



May 2021

Newsletter 22 – 28.5.21

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole School (excluding Nursery)
W.B. 17.5.21	97%	88%	98%	99%	100%	99%	97%
W.B. 24.5.21	99%	97%	96%	97%	99%	99%	98%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.



PTFA UPDATE

The PTFA have an abundance of pre-loved uniform for sale on 11th June 8:40 - 9:10am and then again on the 18th June 3:00 till 3:25pm.

As you know, each class has taken part in the PTFA Silver Coin Challenge, which ended today. The winning class was Year 2. Thank you to everyone who took part!

ROAD SAFETY

Parking is still a huge concern around our school. Class Teachers have led additional road safety sessions in school with the children following the incident on the Great North Road last week.

Living Streets are currently campaigning to introduce a 20mph speed limit, to set up a Controlled Parking Zone and to close roads to motor traffic through a 'School Streets' scheme. To find out more or to sign their petition, visit

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/get-involved/campaign-with-us/safer-routes-to-school>



Following several communications from concerned parents, we have a meeting planned with the LA Road Safety Manager, Police and Parking Control after half term. If you would like to attend, please contact me directly on kate.massey@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL



A reminder that medication can only be administered in school if we have the necessary paperwork completed. Additionally, all children with medical conditions (such as asthma or a food allergy) must have an Individual Healthcare Plan.

Forms have been reissued to some families for parental consent for medicines to

be administered in school. Please note we only administer medicines when they are prescribed for 4 times daily and can only do so once the forms are complete. To do this, parents will need to **make an appointment** with the Key Stage Medicines Lead. Please email either admin or staff directly to make an appointment. Please **DO NOT** catch staff at drop off to try to complete this paperwork. Thank you.

Similarly, please do not send children to school with lip balms, hand gels or non-prescribed creams. Thank you.

Following updated guidance, all open creams will be sent home at the end of each term (December, April and July) to be replaced with a sealed cream from home please.

Several parents have now been made aware that their children's medication is out of date. We would be grateful if this could be replaced as soon as possible please. Parents are asked to check expiry dates on medicines at home and in school each term please. Thank you.

COVID-19 UPDATE

After half term, drop off and collection windows will reduce from 10 minutes to 5 minutes for each class. Timings will be as follows:

	Entry time	Entry door	Exit time	Exit door
Nursery	8:50-8:55am	Nursery cloakroom	3:10-3:15pm	Nursery cloakroom
Reception	8:40-8:45am	KS1 cloakroom (on main yard)	3:05-3:10pm	Reception Fire Exit
Year 1	8:45-9:50am	KS1 cloakroom (on main yard)	3:05-3:10pm	Year 1 Fire Exit
Year 2	8:50- 8:55am	KS1 cloakroom (on main yard)	3:10-3:15pm	Year 2 Fire Exit
Year 3	8:45-8:50am	Year 4 cloakroom (next to school field)	3:05-3:10pm	Year 3 Fire Exit
Year 4	8:50- 8:55am	Year 4 cloakroom (next to school field)	3:10-3:15pm	Year 4 Fire Exit

Given the prevalence within the wider Tyneside area, when collecting your child(ren), please remember

- Only one parent or carer per family should enter the yard
- Not to arrive early
- To stay 2 metres away from others
- Not to congregate at the gates
- To leave the yard swiftly after collecting your child
- To sanitise your hands on arrival
- You are invited to wear masks in busy areas



Thank you!

LATE COLLECTION OF CHILDREN

We expect all children to be collected from school at the designated time by a nominated person. There are a small number of parents/carers who are persistently late to collect their child(ren).

Collecting children late often causes unnecessary upset and stress to children. If you know you will not be able to collect on time or arrangements have changed, please call the school office so we can let your child know. Additionally, if staff are having to



supervise children after the end of the school day, they are unable to fulfill their other duties and attend relevant training which has an impact on the whole school. Therefore, children who are not collected on time will be taken to After School Club and a charge will be incurred for attendance (£9 per session). If parents continue to collect their child late regularly, we have a duty to contact Children's Social Care, as this is a safeguarding issue and could be deemed as neglect.

Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

REMINDERS

You are reminded that we do not do "show and tell" during curriculum time - therefore, children should not need to bring miscellaneous items or toys into school. Thank you.



WORSHIP

It has been wonderful to reintroduce some face-to-face worship in the Hall over the last couple of weeks. As lovely as remote worship has been, it's not quite like seeing each other in person! We have been thinking about Pentecost and the Fruit of the Spirit and how we can see these fruits in action. We will be looking at each fruit in more detail over the next few weeks. Ask your child if they can remember all nine fruits and which fruit they find trickiest to show (mine is patience!).

