



ARCHBISHOP RUNCIE CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

May 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents/carers

Dates for your Diary

Monday 4 th June	School opens after half-term holiday
Tuesday 5 th June	KS2 All Saints Schools Week Visit (AM) M&M Production of The Railway Children in school (PM)
Thursday 7 th June	SEND Fair at Broadway First School (1.30pm to 3.15pm)
Monday 11 th June	Class Photos
Wednesday 20 th June	Football Tournament at Regent Farm First School (after school)
Wednesday 27 th June	Year 4 Leavers Service at St Nicholas Cathedral (11am)
Monday 9 th July	Parents Evenings
Tuesday 10 th July	Parents Evenings Year 2 Skipping Festival
Thursday 12 th July	Year 3 – Great North Exhibition Trip
Friday 13 th July	Year 4 – Great North Exhibition Trip
Saturday 14 th July	PTFA Summer Fair (11am - 1pm)
Tuesday 17 th July	Early Years Sports Day (9.15am – 10am) KS1 and KS2 Sports Day (1.30pm – 2.30pm)
Thursday 19 th July	EYFS Come and Play Picnic (1pm - 3pm)
Friday 20 th July	Leavers Service for Year 4 Parents (9.15am) School closes for Summer Holidays (3.15pm)

Year 4 Middle School Transition Trip to Vindolandia (date to be confirmed)

Charitable Causes

What a wonderful “Daft as a Brush Day” we’ve enjoyed and a super £135.11 was raised for this local very worthwhile charity. Thank you everyone!

I would like to thank the parent organisers of the Children’s Cancer Run. It was a fantastic morning, which was also thoroughly enjoyed by all who were able to attend. Well done to all, participants and supporters!

Summer Weather

We have experienced some very hot weather this month. Please could we ask parents to provide a named hat and ensure suncream has been applied before school. While the children do have access to water they tend to drink more in the summer so they may bring a name water bottle into school if they wish.

A request from Reception staff – we know the weather has been beautiful but please can you ensure the children do not play on the early years equipment before and after school. For Health and Safety reasons can we remind the children not to ride their bikes and scooters in the main yard. Thank you for your continued support.

ParentMail

Thank you for your support using ParentMail for forms and payments. We have received very positive feedback from parents about these new systems. The parents requesting paper copies of ParentMail communications has also been much reduced. Mrs McCloud has found that all these changes have made a significant difference to her time and it is greatly appreciated.

Families using the free ParentMail App had increased from 33% to 46% last month and has now increased to 52% which is fantastic! You can download the App from Google Play or the App Store for free.



If you are having any difficulty using ParentMail, downloading or using the App, Mrs McCloud is more than happy to help.

Events and Trips

Our Reception class visited Seven Stories early this month to do a "Comic Book" workshop and enjoyed making up their own comic book stories. Over the last fortnight, the Nursery and Reception children have enjoyed participating in "Bikeability" and they have been fantastic, enjoying riding the balance bikes. This has been a great opportunity for the children.

Key Stage 2 have had a very sporty half term. Some pupils in Year 3 took part in a Tennis Tournament at Jesmond Tennis Club and Year 4 attended a Team Games Festival at the Walker Dome. A cricket coach from South Northumberland Cricket Club has been coming into school on Thursdays this month to provide coaching sessions to Key Stage 2 which they have thoroughly enjoyed. Year 4 have also had a Bikeability session learning about bicycle maintenance and cycling skills.

Key Stage 2 have been busy watching tadpoles and butterflies grow in class. The children planted wild flowers in the school grounds to enhance the butterflies' habitat and released them last week. Year 2 were visited by a skipping coach last week who helped them train for the Gosforth Schools Skipping Festival which will take place in July.

Finally, we had fantastic weather for our Royal Wedding Garden Party Picnic with almost all of school having a lovely packed lunch made by Mrs Battista and Mrs Sowerby. Mr Hunter also worked hard that morning decorating the school grounds with bunting!

Thank you again for your continued support. Please feel free to come into see me if you have any queries.

Have a Happy Half term holiday!

Kind regards

Mrs Denise Henry