



October 2021

Newsletter 4 – 22.10.21

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole School (excluding Nursery)
97%	94%	92%	96%	91%	96%	94%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

SCHOOL VALUES

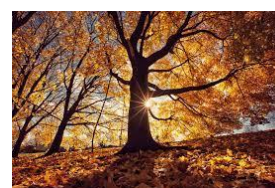
As you know, our school values are love and determination, based on the Bible passage: Be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love (1 Corinthians 16:13-14).

In school, we have been looking to see children demonstrating these core values. The following children have been nominated by staff and peers for showing these values in school. Well done everyone!

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Demonstrating Love	Lydia Scarlett	Eva Mabel	Jacob D Bella	Isaac Abdul	Pippa Taishaun	Erin Luna
Demonstrating Determination	Harry Eisa	Teddy Indi	Percy Scarlett	Aleeza Jabalah	Mustafa Avie	Ayaan S William

HALF TERM

Just a reminder that school reopens on Tuesday 2nd November (as Monday 1st is a staff training day). We hope you all have a wonderful half term!



PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

As you may be aware, we have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Further information from Sarah Hawkins and the application form are available on the school website (and attached). If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to get in touch!

We look forward to hearing from you.

READING WITH ATTITUDE

Just a reminder that children have question prompts in their Reading Records to support parents and carers in asking comprehension questions after reading. We hope you find them useful. Thank you for your support.

READING BUDDIES

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 the school. Please see Mrs Pygall who will arrange this. Thank you!



YEAR 1 READING BOOKS

We are looking for two volunteers to help change Year 1 Reading Books each week please. Please let Miss Wilkinson know if you may be able to help. Thank you!



COLD WEATHER



As the weather changes, we are asking the children to bring a warm coat, hat, gloves etc. to school. It would be great if they had a small drawstring bag to leave these items in, on their pegs. Please check each item is clearly named- as you can imagine, there will be lots of items lying around and they can easily go missing! Thank you.

MIDDLE SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

We have been alerted by the Local Authority that, currently, only 18 of our Year 4 children have applied for a middle school place. The closing date for on time Transfer 2022 applications is quickly approaching (31 October 2021) and I would therefore urge our Year 4 parents to do so ASAP.



Gosforth Central Middle School have shared the following link to their virtual open evening https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TbOR_xTcO8Q



STAFFING UPDATE

Mrs Bell will be helping run Breakfast Club as well as After School Club from after half term.

We will also welcome Mr Miller, as school cleaner, from after half term. Mr Miller is already known to the school as one of our Kitchen Assistants.

We are delighted that we can have this continuity of staffing for our children and school community.

ALL STARS

All Stars will begin again, in person, after half term. It will run on alternate Tuesday lunchtimes, with the All Stars children eating lunch together first, at 12pm, and the sessions will be on from 12:30-12:55pm.



During this time, children will have lots of fun with games, songs, crafts and a passage from the Bible. As before, children of all faiths and no faith are welcome, and it is free of charge.

Initially, it will just be for Years 1 - 4. Reception children will be able to join later in the school year.

If you would like your child to attend, please email Susan (susan_abraham@hotmail.co.uk) by Friday 29th October. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S CANCER RUN 2022

The Children's Cancer run is returning next year and Ian Pickett (Dad of Bethan) has kindly signed the school up for the event. We'll be organising activities around the event nearer the time and will be encouraging as much participation as possible! In the past, Ian has helped prepare the children by running a before school "training" club – if there are any other parent helpers who would like to assist in the organisation we would be most grateful! Thank you!



BIRTHDAY SWEETS

Because of the varying dietary requirements of the children in school, it would be helpful if sweets and other treats were vegetarian and dairy free please. Parents are asked to hand these out after the end of the school day please so this does not impact on curriculum time. Thank you!

BEHAVIOUR

Incentives and praise are used throughout school to reward and encourage positive behaviour. When incidents do occur, they will be dealt with using a restorative rather than a punitive approach. Staff will use the following open ended-questions as a scaffold to encourage children to take ownership of their own behaviour and take responsibility for repairing damage or upset caused.

- Tell me what happened
- What were you thinking at the time?
- What are you thinking now?
- Who has been hurt/upset by your behaviour?
- What could you do to put things right?
- What would you do differently next time?



This approach has been proven to improve behaviour in many schools, similar to the approach of Restorative Justice used when dealing with crime, and supports our work on Growth Mindset whereby we can learn from our mistakes.