WILDFLOWER GARDEN

Thank you for the kind donations of seeds and bulbs for our new wildflower garden. We are looking forward to watching it develop and attract visitors to our school grounds!



STAFFING UPDATE

After half term, children in Nursery-Year 3 will be spending time with their new class teacher each Friday afternoon.

Teaching staff in September will be as follows:

	Teaching staff
Nursery	Mrs Francis
Reception	Miss Davison (current Year 1 Teacher)
Year 1	Miss Wilkinson (current Reception Teacher)
Year 2	Miss Nattress
Year 3	Miss Gray
Year 4	Mr Booth (Mon-Wed) & Miss Burns (Thursday and Friday)

Mrs Lowe, our new School Business Manager, has started working with us this week. She will be working Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays alongside Mrs Pygall. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Pygall for "acting up" whilst we recruited. Mrs Boon, who has been temporarily helping Mrs Pygall out in the office, will be with us a couple more weeks before going to work with her sister.

READING BOOKS

As you know, we encourage children to read "real books" as early as possible and we have invested a lot of time and energy getting our Accelerated Reader banding system up and running so children can select their own book from an appropriate range. If you have any pre-loved chapter books we would love to add to our existing collection. Please send them in bags/envelopes marked FAO Miss Davison. Thank you!



We are still missing several books from our school scheme. Please return any school books as soon as possible.



CLASS & INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

As you know, Paul Gemmell spent the day in school taking class and individual pictures of children last Wednesday. Proofs and order details will be available after half term. Class pictures will also be displayed on classroom windows for you to view prior to ordering.

CHORISTARTERS

Newcastle Cathedral have a new initiative offering fun singing and musical games to Year 2 children. There is no audition for ChoriStarters and no prior experience is required. The emphasis is on fun songs and musical games, and the session will be led by Gill Blazey. Gill has many years of experience as a school music teacher and is particularly good with the youngest children.



They are now ready to offer places for boys and girls to start in September 2021.

Any parent of a current Year 1 child (Year 2 in September 2021) that likes singing and enjoys making music is encouraged to contact music@newcastlecathedral.org.uk to find out more information and to register.

RARING2GO!

Please see the Spring 2021 version of Raring2Go! <http://bit.ly/Raring2goSpring21>



SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Massey and Mr Booth 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 – 0800 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>

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

I want to thank you all for the support you have shown our school over the past weeks and months. As we begin to reintroduce some "normality" back into school life, we appreciate all the small things that we have missed over the last year and we feel truly grateful to be returning to these routines, albeit cautiously and safely.

The highlight of my half term has been the re-introduction of face-to-face worship in the hall with two classes at a time. The buzz in the corridors was tangible! I hope that we will be able to whole school face-to-face worship before too long. I have really missed that feeling of togetherness where all the staff and children come together for a short time each day and I will never again take it for granted! We have been thinking about how our actions demonstrate our beliefs and impact on others and how



Christians believe that the Holy Spirit can work through us all. Talking to the children about this has made me appreciate, even more, what a special place our school is.

We are all very much looking forward to enjoying our final half term together before the summer. Wishing you all a safe and peaceful half term with your families.

With my very best wishes,

Mrs KE Massey

Headteacher

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SUMMER SPORTS & ACTIVITY WEEKS

VENUE: Archbishop Runcie CofE First School - Gosforth

OPTION 1: Monday 26th July - Friday 30th July (£60)

OPTION 2: Monday 2nd August - Friday 6th August (£60)

OPTION 3: Monday 16th August - Friday 20th August (£60)

OPTION 4: Monday 23rd August - Friday 27th August (£60)

TIME: 10am – 3pm each day



COURSE DETAILS:

The week will involve various sports, including football, cricket, gymnastics, rounders, tennis, hockey etc and will involve fun based activities such as water games/fights, crash mat tournaments and tug of war competitions.

Children will be grouped loosely according to age & ability. The course will be taken by qualified coaches/teachers. The staff/pupil ratio will not exceed 1:20 & all of our coaching staff have been through a recent police clearance.

Children should be between the ages of 5 (4 is fine if in reception) and 12 (Yr 7)

YOU WILL NEED:

- A PACKED LUNCH
- CHANGE FOR THE TUCK SHOP
- A CHANGE OF CLOTHES IN CASE WE PLAY WATER GAMES!
- TO BE COLLECTED FROM SCHOOL PROMPTLY AT 3PM



BOOKING INFORMATION:

To book onto this course, please visit www.grassrootssports.co.uk where you can pay by debit/credit card.

On the website you will also find our full summer programme; detailing ALL the courses we run throughout the holidays.

Any queries please call Keith (07703 533 556) or Sarah (07725 128 717)



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Sign up now for your child to get a free and exclusive musical education whilst they are in school Year 2

ChoriStarters meet at the Cathedral once a week. Children will gain musical skills through having fun singing and participating in musical games.

