



October 2019 – Newsletter 5

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole School (excluding Nursery)
100% ★	99%	99%	99%	100% ★	100% ★	99%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

Wow! Amazing attendance this week everyone!!

PTFA

The PTFA are showing Dumbo as the Film on 17th October. Please complete forms in book bags, which have come home tonight.



CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

What a busy week we've had! Nursery children have enjoyed a bear hunt, Reception children have had their first PE lesson (Miss Wilkison has requested that parents check ALL items of clothing are named please!), Year 1 children have enjoyed the challenge of learning fact families this week, Year 2 children visited Bessie Surtee's house, Year 3 children were visited by the Co-op and learned about FairTrade and Year 4 enjoyed working outside in science and were delighted that that RSPB liked their tweet!!



SAFEGUARDING

On Monday, we held "Safeguarding in the Community" workshops for parents, carers and friends of our school. Thank you to those of you who attended. It really showed the commitment of our school community to keeping our children safe.

EYFS RESOURCES

Early Years would be really grateful of donations of:

- Toy tools for the outdoor construction area
- Remote control toy cars/vehicles
- Camping equipment for the den building area, e.g. enamel cups/plates, small camping chairs etc.
- Any tarpaulin material for the den building area
- Balance bikes, trikes and scooters that older children have outgrown.
- Waterproof trousers or suits age 3-4, 5-6 or 6-7
- Spare wellies (from size 7 to size 11)

Thank you!



WORSHIP

This morning, Year 3 led our Harvest Worship. They talked to us about traditional Christian Harvest Festivals and giving thanks to God, the People's Kitchen and how we can help those who are less fortunate than us and challenged us to think about Fair Trade and choices that we make. Thank you to everyone who made a donation-



there was quite a spread!

FUNDAMENTAL BRITISH VALUES

We have seen democracy in action this week with the first School Council meeting today! Watch this space for updates.



CHARITABLE GIVING

Last Friday, Mrs Armstrong and Year 4 raised £300.12 - well done to everyone involved! Our thanks once again for all the donations for the Peoples Kitchen.

FUNDRAISING

This morning, children in all classes took part in the "Sportivater" event in school with Sally Scott. We all had a fabulous morning and Sally commented on how enthusiastic and engaged our children were. Each class took part in a circuit challenge then she spoke to us about her career as a pole vaulter and her sports events to date. She was really engaging to listen to and related brilliantly to our children, answering their questions brilliantly! Thank you for everyone that has sponsored their child to take part. We are really looking forward to using money raised to enrich our playground games equipment.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Universal Free Meals: The universal free school initiative (wherein all pupils from Reception to Y2 receive a hot, nutritiously balanced meal each day) continues in school this year. We are aiming for 100% take up for midday hot meals. The benefits are far reaching in terms of health, behaviour and the development of social skills. If you have any questions about school meals our cook, Mrs Battista, would be happy to meet with you to answer these.

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of Child Tax Credit, you may be entitled to qualify for free school meals. Just call 0845 6006400 to apply immediately over the phone. Alternatively you can log on to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>. Not only does this allow your child to have a free hot meal each day, it also brings funding (known as Pupil Premium) directly in to the school.

PACKED LUNCHES

As you know, we are an accredited "Healthy School". Please remember no sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks in packed lunches! We really appreciate your cooperation and support in keeping lunch boxes healthy. It is really important that the children on packed lunches bring something filling such as sandwich or pasta (or other carbohydrates) that will fill them up for the afternoon rather than just crisps and other processed snacks. Please do not send foods containing nuts in case of allergies amongst the other children. Thank you.



Please consider using **reusable food containers** for packed lunches and fruit snacks, rather than disposable food packaging and avoid sending disposable plastic cutlery or straws in packed lunches. Thank you.

SNACKS

A reminder that children in Years 3 and 4 are allowed to bring in a fruit or vegetable snack from home (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2s are provided in school). Please do not send yoghurts or biscuits.



STAGGERED DROP OFF

Thank you for the overwhelmingly positive reaction of parents about the staggered drop off, starting after half term. When the weather is bad we already implement this policy, informally, so it is great to hear how much parents are looking forward to this as a consistent approach.

Staff will continue to be available after school (or you can drop them an email) if you need to pass on any information.

