION

The children need more track to run along!

TREE PLANTING

The school grounds has lots of space to plant trees to help the environment, improve wellbeing and provide screening.

CRAFTS FOR JUBILEE PARTY

We want to contribute to the party and will use funds to provide crafts and games.

HOW YOU CAN HELP...

You don't have to become a member of the PTFA, or even join all the activities, to help fundraise for our school, but every little helps!

If you would like to join the PTFA, can volunteer to help occasionally, or have any feedback, please get in touch: archbishopruncieptfa@gmail.com

Amazon Smile

If you use Amazon, please sign up to Amazon Smile and choose Archbishop Runcie Parents, Teachers and Friends Association as your chosen charity. 0.5% of your shop will go to our PTFA.

EasyFundraising

Sign up to EasyFundraising and raise money while you shop online. Scan the QR Code to go to our page.

Coming up...

- Film Night - Encanto
- Smarties Tubes
- Name the Easter Bunny
- Easter Egg Decorating
- Sponsored Bunny Hop
- Break the Rules Day

Please see PTFA Update in the School Newsletter for details



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

Sunday 20 th March	Newcastle Chorister Experience for children in Y2-Y6		Please contact Newcastle Cathedral
21.3.22-1.4.22	Big Walk & Wheel		Children encouraged to walk, cycle or scoot to school.
Wednesday 23 rd March	Tyne Rivers Trust visiting Year 3	pm	
Friday 25 th March	Mothering Sunday Worship (all classes)	Various	Attendance limited to one parent or carer per family per service N&R- 2:45pm Y1&Y2- 9:30am Y3&Y4- 9:00am
	Closing date for Smarties tubes		See info from PTFA
	Closing date for PTFA "Name the Bunny"		Please return slips to school
Monday 28 th March	Tyne Rivers Trust visiting Year 3 (second visit)	pm	
Tuesday 29 th March	Parent Teacher Consultations (core curriculum focus)	2:00-6:00pm	Please book via ParentMail from 4.2.22
	Year 5 from GCMS to staff to visit Year 4	9:00am	
Thursday 31 st March	Parent Teacher Consultations (core curriculum focus)	2:00-6:00pm	Please book via ParentMail from 4.2.22
April 2022			
Friday 1 st April	ASD Awareness Day in school		Activities in school
	Year 4 Residential remaining payment due	Noon	Please pay via ParentMail
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	In school	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)
	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		
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
Wednesday 27 th April	Collective Worship Council	In school	
	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
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
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	
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	
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	
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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The Chorister Experience

Sunday 20 March

A free opportunity for boys and girls in Years 2-6 to experience being a Cathedral Chorister for an afternoon



 NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL



1.45pm Registration.

2pm Children rehearse with the Cathedral Choir.


3.30pm An opportunity for parents and families to meet members of the Cathedral team and Chorister parents.

4-5pm Participants sing Choral Evensong with the Cathedral Choir. Families are invited to come and listen.

To book a place for your child, follow the link below

<https://newcastle-chorister-experience.eventbrite.co.uk>

or email
music@newcastlecathedral.org.uk


NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL





All Saints Church
The Community of All Saints: living, thoughtful, caring faith

Mothering Sunday

27th March 2022

9.30am Special Service

**including distribution of
flowers to mothers**



Lee Sterry
LS sports
coaching
Easter course
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