It would be really helpful if parents could use this at home too- let us know how you get on!

ADULTS COLLECTING CHILDREN



Earlier this term, we asked all parents to complete a form to tell us who would be collecting your child from school, each day, to ensure we are passing them over to the correct people at home time. As the term has gone on, we have had a lot of different / unexpected people arriving to collect children at home time.

As you can imagine, this can be stressful for children and means staff are spending a lot of time phoning parents to see if the child has permission to leave with different adults at a very busy time of day. Please could we ask parents and carers to **inform the school office via phone or email, before lunchtime, if your child is to be collected by someone other than the person on the pick-up form that day.** We would prefer an email rather than trying to catch staff in the mornings please as, if a large number of parents pass on a similar message, it can be hard to remember all of them! Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.



BUILDING WORK UPDATE

After half term, our main entrance will be complete and back in use! We will be holding an official opening on Friday 5th November with Bishop Christine (Bishop of Newcastle) for our children and staff. We can't wait!

PLAY PARK UPDATE

After all the recent antisocial behaviour in the park next to school, this week we were visited by the police who have agreed to increase patrols around the school site. If you see anything of concern please report it ASAP! Thank you.



SQUID GAME

A number of children in Years 2, 3 and 4 have told us they have been watching Squid Game at home (and subsequently re-enacting this in school). Squid Game has been rated appropriate for viewers 15 and older due to the content. Please continue to be vigilant in monitoring what your children are watching at home. Thank you.

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.

- 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>

Thank you all for your ongoing support this term; it has been such a busy start to the year but it is fantastic to have our school “back to normal”! Thank you also for your ongoing patience with the limited access to the school. We are looking forward to being able to welcome you into school soon.

With my very best wishes,

Headteacher

**Be courageous; be strong.
Do everything in love.**
1 Corinthians 16:13-14

PTFA NEWS

As with everything in our lives, the last year and a half have been very different for our PTFA with our usual event program on hold. As we (hopefully!) start to move towards a bit more normality, we're looking to fill some key positions

(chair and treasurer) as Bridget and Caroline are stepping down after 13 combined years! It's a great opportunity to do something that will really benefit all our children and have some fun along the way (as well as being required for the PTFA to officially continue). If you'd like an informal chat please drop us an email at archbishopruncieptfa@gmail.com.



Huge thanks to Bridget and Caroline who have been amazing at supporting our school and raising huge amounts of money to spend on our children and school! They will be a big miss!

PRE-LOVED CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

Could we please request donations of pre-loved Christmas jumpers and tops on Friday 5th and 12th of November, to be given to Katy Palmer (Mum of Nolan and Livi) at either school at pick up or drop off time? These will be ready to sell during the last two weeks of November. Thank you!



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



AGM

This year, the PTFA AGM will be held during the evening of Thursday 18th November via Zoom in order to allow more parents to attend. The PTFA would very much like to see some new faces or anyone with new ideas or suggestions. Please come along if you can! Thank you.

DONATING

Before you start your Christmas shopping, a reminder that our PTFA are registered with **AmazonSmile** which is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will **donate 0.5%** of the purchase price of eligible products **to our PTFA**, which is a registered charity. It is simple to use and costs you nothing! Please follow this link <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1040041-0> to get started and search for Archbishop Runcie PTFA as your chosen charity. Once registered, you can add the app to your homepage.



We also continue to be registered with **easyfundraising.org.uk** which is another way to generate free funds for the PTFA. Follow this link <http://efraising.org/dDQY2Ddjz> to set yourself up. All the pennies really do add up and we have already collectively raised £2,070 from people doing their online shopping via Easyfundraising. However, we currently only have a very small number of people using these fundraising options. It would be great to see some new users, especially as online shopping is no doubt expected to increase in the next few weeks! Any member of the PTFA would be happy to assist with set up. There are nearly 3,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation to our school every time you shop online... and it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's really simple, all you have to do is:

- **Join** - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/archbishoprunciefirstptfa/> and sign up for free.
- **Shop** - Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping.
- **Raise** - After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation the PTFA for no extra cost whatsoever!

Join, shop and raise here:
[easyfundraising.org.uk/archbishoprunciefirstptfa](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/archbishoprunciefirstptfa/)



It has been great to have been able to visit ARFS in person and to hear the wonderful sounds of our busy school. I have been delighted to see that the new entrance is now almost finished and am looking forward to the 'grand opening' next month.

I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work and also our wider school community, especially our families, for their continued support.

