



# ARCHBISHOP RUNCIE CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VA) FIRST SCHOOL



## February 2019 - Newsletter 19

### ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole School (excluding Nursery)
93.5%	98%	98.6%	94.7%	89.3%	98%	95.8%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

As you are aware, good attendance correlates with the strong academic progress of children in school. In order for us to improve overall attendance for our school, we need the support of both parents and children. We would be grateful if you could follow our guidance for parents please, which includes:



Red – Danger Zone - **Below 90%**

Amber – At Risk Zone – **91% - 96%**

Green – Safety Zone – **97% - 100%**

- **Making sure your child goes to school and arrives on time (8:45am)**
- **Avoiding taking holidays in term time**
- **Arranging non-urgent medical and dental appointments for after school**
- **Ensuring children return to school as soon as possible following an illness**

On Friday, we issued Attendance letters to all families so all parents should now be aware of their child's attendance traffic light "rating", at this point in the year. If your child is experiencing difficulties, which affect their attendance, please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher. Thank you very much with your support in this matter.



### SNOW!

We have had a lovely day watching the snow fall and playing in it. We would be really grateful if, on snowy days, children could come to school with **named** wellies, waterproofs, hats and gloves so that they can make the most of the weather.



### PTFA NEWS

As you know, our school has been selected to be part of the ASDA green token scheme- if you shop in ASDA please ask for tokens and vote for us! The winners will receive £500 and runners up will receive £200. This money will start the fundraising project for the new "trim trail" and Golden Mile all weather running track. **We are way behind the other two schools so as much support as possible would be gratefully received!** I am reliably informed that ASDA staff will give tokens to all children in the group, if you are shopping as a family!



### CURRICULUM



As you know, we have been learning about Diversity within our community. Today, children in Years 1-4 have taken part in a Chinese lantern and calligraphy workshops, led by Mr Chiu (Yu-Yang's Dad), linked to Chinese New Year. The feedback, from staff and children, has been extremely positive. We would like to thank Mr Chiu for his time and energy!





## RESOURCE REQUEST

Nursery and Reception classes are seeking donations of white or wicker storage baskets and containers of varying sizes. If you have any suitable boxes or baskets at home, that you no longer need, they would be extremely grateful to receive them! Thank you

## CHILDHOOD ANXIETY

Anxiety in children is becoming increasingly common in schools across the UK. Action for Children and The Children's Society have collaborated to produce "The Expert Parent's Guide to Childhood Anxiety". The guide is being used by primary schools to help educate and support parents and teaching staff in dealing with childhood emotional disorders. We have joined with schools across the UK in sharing the Expert Parent's Guide to Childhood Anxiety on our school website. It is down to each of us to help the give the young people in our lives the very best start that they can get.



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The staff who attended the first session of the enhanced teaching programme came back full to school of enthusiasm on Thursday! They began to implement strategies in their classrooms on Friday... we can't wait to hear all about session 2!

## COMMUNICATION

Please keep up to date with news and information by checking our website and twitter feed @RuncieOf. Parents of children in Nursery and Reception should be receiving regular updates via our online Learning Journals, "Tapestry", please do add your own observations and comments too. If you do not have access to the internet, please see a member of staff who will show you Tapestry in school.



## STAFFING

After a very successful start in Year 2, Mr Renny is delighted to join our team as a full time member of staff. Mrs Mann will continue to work with Year 2, and other classes, as well as increasing her leadership role across the school.

Mrs Redhead has now come to the end of her fixed term contract as Associate Headteacher at our school. We have asked her to continue to work with school in an informal capacity but this means she will not be in school as frequently, as our Governors feels that leadership capacity within the school has increased.

Mrs Redhead has been a fantastic support to me, the Governors and the staff and we would all like to extend our heartfelt thanks to her. We look forward to continuing to work with her in order to continue developing, and further improving, our school.