RECEPTION & NURSERY CLOAKROOM

A couple of parents have raised a concern that the EYFS cloakroom is extremely busy at drop off time. Now that children are settled and know where their pegs are we would like to encourage parents to leave children at the cloakroom door to hang up their own coats. Not only will this help develop their independence, it will also mean cloakrooms are not so busy! Thank you for your support with this.

TRAINERS

Despite the weather changing, we are trying to continue with our "Golden Mile" running. Plimsolls are not recommended for running, as they do not support children's feet very well. If possible, we would like each child to have a pair of well fitting trainers which they can leave in school for outdoor PE and running.



MATHS HUB

This year we have signed up to be part of the Great North Maths Hub. This means we will be working closely with specialist maths teachers to further improve our teaching of Maths in school. Claire walker, from GCMS, will be working with us in school next week.

GCMS OPEN EVENING

A reminder that next Tuesday (10th October) GCMS will be holding an open evening for prospective parents.

YEAR 1 READING BOOKS

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



BOOK DONATIONS

KS2 are seeking donations of challenging non-fiction books and magazines that are in good condition. Mr Booth would be delighted to receive any unwanted books from home please.



PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

As you are aware, we have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Further information and the application forms are now available on the school website. There will be an open evening on Monday 7th October from 6:00-7:00pm for anyone who is interested or would like more information.

CHURCH NEWS

Please see the attached fliers for Evolution at All Saints' Church and ECO Messy Church 'A large Messy Church' in St. Nicholas Cathedral on Saturday 19th October 4-5.30pm.



BIRTHDAY SWEETS

Because of the varying dietary requirements of the children in school, it would be helpful if sweets and other treats were vegetarian please.

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
October 2019		
Monday 7 th October	Parents Evening Rec- Year 4	Book appointments via ParentMail from September
	6:00-7:00pm Open evening for prospective parent governors	Please come along if you are interested
Tuesday 8 th October	Parents Evening Rec- Year 4	Book appointments via ParentMail from September
Wednesday 9 th October	GST Teach Meet	
	GST Directors' Meeting	
	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
Thursday 10 th October	Nursery Parents Evening- NEW DATE	
	6:00pm-8:00pm GCMS Open Evening	Invitations from GCMS to follow
Monday 14 th October	Photographer in school	Forms were sent home via bookbags
Tuesday 15 th October	Reception children National Measurements Programme	
16 th October	Reception and Year 1 Forest School	Please bring waterproof jackets, trousers and wellies.
	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
	9:30 Reception eye tests in school	
Thursday 17 th October	Y1 Multiskills festival at Walker Dome 1:00-2:45pm	Children may be slightly late returning to school
	PTFA Film Night	
Friday 18th October	pm Year 2 Forest School	Please bring waterproof jackets, trousers and wellies.
Monday 21 st October	9:00am Parent Workshop for all Reading Buddies/ to support reading at home	
Tuesday 22 nd October	Nursery & Reception Story Party in school	Please pay via ParentMail
Wednesday 23 rd October	Governors Ethos Cttee	
	pm Year 3 Forest School	Please bring waterproof jackets, trousers and wellies.
	Y4 Go Green Performance 2:30pm	
	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
	PTFA AGM Meeting 7:30pm	Venue TBC
Thursday 24 th October	Operation Encompass Sessions for Years 3	Parent drop in 3:00-4:00pm – No appointments

	& 4 children 1-3pm and drop in session for parents and other community members, after school.	required
Friday 25 th October	Staff & Governor Training Day	School closed to children
Sunday 27 th October	Diwali	
31 st October	Midday deadline for Middle School applications for September 2020	www.newcastle.gov.uk/schooladmissions
Monday 28 th October- Friday 1 st November	Half Term holiday	
November 2019		
Monday 4 th November	Year 3 visit to Beamish	Please wear warm clothing and uniform tops
Tuesday 5 th November & Wednesday 6 th November	GEM Education delivering Computing sessions in school to Y1-4	
Tuesday 5 th November	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
Friday 8 th November	9:00am Number Workshop for Reception parents	
	pm Year 4 Forest school	Please bring waterproof jackets, trousers and wellies.
Monday 11 th November	9:00am Remembrance Worship, led by Year 4	
	Operation Christmas Child boxes to be dropped off at collection points	
	4:00pm arrival - DAAB Christmas Lights Switch on at 4:30pm	All Welcome!
Tuesday 12 th November	Flu Sniffs	Info has now been sent to parents and carers.
Wednesday 13 th November	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need	Children invited to wear something spotty for a suggested donation of £1
	Arctic Explorer to visit Year 2	
Tuesday 19 th November	Prospective Reception Parent visits 4:00pm	Please book a place via the school office
20 th November	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
Friday 22 nd November	9:00am Parent Workshop for all Reading Buddies/ parents & carers to support reading at home	Please come along
Tuesday 26 th November	Full Governing Body Meeting	
Wednesday 27 th November	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
Thursday 28 th November	7:30pm PTFA Christmas Fair Planning Meeting	Venue TBC
Friday 29 th November	Advent Worship led by Year 2	All welcome!
	Christmas decorations up in school	We would love some help from parents please!
	Nativity costume requests sent home	
December 2019		
Monday 2 nd December	Prospective Reception Parent visits 4:00pm	Please book a place via the school office
4 th December	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
Tuesday 10 th December	5:00pm New Nursery Parents Meeting for January intake	
	Chris Bostock (storyteller) for Nursery and Reception children	Please pay via ParentMail
Wednesday 11 th December	Please bring nativity costumes to school	
Thursday 12 th	Y4 Multiskills festival at Walker Dome 1:00-	Children may be slightly late returning to school