Sarah Hawkins

Chair of Governors



DIARY DATES

New dates are in red, for your information

25-29 th October	Half term	-	School closed to children
Sunday 31 st October	Deadline for middle school applications for September 2022		Please see info on NCC website
November 2021			
Monday 1 st November	Staff training day	9:00-4:00	School closed to children
	All Stars begins for Y1-4	12:30pm	
Tuesday 2 nd November	Tour of school for prospective Nursery and Reception parents for places in September 2022	5:00pm	Places can be booked by contacting Mrs Pygall
NEW DATE Wednesday 3 rd November	Nursery Forest School	Morning	Forest school goes ahead whatever the weather! Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately, including long sleeves and sensible footwear. We will also ask for a £1 donation via ParentMail
	Year 3 Forest School	Afternoon	
Friday 5 th November	Official opening of the main entrance with Bishop Christine	10:00am	Children, staff and Governors only
	Please send pre-loved Christmas jumper donations into school		
Monday 8 th November	Year 4 Forest School	Afternoon	Forest school goes ahead whatever the weather! Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately, including long sleeves and sensible footwear. We will also ask for a £1 donation via ParentMail
	Tour of school for prospective Nursery and Reception parents for places in September 2022	4:00pm	Places can be booked by contacting Mrs Pygall
Tuesday 9 th November	Tour of school for prospective Nursery and Reception parents for places in September 2022	4:00pm	Places can be booked by contacting Mrs Pygall
Wednesday 10 th November & Thursday 11 th November	Individual and sibling photographs in school (Travelling Light)		Orders will be online- more info to follow
Thursday 11 th November	Y4 leading Remembrance Worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
Friday 12 th November	Tennis coaching for Year 1	9:00-11:00am	Please wear PE kits
	Closing date for parent Governor nominations	Noon	
	Please send pre-loved Christmas jumper donations into school		
	Deadline for Nursery place acceptance for January start	Noon	

	Children in Need	-	Children invited to wear something spotty to school in exchange for a suggested £1 donation
	PTFA Donut Day	2:45pm	Children invited to bring £1 to buy a donut
15 – 19 th November	Anti-bullying Week	-	Activities in school
Monday 15 th November	Tour of school for prospective Nursery and Reception parents for places in September 2022	5:00pm	Places can be booked by contacting Mrs Pygall
	Odd Socks Day	-	Children invited to wear odd socks alongside normal uniform
Wednesday 17 th November	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
Thursday 18 th November	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
	PTFA Virtual AGM (via Zoom)	7:00pm-8:00pm	Please email the PTFA if you would like to attend
Friday 19 th November	Reception Forest School	Morning	Forest school goes ahead whatever the weather! Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately, including long sleeves and sensible footwear. We will also ask for a £1 donation via ParentMail
	Year 1 Forest School	Afternoon	
	Year 2 Tennis coaching	9:00-11:00am	Please wear PE kits
Wednesday 24 th November	NEW DATE Flu Immunisations in school for children in Reception – Year 4		
	Full Governing Body Meeting	5:00pm	
Saturday 27 th November	Gosforth Voices performing at Ouseburn Christmas Market		
Monday 29 th November	Y3 leading Advent Worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
December 2021			
Friday 3 rd December	Children invited to wear Christmas jumpers in lieu of school jumpers (wear the rest of uniform as usual)		Please send colour themed hamper donations
Wednesday 8 th December	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
Thursday 9 th December	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
	Class Film Night	3:15-5:00pm	More details to follow
Friday 10 th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day (wear the rest of uniform as usual)		Children invited to wear school jumper and donate £1 to Save the Children.
Monday 13 th December	Nativities being recorded		
Tuesday 14 th December	PTFA raffle drawn		
Friday 17 th December	Children invited to wear Christmas jumpers in lieu of school jumpers (wear the rest of uniform as usual)		Just for fun- no cost!
	Carol Service at St Nicholas' Provisional	2:00pm	Arrangements will depend on restrictions
20-31 st December	Christmas holidays	-	School closed to children
January 2022			
Monday 3 rd January	Bank holiday	-	School closed to children