There are only places for 12 girls and 12 boys available each year, so if you would like your child to be involved, get in touch now to avoid disappointment. You can put your child on the list up to 2 years before they are due to start.

No audition is necessary for *ChoriStarters*. This opportunity is open to all children, regardless of cultural, social or religious background.

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Our *ChoriStarters* training choirs offer an introduction to the world of being a Cathedral Chorister, and the unique opportunities for learning and enjoyment that this offers. It is well known that choral singing benefits children physically, mentally and emotionally. From Year 3 onwards, children have the chance to audition to be a full Cathedral Chorister. We hope that some will want to take this opportunity, but there is no obligation to do so.

ChoriStarters: 4.15pm on Tuesdays

Benefits of becoming a Newcastle ChoriStarter

Free musical and vocal training led by some of the region's best professional musicians

Good vocal technique, taught in a fun and accessible way

Introduction to reading music

Formation of new friendships

For more information please
contact the Music Department
e- music@newcastlecathedral.org.uk
t- 0191 232 1939 (ex. 209)



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Young Saints

Please join us at All Saints for
activities on the Church
Green/Parish Centre!
Sundays 9:30 - 10:30



Jamie.donaldson@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk



Holiday Football Courses

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LEE STERRY SPORTS COACHING FOOTBALL/MULTISPORTS
HOLIDAY COURSES 2021
ALL BOOKINGS TO BE MADE ONLINE AT www.ls-sc.co.uk

Venue	starting	courses	Dates
GOSFORTH ACADEMY OUTDOORS	June 1 st - June 4 th All 6 weeks of the summer holidays	FOOTBALL	June 1 st - June 4 th July 26 th - July 29 th 1 st Aug - 5 th Aug 8 th Aug - 12 th Aug
COCHRANE PARK OUTDOORS	June 1 st - June 4 th All 6 weeks of the summer holidays	MULTISPORTS	15 th Aug - 19 th Aug 22 nd Aug - 26 th Aug 29 th Aug - 2 nd Sept

Course Programme: Fun games and skills competitions, individual player technique development, small sided mini soccer games. Strong emphasis will be based on fun and enjoyment and player game understanding.

Coaching Staff: The programme will be delivered by fully qualified coaches who have significant and specialised experience of working with young players. Coaches possess first aid certificates and are CRB checked.

Equipment: Participants will require full playing kit, trainers for indoors and suitable clothing & footwear for those outdoors. Please also bring a drink.

Limited Places: To ensure quality of coaching for the participants, places are unfortunately limited, therefore the course will operate on a first come first serve basis, coach ratio 1-16.

Closing Date will be: Day before course is due to start. Unless you hear otherwise, please assume your child has been successful in obtaining a place on this course.

ACTIVITIES LEE STERRY SPORTS COACHING PROVIDES

- IN-SCHOOL AND AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS COACHING
- TEAM FOOTBALL FOR JUNIOR AND ADULT CLUBS
- SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOOTBALL COACHING COURSES
- WEEKLY FOOTBALL COACHING PROGRAMMES, LEADING TO LINKS WITH LOCAL CLUBS
- COACHING FOR CHILDREN'S PARTIES

PLEASE CONTACT LEE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

If you wish your child to participate in the above course then please complete the form below and return it to the address shown at the top of this information letter.

If you have any queries, or if your child is unable to attend this particular course, but you would like information sent out regarding future courses, then please do not hesitate to contact Lee on: 0191 285 6203 or 07729 058 119

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June 2021			
Tuesday 8 th June	World Oceans Day		Activities in school
Thursday 10 th June	Year 4 SEND Reviews with GCMS SENCo	Afternoon	
	Year 2 Forest school	pm	Children will need to wear comfortable trousers and long sleeved tops. Please ensure children are dressed appropriately (waterproof suits and wellies if wet and sunhats if bright).
Friday 11 th June	Reception Forest School	am	
	PTFA Doughnut Day	2:45pm	Children are invited to bring £1 to school day for a doughnut – please put in a named envelope in book bags.
	Pre loved uniform sale	8:40-9:10am	Please go to the storage container in school carpark
	Transition afternoon 1 (N-Y3)	1:00pm	See newsletter
Thursday 17 th June	Diocesan Year 4 Leavers' Service (virtual)	TBC	
	Clean Air Day 2021	-	Activities in school
	Year 3 Forest School	pm	Children will need to wear comfortable trousers and long sleeved tops. Please ensure children are dressed appropriately (waterproof suits and wellies if wet and sunhats if bright).
Friday 18 th June	Nursery Forest School	am	
	Year 1 Forest School	pm	
	Transition afternoon 2 (N-Y3)	pm	
	Pre loved uniform sale	3:00-3:25pm	Please go to the storage container in school carpark
21- 25 June	School Sports Week		Children asked to wear PE kit/sportswear all week please.
Monday 21 st June	Reception Sports Day	2:00pm	Weather dependent. 1 parent/carer per child only.
	Years 1 & 2 Sports Activities run by NSB	9-12	Please wear PE kits
Tuesday 22 nd June	Year 2 Sports Day	2:00pm	Weather dependent. 1 parent/carer per child only.
	Reception welcome meeting for families new to our school	5:30pm	
Wednesday 23 rd June	Year 2 Grace Darling activities (virtual)	TBC	More info to follow
	Nursery Sports Day	9:15am	Weather dependent. 1 parent/carer per child only.
	Year 1 Sports Day	2:00pm	Weather dependent. 1

