



## November 2019 – Newsletter 13

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

| Nursery | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Whole School<br>(excluding Nursery) |
|---------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------------------------|
| 96%     | 87%       | 99%    | 90%    | 96%    | 98%    | 94%                                 |

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

### PTFA NEWS

We are all really looking forward to the PTFA Christmas Fair next Friday. Please come along if you are able to. Football Club will be outdoors on the 13<sup>th</sup> during the Christmas Fair so please ensure children are dressed appropriately. Thank you!



### ILLNESS



We have a legal responsibility to follow up any absences so we would be grateful if parents could inform school via phone, email or ParentMail if your child will not be attending school due to illness. You can email Mrs Pygall on [admin@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:admin@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk) or leave a message on ParentMail.

Please make contact each day or, if you think your child will be absent for two days due to sickness or diarrhoea, please let us know this! It is taking Mrs Pygall a long time to make contact with parents of absent children each morning. Thank you for helping us with this.

### PANTOMIME

The whole school are due to go to the Pantomime on the 20<sup>th</sup> December but at the moment there are over 80 children that still have not paid. Although this is a voluntary donation, if there are insufficient contributions this visit will have to be cancelled. We would appreciate your donations please.



### NATIVITY

Last year, we only allocated two tickets per family and not all were taken up, meaning our children sometimes performed to a half full hall (which is really sad when they work so hard!). Therefore, this year we hoped that by increasing this to three tickets the hall would be full and children would be able to perform to a wider audience. We are unable to limit ticket quantity on ParentMail which has caused an issue when parents have booked more than their allocated three tickets and Mrs Pygall has had to phone around all parents who have booked more than their three allocated tickets. This has taken an extraordinary amount of her time!

Mrs Pygall has now made contact with all families who have over booked tickets in order to resolve this issue. If you think you do not need all three of your tickets that you have reserved, please let us know so they can be allocated to another family. Thank you to those families who have generously reduced



their ticket allocation to enable others to attend. Your generosity and kindness is very much appreciated. Thank you also for the patience of those families who found themselves unable to book tickets on ParentMail, due to overbooking of others, while Mrs Pygall dealt with the matter (which hopefully now has been resolved!).

Early next week, we will send your paper ticket(s) home in book bags. We have tried our best to give parents tickets to their requested performance(s). Please ensure you **bring the paper ticket for admittance** to the Nativity. Thank you!

We would welcome suggestions of how we could manage this better in future. Please let Mrs Pygall know your thoughts! Thank you.

At ARFS, we perform Nativities in Key Stages meaning there are only two classes for the parts to be shared between. We do this so that more children can be involved in the performance. However, our Nativities are a team effort and *every* role is important. We are delighted at how well our children participate and endeavour, over their time at ARFS, to offer a variety of roles to children.

EYFS do still have some tickets remaining. Please contact Mrs Pygall if you would like to be added to the waiting list for these. KS1 & 2 Performances are fully booked.

### CHARITABLE GIVING

The food bank donations have grown hugely this week. Thank you to all our children and families who have given so generously. Mrs Armstrong will be delivering our contributions on 16<sup>th</sup> December so please ensure donations are at school before then. Thank you!



### FUNDAMENTAL BRITISH VALUES

This week, we have thought about the importance of individual liberty and encouraging children to express their views and choices.

### WORSHIP

This week we have thought about what Advent means to Christians and how we can use it as a time of preparation and getting ourselves ready, both practically and in spirit. We have thought about how 'Advent' is also part of the word 'Adventure' and, for Christians, Advent is like an adventurous journey with God.



### OPERATION ENCOMPASS

On Thursday, Year 4 listened carefully to a session on appropriate relationships, friendships and secrets. We also held a drop in session for our community members to come along to.

### PARENT COUNCIL

This morning, our Parent Council met. It was a really positive and productive meeting. There was a suggestion that there is enough parents who are sufficiently concerned about parking to begin a parents parking patrol rota. If you would be interested in becoming involved please contact the Parent Council via email. Thank you. [parentcouncil.archbishoppruncie@gmail.com](mailto:parentcouncil.archbishoppruncie@gmail.com)

### RESOURCE & HELP REQUESTS

Costume letters have now been sent out (if required). Please send these to school, if you have not already, by Wednesday next week. Please remember to name everything! Thank you.