Thursday 6 th January	Year 2 leading Epiphany Worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
Monday 10 th January	Nursery and Reception starting Piccolo Music sessions in school	am	Every Monday for 6 weeks
Wednesday 12 th January	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
Thursday 13 th January	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
Friday 28 th January	Staff training day	9:00-4:00	School closed to children
February 2022			
Wednesday 9 th February	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
Thursday 10 th February	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
Monday 14 th February	Year 1 leading "Love is..." worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
Thursday 17 th February	Random Acts of Kindness Day	-	
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			
Wednesday 2 nd March	Y3 leading Lent Worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
Wednesday 9 th March	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
Thursday 10 th March	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
11-20 th March	British Science Week	-	Activities in school
Friday 18 th March	Red Nose Day	-	Children invited to wear something red for a £1 donation
	Deadline for Nursery applications for September start (for children who will have turned 3 before 31 st August 2022)	Noon	
Friday 25 th March	Mothering Sunday Worship (all classes)	TBC	More info to follow
Tuesday 29 th March	Parent Teacher Consultations (core curriculum focus)	2:30-5:00pm	More info to follow via ParentMail
Thursday 31 st March	Parent Teacher Consultations (core curriculum focus)	2:30-5:00pm	More info to follow via ParentMail
April 2022			
Friday 1 st April	ASD Awareness Day in school		Activities in school
Friday 8 th April	Y2 leading Palm Sunday Worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
11-22 nd April	Easter holiday	-	School closed to children
Tuesday 26 th April	Y2 SATs Meeting for parents	5:00pm	
Wednesday 27 th April	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
	Y4 Times Table Check Meeting for parents	5:00pm	
Thursday 28 th April	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
	Y1 Phonics Screen Meeting for parents	5:00pm	
May 2022			
Monday 2 nd May	Bank holiday		
3 rd -4 th May	Year 4 Residential to Dukeshouse Wood	TBC	TBC – Further information to follow.
Friday 13 th May	Y1 leading Christian Aid worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
16 - 20 May	Christian Aid Week Walk to school week		
Wednesday 25 th May	Collective Worship Council with Miss	In school	

	Wilkinson		
Thursday 26 th May	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
	Y2 leading Ascension worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
Friday 27 th May	Y3 leading Pentecost worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
30 th May- 3 rd June	Half term		
June 2022			
Monday 6 th June	School closed in lieu of Jubilee Day Bank Holiday		
Wednesday 8 th June	World Oceans Day		
Friday 10 th June	Y4 leading Trinity worship	9:15am	Children and staff only
Wednesday 15 th June	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
Thursday 16 th June	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
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	
July 2022			
Wednesday 6 th July	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
Thursday 7 th July	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
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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 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Friday 29th October 2021
10:30am

St Charles Gosforth
St Charles Presbytery
Church Rd
Newcastle Upon Tyne
NE3 1TX



Half term fun for kids with Dogs Trust!



Join our Education & Community Officer, Katie Chapel, for a **FREE**, fun family workshop to learn all about safe behaviour around dogs and being responsible around our four-pawed friends!

Children aged 7-11 and their grown-up welcome!

Places must be booked in advance.