## CHILDREN'S CANCER RUN

The Children's Cancer Run will be held at Newcastle Racecourse on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019. You can register your child (and you!) to take part at [www.childrenscancerrun.co.uk](http://www.childrenscancerrun.co.uk) under "Archbishop Runcie" in the school's section. There is a 1 mile, 3 mile and a 5 mile cross country route so it is suitable for all abilities.



Ian Pickett (Dad of Henry & Bethan) and Simon Scott-Harden (Dad of Isla) will be organising the school's involvement in the Cancer Run. They need a few more helpers to assist with the administration of the event and the training sessions, either before or after school, starting after half term. (no running experience necessary) but they would like to have a mix of Mums and Dads, if possible!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries.

With my very best wishes,

*Mrs KE Massey*

Headteacher

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Colossians 3:23-24

**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS**

In response to parental feedback, we would like to offer a further “drop in” session as an opportunity for parents to meet with Governors regarding the consultation to join NEAT on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 6:30pm.

The consultation period has now been extended until Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

The Governors will meet on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March to consider stakeholder views that have been shared during the consultation and discuss a timeline for next steps or to consider what additional information may be required before a decision can be reached.

*Sarah Hawkins*

Chair of Governors

## Dates for your Diary

New dates are in red, for your information.

Date	Event	Additional Notes
<b>February 2019</b>		
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	9:00am Parent Council Meeting	Parents who have expressed an interest have been invited
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Safer Internet Day	Activities in school
	Chinese New Year	
	10 children from Y1 to Zumba at GPFS	Details will be sent to selected children
	Governors Finance Cttee Meeting	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Reasoning Workshop for parents 5:00-6:00pm	Please book places online
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Reception- Walker Activity Dome	Please complete form on ParentMail Children may be late back to school.
	GST Moderation Meeting	Staff only
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Diversity Worship (led by Year 2) 9:00am	Parents invited
	Chinese Dragon Dance- all classes	Please pay online- £2.50 per child
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	"Love is..." Day	
	6:30pm Drop in session for parents to discuss consultation to join NEAT	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	N & Rec visit to Gibside	We will need as many Nursery & Reception parents as possible please!
	Y1 Balance Bike Relay	Details will be sent to selected children
	Y3 visit to El Torero	Details to follow
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Governor Meeting to agree outcome of consultation <b>POSTPONED</b>	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	PTFA Film Night	PTFA to send more information
	2:00pm Y4 Ceilidh	Details will be sent to selected children
	St Valentine's Day	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Random Acts of Kindness Day	
	PTFA Cake Stall after school	Please send cake donations to school
	School closes for half term	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School reopens to children	
	International World Thinking Day	Children invited to wear Brownie/Rainbows/Beavers/Cubs Uniforms
	Consultation for ARFS to join NEAT closes	Revised date
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb & Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parents' Evening	Please book online next week
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 1 visit from Captain Raggybeard	Please pay on ParentMail
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	KS2 Quicksticks tournament 1-4pm	Selected children only- details to follow
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Westfield "Sunshine in our pocket" event for selected KS2 pupils	Details will be sent to selected children
<b>March 2019</b>		
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Better Reading Partners Workshop for all reading buddies and any parents 9:00-11:00am	Time TBC Please book places online
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> March- Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Week	Info to follow
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1 – 4 visit to Seven Stories	Parent helpers required please! Children to wear school uniform and bring packed lunches please
	Governor Meeting to discuss next steps in relation to NEAT consultation	
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Worship – Lent begins	Parents invited
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	Children invited to dress as their favourite book character
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Governors Teaching & Learning Cttee Meeting	
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief	Children invited to wear red for £1 donation