#### The Star

She didn't have a speaking part  
Because the words were tricky.  
(Though was glad she wasn't Mary  
Because Joseph's hands were sticky.)

She'd hoped to be an angel  
Because angels point their toes.  
But they'd offered her a shepherd  
And she didn't like the clothes.

Now all the parts were given out  
And she was just 'the crowd'.  
As she faced the sea of mums and dads  
Her little head was bowed.

Until she saw, right up the back,  
Her mummy's loving glance.  
That found her and stayed fixed on her  
Through every song and dance.

Whilst one king whacked the others,  
With his golden box of myrrh,  
Her mummy never peeped at them,  
Those eyes stayed fixed on her.

And even though poor Jesus fell,  
When the manger somehow tipped,  
And Gabriel danced a solo  
That wasn't in the script.

Her mummy just looked straight at her  
Like no one else was there,  
It made her feel so wonderful  
And she no longer cared.

That she didn't have a 'proper' part  
Which everybody 'ohed'.  
Because looking through her mummy's eyes  
She would always be the star.

Emma Robinson 2015



Year 2 would like to request small cardboard boxes (large match size) and would like to invite any parent helpers to help with their DT project on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> (pm) and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> (pm). Please let Miss Orr know if you can help!

If any parents would like to help make Christmas cards and other craft activities please contact class teachers, via email.



#### Y4 MULTISKILLS

Next Thursday, Year 4 are at Walker Dome at a Multiskills festival. Please send children with suitable footwear. Thank you!

#### PERMISSION FOR VISITS

In line with national guidance, we will no longer request *permission* for educational visits within school time. We will continue to inform you, via the newsletter, of visits and, on occasion, request help and voluntary contributions.

#### NURSERY- JANUARY 2020 INTAKE

After Christmas, we will be taking children into Nursery who have turned 3 this term. Therefore, if your child has turned 3 between September 2019 and December 2019 they will be eligible to start with us in January 2020. If you are interested in a Nursery place, or would like more information, please contact Mrs Francis.



Mrs Francis is holding a meeting for January starters on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** at 5:00pm.

Please remember parents will need to update details on the government website every 3 months to remain eligible for free Nursery 30 hour provision.

#### NEWSLETTER

From January, our school Newsletter will be sent fortnightly. This will be reviewed at Easter so do let us know what you think! Thank you.

As always, if you have anything that you would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With my very best wishes,

*Mrs KE Massey*

Headteacher



**“Love to learn, learn to love”**

1 Corinthians 16:13



## Dates for your Diary

New dates are in red, for your information.