	Reception welcome meeting for families currently in Nursery	5:30pm	parent/carer per child only.
Thursday 24 th June	Year 3 Sports Day	2:00pm	Weather dependent. 1 parent/carer per child only.
	Years 3 and 4 Sports activities run by Newcastle School for Boys	9-12	Please wear PE kits
	GST Year 4 Football Tournament	TBC	Selected children only. To be held at BEFS. Pending confirmation.
Friday 25 th June	Break the Rules day	All day	Children are asked to bring a bottle in exchange for breaking a rule.
	Payment due for Year 4 residential	-	Please pay via ParentMail
	Year 4 Sports Day	2:00pm	Weather dependent. 1 parent/carer per child only.
	Transition afternoon 3 (N-Y3)		
Tuesday 29 th June	Nursery welcome meeting for families new to school	5:30pm	
31 st May - 4 th June	Half term		
Wednesday 30 th June	Year 4 virtual visit to Segedunum (in school)	Morning	Voluntary payments will be requested in due course.
July 2021			
Thursday 1 st July	Y4 activities (obstacle course, silent disco, pizza party) and sleepover at school!	All day	See Newsletter 19. Payments can be made via ParentMail. Further information sent today.
Friday 2 nd July	Year 4 breakfast post-residential and water fight	am	Children will need to bring a change of clothes and a towel (and a water gun!)
	New Reception visit (for children not yet attending ARFS)	am	
	Year 4 Forest School	pm	Children will need to wear comfortable trousers and long sleeved tops. Please ensure children are dressed appropriately (waterproof suits and wellies if wet and sunhats if bright).
	Transition afternoon 4 (N-Y3)	1:00pm	
Monday 5 th July	Y5 staff from GCMS visiting Year 4	9:30am	
Thursday 8 th July	Year 4 transition day	9:30-3:00	Year 4 will spend the day at GCMS
Friday 9 th July	Transition afternoon 5 (N-Y3)	pm	
	End of year reports out	3:30pm	
	Non uniform day	All day	Children are asked to bring a colour-themed summer hamper donation
Monday 12 th July	Y4 Leavers video (GEM Education)		Further details to follow
Wednesday 1 st Thursday 14 th & 15 th July	Optional parents evening following (phone calls)	3:30-5:30pm	
Friday 16 th July	Transition afternoon 6 (N-Y3)	pm	
Saturday 17 th July	Socially distanced Summer Fayre	2:30-5:30	DEPENDENT ON COVID RESTRICTIONS Feel free to bring a picnic and a rug!
Friday 23 rd July	School closes for summer	3:20pm	
	Toy Day	All day	Children invited to bring a toy

			from home
September 2021			
Monday 6 th September	Staff Training Day		School closed to children
Tuesday 7 th September	Children back to school	As per staggered drop off	
Sunday 26 th September	Children's Cancer Run TBC	TBC	Depends on COVID restrictions at the time
October 2021			
Friday 22 nd October	Deadline for Nursery applications for January start (for children will have turned 3 before 31st December 2021)	Noon	
25-29 th October	Half term	-	School closed to children
November 2021			
Monday 1 st November	Staff training day	9:00-4:00	School closed to children
December 2021			
20-31 st December	Christmas holidays	-	School closed to children
January 2022			
Monday 3 rd January	Bank holiday	-	School closed to children
Friday 28 th January	Staff training day	9:00-4:00	School closed to children
February 2022			
Friday 18 th February	Deadline for Nursery applications for April start (for children who will have turned 3 before 22 nd April 2022)	Noon	
21-25 th February	Half term	-	School closed to children
March 2022			
Friday 18 th March	Deadline for Nursery applications for September start (for children who will have turned 3 before 31 st August 2022)	Noon	
April 2022			
11-22 nd April	Easter holiday	-	School closed to children
May 2022			
3 rd -4 th May	Current Year 3: Year 4 Residential to Dukeshouse Wood	TBC	TBC – Further information to follow.