	Gosforth Voices Tour	
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Purim (Jewish)	Activities in school
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	World Poetry Day	2:30pm Poetry Performance for parents of Y1-4 children
	GST Moderation Meeting	Staff only
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Deadline for Nursery applications	
	9:00am Safeguarding Briefing for all parent helpers/volunteers in school	Please complete the ParentMail form
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	2:15pm Nursery Parents Stay & Play	Nursery parents invited
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	9:15 Reception Parents Stay & Play	Reception parents invited to all or part of session
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1-4 Mothers' Day Service 9:00am	Mums invited!
	N & Rec Mothers' Day Service 2:30pm	Mums invited!
	Nursery places offered	
<b>April 2019</b>		
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> April	Forest School- Y2, Y3 & Y4	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Autism Awareness Day	Activities in school
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9:00am Year 2 SATs Meeting for Parents	Y2 Parents- please come along!
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	PTFA Film Night	
	Y3 Football Tournament BEFS	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Service at All Saints Church for children in Y1-Y4 2:00pm	<b>All Saints' Church</b> , West Avenue (off the High Street) Families welcome
	School closes for Easter	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	School re-opens to children	
	Shakespeare Day	Activities in school
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Y4 Bikeability	
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Deadline for acceptance of Nursery places	
	PTFA Easter Cake Stall	After school- please send cake donations to school on the day
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	PTFA Sponsored Walk	Details to follow
<b>May 2019</b>		
May	Year 2 Statutory Assessments	Y2 children must be in school please
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	International Laughter Day	
	Governors Ethos Cttee	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Governors TLA Cttee	
12-18 May	Christian Aid Week	More info to follow
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Themed lunch	Details to follow
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Worship (lead by Year 1) 9:00am	Parents welcome
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Greggs Children's Cancer Run- Newcastle Racecourse	Details to follow
	Wesak (Buddhist)	Activities in school
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Happy Shoes Day	Walk to school and wear your own shoes- donation of £1 please.
	World Day for Cultural Diversity	Activities in school
	Governors Finance Cttee Meeting	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	GST Daft Day for DAAB	Details to follow
	School closes for half term	
<b>June 2019</b>		
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Staff Training Day- school closed to children	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	School reopens to children	
	Eid-UL-Fitr (Muslim)	Activities in school
	pm KS2 All Saints Schools Week	Details to follow
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	10:00am Pentecost Service- All Saints'	All welcome



10-14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screen	Y1 children must be in school please
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	9:15 Reception Parents Stay & Play	Parents invited to all or part of session
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> June	PJ Day for Ronald McDonald House Charities	Children invited to wear PJs for school for a £1 donation
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Big Gig (Gosforth Band & Gosforth Voices)	Northumbria Sports Central
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Gosv TLA Cttee Meeting	
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	New Nursery Parents Meeting 5:00pm	
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Parents Meeting 5:00pm	
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Non Uniform Day	Please send bottles or tombola prizes
	Y2 Big Sing 1:15-2:30pm	Details to follow
<b>July 2019</b>		
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Gosforth Pyramid Concert (Trinity Church)	For children in Gosforth voices & Gosforth Band
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Governing Body Meeting	
	Transition Day for all Classes	
	Y4 Parents Transition Evening at GCMS	Info to follow from GCMS
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year reports sent home	
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	PTFA Summer Fair 3:00pm-6:00pm with BBQ	
8-12 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> July	Drop in sessions to speak to teaching staff	No appointments required
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July		
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> July	N & Rec Sports day (1:30pm)	Parents invited
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4 Transition activities TBC	
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1-4 Sports Day (1:30pm)	Parents invited
	Year 4 Leavers' Disco after school	Details to follow
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Forest School- Y2, Y3 & Y4	Please wear outdoor clothes with long sleeves and bring wellies if wet/sunhat and sun cream if warm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Forest School- N, R & Y1	
	Y3 & Y4 instrumental concert TBC	Parents invited
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Cakes in the Courtyard	All helpers and volunteers invited- please join us!
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	9:15am Y4 Leavers' Service	Y4 Parents and carers invited
	3:15pm Picnic in the Playground	Everyone welcome!
	School closes for Summer	
<b>September 2019</b>		
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Staff Training Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	School opens to children	

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## WEEKLY CLASSES

### SATURDAYS

10AM  
ACE PLAYCE,  
KILLINGWORTH, NE12 6YT

### TUESDAYS \*NEW CLASS!

1.15PM  
GOSFORTH RESIDENTS HUT,  
CHRISTON RD, GOSFORTH,  
NE3 1XD

\*BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

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