| Date                                   | Event  | Additional Notes  |
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| <b>December 2019</b>                   |  |   |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December      | 5:00pm New Nursery Parents Meeting for January intake  |   |
|  | Chris Bostock (storyteller) for Nursery and Reception children   | Please pay via ParentMail   |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December    | Please bring nativity costumes to school   |   |
|  | Christmas Lunch for children, staff and governors- <b>wear a Christmas jumper if you'd like to!</b>                    | Children who are usually packed lunch will be able to book a school meal via ParentMail                     |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December     | Y4 Multiskills festival at Walker Dome 1:00-2:45pm   | Children may be slightly late returning to school   |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December       | Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day   | Suggested donation of £1  |
|  | Years 1-4 will be attending "The Christmas Journey" at Trinity Church<br>Y1 & Y2- 9:30-10:30am<br>Y3 & Y4- 11:00-12:00 | If you are able to help walk the children there and back please contact Class Teachers directly. Thank you! |
|  | PTFA Christmas Fair at School 3:15pm   |   |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December       | 1:30pm KS2 Nativity (1)  | 2 tickets per family will be able to be booked via ParentMail from November.                                |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December      | 2:00pm EYFS Nativity (1)   |   |
|  | 5:30pm KS1 Nativity (1)  |   |
|  | 6:30pm KS2 Nativity (2)  |   |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December    | 9:30am EYFS Nativity (2)   |   |
|  | 2:00pm KS1 Nativity (2)  |   |
|  | EYFS Party   | Children only- please sign up to bring food   |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December      | No Taekwondo   |   |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December     | KS1 & KS2 Christmas Party  | Children only- please sign up to bring food   |
|  | EYFS Polar Express Day   | Children in Nursery and Reception invited to wear PJs to school!  |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December       | 10:00-12:00 Pantomime for Nursery- Year 4 at The Exchange  | £8 per child (including bus). Children will return to school for lunch before the Carol Service             |
|  | Carol Service at St Nicholas' Church<br><b>Wear a Christmas jumper if you'd like to</b>                                | Years 1-4 attending. Children will be dismissed from Church after the service if parents are in attendance. |
| <b>January 2020</b>                    |  |   |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January         | Staff Training Day   | School closed to children   |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January      | Prospective Reception Parent visits 4:00pm   | Please book a place via the school office   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> January               | Y3/4 Computing with GEM Education  |   |
|  | Gosforth Voices  | 3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School  |
|  | KS2 Micro Bit lessons in school  |   |
|  | Midday deadline for Reception class applications for September 2020  | <a href="http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/schooladmissions">www.newcastle.gov.uk/schooladmissions</a>            |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January      | Children's Choice Lunch  | We are hoping for 100% school lunch uptake!   |
|  | Year 2 Newcastle Castle Visit  |   |
|  | PTFA Film Night  |   |
| <b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b> | <b>Weekly, whole class ukulele lessons begin for Years 3 &amp; 4</b>   | <b>No charge</b>  |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January      | Road Safety sessions for Nursery, Reception and Year 1   |   |
|  | EYFS Opposites Day   |   |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January        | Chinese New Year celebrations in school  |   |
| Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January     | Gosforth Voices  | 3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> January               | Gosforth Band  | 3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School   |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January      | 5:00pm Managing children's behaviour   |   |

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| Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January                                | workshop for parents<br>9:00am Managing children's behaviour<br>workshop for parents   |  |
| <b>February 2020</b>   |  |  |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February                             | 2:00pm Reception "Stay & Play"   | Reception parents invited  |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March                                  | Y3 & Y4 visit to Durham  | More info to follow  |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February                             | Gosforth Band  | 3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School  |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February                              | Reception visit to Walker Dome<br>1:00-2:45pm  | Children may be slightly late returning to school  |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February                               | Parents Evening  |  |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February                              | Safer Internet Day<br>Parents Evening  | Activities in school   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> February                                      | Gosforth Voices  | 3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> February                                      | Valentines Disco   |  |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February                               | Love is... Worship, led by Year 1  |  |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February                               | International World Thinking Day   | Cubs, Beavers, Brownies, Rainbows invited to wear uniforms.  |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February                              | Lent Worship, led by Year 4<br>Prospective Nursery Parent visits 4:00pm  | Please book a place via the school office  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> February                                      | Gosforth Band  | 3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School  |
| <b>March 2020</b>  |  |  |
| 2-6 <sup>th</sup> March  | Book Week in school  |  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> March  | Gosforth Voices  | 3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School   |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March                                 | World Book Day   | Children invited to dress as a book character  |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March                                   | Class visits to Gosforth Library   |  |
| 9-13 March   | British Science Week   | We would welcome any parents/visitors to school linked to Science please.  |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March                                   | Purim<br>Prospective Nursery Parent visits 4:00pm  | Activities in school<br>Please book a place via the school office  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> March   | Gosforth Band  | 3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> March   | Gosforth Voices  | 3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School   |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March                                  | Persian New Year<br>9:00am Year 1-4 Mothers' Day Service<br>Visit from a local poet for Y1-Y4 TBC<br>2:30pm EYFS Mothers' Day Service<br>Closing date for Nursery applications for Sept 2020<br>Gosforth Voices Tour | Activities in school<br>One member of each family invited to attend<br><br>One member of each family invited to attend |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March                                  | World Water Day  | Performance in all GST school  |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March                               | Full Governing Body Meeting<br>Gosforth Band   | 3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School  |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March                                | Nursery visit to Walker Dome<br>1:00-2:45pm  | Children may be slightly late returning to school  |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March                                  | 9:00 SATs Meeting for Year 2 Parents   |  |
| Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March                                 | 5:00pm New Nursery Parents Meeting, for children starting after Easter   |  |
| <b>April 2020</b>  |  |  |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April                                | 2:00pm Nursery Stay & Play   | Nursery Parents invited  |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April                                 | Autism Awareness Day   | Activities in school   |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April                                   | Easter Service 1:30pm All Saints' Church   |  |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April-<br>Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April | Easter Holidays  |  |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April                                | Shakespeare Day  | Activities in school   |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April                                  | Deadline to accept Nursery places in school  |  |
| <b>May 2020</b>  |  |  |