To book or ask any questions please contact katie.chapel@dogstrust.org.uk

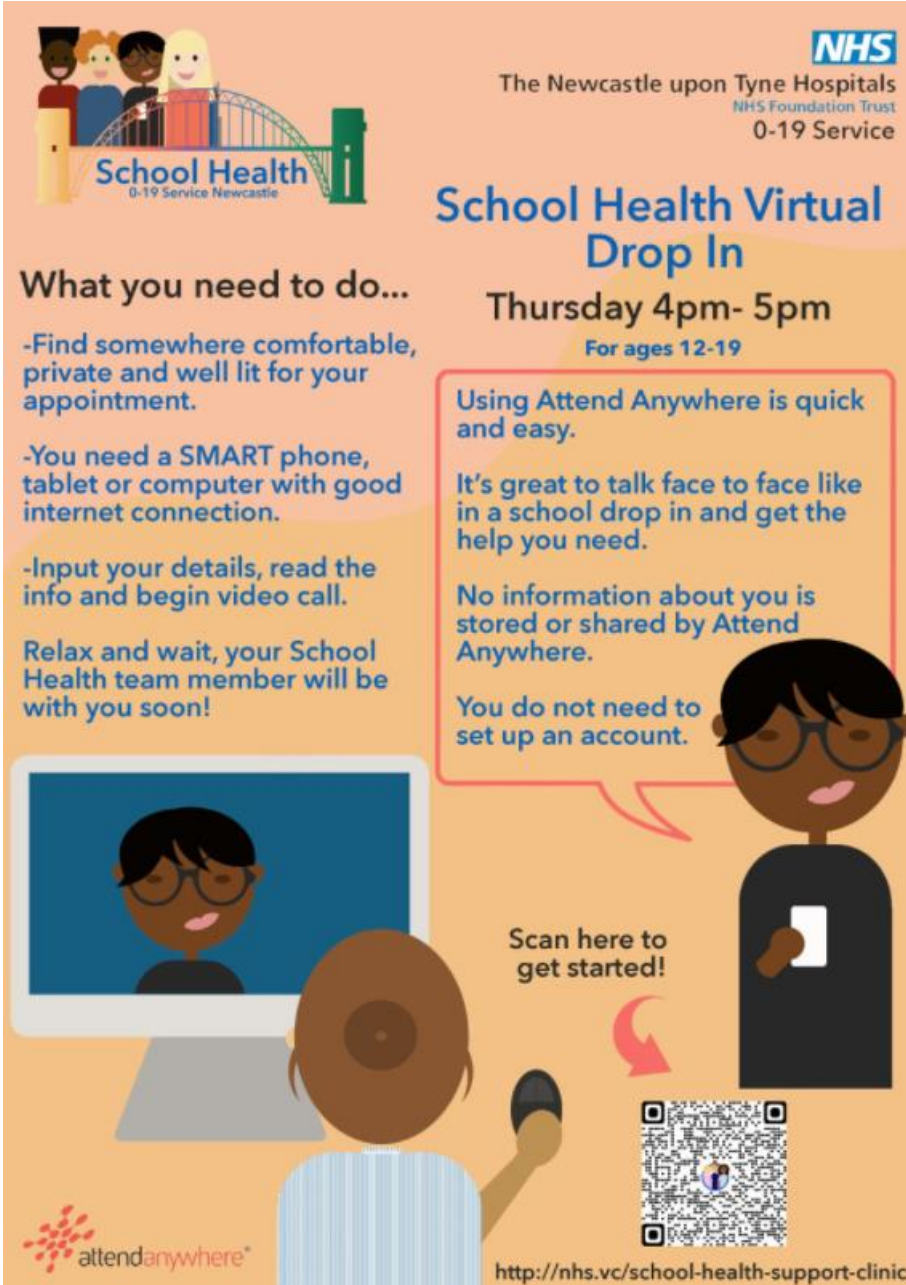
Children remain the responsibility of the accompanying adult and must be supervised.

No real dogs will be in attendance at this event.



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Thursday 4pm- 5pm
For ages 12-19

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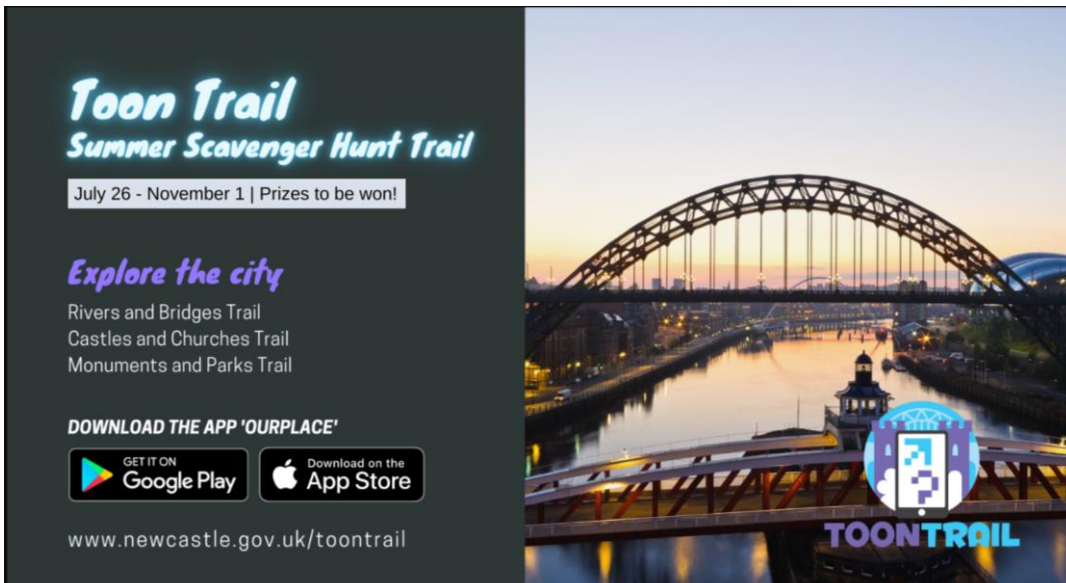
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