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| May 2020  | SATs for Year 2 children  | Year 2 children must be in school please                          |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May                            | Wesak (Buddhist)  | Activities in school  |
|   | Dinnington First School official opening  |   |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May                              | Bank Holiday  |   |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May                             | Christian Aid Worship, led by Year 2  | All welcome!  |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May                           | Y3 Team Games festival at Walker Dome 1:00-2:45pm                                     | Children may be slightly late returning to school                 |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May                             | 2:00pm Reception Stay & Play  | Reception Parents invited   |
|   | Phonics Screen Workshop for Year 1 Parents 9:00am                                     |   |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May                            | GST Teach Meet  | Staff only  |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May                           | Ascension Day Worship, led by Year 3  | All welcome!  |
|   | World Day for Cultural Diversity  | Activities in school  |
|   | Children's choice lunch   |   |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May                             | GST Daft Day  | Children invited to wear something "daft". Suggested donation £1. |
|   | 9:00 Y4 Times Table test Parent Workshop  |   |
|   | Eid activities in school.   |   |
| Monday 2 <sup>th</sup> May- Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May | Half Term   |   |
| <b>June 2020</b>  |   |   |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June                             | GST Staff Training Day  | School closed to children   |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June                            | 2:30pm Pentecost Worship, led by Year 4   |   |
|   | Year 1 Phonics Screen assessment  | Year 1 children must be in school please                          |
|   | All Saints' Schools Week  |   |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June                          | Gosforth Voices   | 3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School                                |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June                           | Roy Lawson visiting Years 3 & 4   | More info to follow   |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June                             | Year 2 visit to St Mary's Lighthouse  |   |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June                            | New Nursery Parents Meeting for children starting Nursery in September 2020           |   |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June                         | New Reception Parents Meeting for children starting Reception class in September 2020 |   |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June                         | Gosforth Band   | 3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School                             |
|   | Y4 statutory Times Tables test  |   |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June                           | Big Gig all day (Gosforth Voices & Gosforth Band) Best of British theme               | Northumbria Sports Central  |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June                         | Gosforth Voices   | 3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School                                |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June                            | Y4 visit to Vindolanda  | More info to follow   |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> June                                   | Pyramid Concert (Gosforth Voices & Gosforth Band)                                     | 4:00pm Rehearsal<br>6:15pm at Trinity Church                      |
| <b>July 2020</b>  |   |   |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July                          | 2:00pm Nursery Stay & Play  | Nursery parents invited   |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July                           | Y4 Bikeability all day  |   |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July                             | Reports out   |   |
| Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> July                           | PTFA Summer Fair  |   |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July                             | KS1/2 Sports Day  | Parents Invited   |
|   | PE Week (Mon- Fri)  |   |
|   | Drop in for parents   | No need to book an appointment                                    |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July                            | Drop in for parents   | No need to book an appointment                                    |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July                          | pm EYFS Sports Day  | Parents invited   |
|   | Full Governing Body Meeting   |   |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May                            | Y2 Team Games festival at Walker Dome 1:00-2:45pm                                     | Children may be slightly late returning to school                 |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July                            | Cakes in the Courtyard  | All helpers and volunteers invited!                               |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July                            | 9:00 Year 4 Leavers' Service  |   |
|   | End of term picnic lunch for staff and children                                       | Please pay via ParentMail   |

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|  | Picnic in the Playground  | 3:15-4:15pm |
|  | School closes for Summer  |             |
| <b>September 2020</b>                  |                           |             |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2020  | Staff Training Day        |             |
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 | School reopens to pupils. |             |

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Colossians 3:23-24