December	2:45pm	
Friday 13 th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day PTFA Christmas Fair at School 3:15pm-	Suggested donation of £1
Monday 16 th December	1:30pm KS2 Nativity (1)	2 tickets per family will be able to be booked via ParentMail from November.
Tuesday 17 th December	2:00pm EYFS Nativity (1)	
	5:30pm KS1 Nativity (1)	
	6:30pm KS2 Nativity (2)	
Wednesday 18 th December	9:30am EYFS Nativity (2)	
	2:00pm KS1 Nativity (2)	
Tuesday 17 th December	No Taekwondo	
Thursday 19 th December	KS1 & KS2 Christmas Party	Children only- please sign up to bring food
Friday 20 th December	10:00-12:00 Pantomime for Nursery- Year 4 at	Children we return to school for lunch before the Carol Service
	Carol Service at St Nicholas' Church	Years 1-4 attending. Children will be dismissed from Church after the service if parents are in attendance.
	EYFS Party	Children only- please sign up to bring food
January 2020		
Monday 6 th January	Staff Training Day	School closed to children
Wednesday 8 th January	Prospective Reception Parent visits 4:00pm	Please book a place via the school office
15 th January	Y3/4 Computing with GEM Education	
	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
	Midday deadline for Reception class applications for September 2020	www.newcastle.gov.uk/schooladmissions
Thursday 16 th January	Children's Choice Lunch	
	PTFA Film Night	
Thursday 23 rd January	Road Safety sessions for Nursery, Reception and Year 1	
	EYFS Opposites Day	
Friday 24 th January	Chinese New Year celebrations in school	
Wednesday 29 th January	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
22 nd January	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
Thursday 30 th January	5:00pm Managing children's behaviour workshop for parents	
Friday 31 st January	9:00am Managing children's behaviour workshop for parents	
February 2020		
Wednesday 5 th February	2:00pm Reception "Stay & Play"	Reception parents invited
5 th February	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
Thursday 6 th February	Reception visit to Walker Dome 1:00-2:45pm	Children may be slightly late returning to school
Monday 10 th February	Parents Evening	
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day	Activities in school
	Parents Evening	
12 th February	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
Friday 14 th February	Love is... Worship, led by Year 1	
Monday 24 th February	International World Thinking Day	Cubs, Beavers, Brownies, Rainbows invited to wear uniforms.
Tuesday 25 th February	Lent Worship, led by Year 4	
	Prospective Nursery Parent visits 4:00pm	Please book a place via the school office
26 th February	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
March 2020		

2-6 th March	Book Week in school	
4 th March	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day	Children invited to dress as a book character
9-13 March	British Science Week	
Monday 9 th March	Purim	Activities in school
	Prospective Nursery Parent visits 4:00pm	Please book a place via the school office
11 th March	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
18 th March	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
Friday 20 th March	Persian New Year	Activities in school
	9:00am Year 1-4 Mothers' Day Service	One member of each family invited to attend
	2:30pm EYFS Mothers' Day Service	One member of each family invited to attend
	Closing date for Nursery applications for Sept 2020	
	Gosforth Voices Tour	Performance in all GST school
Monday 23 rd March	World Water Day	
	Y3 & Y4 visit to Durham	More info to follow
Wednesday 25 th March	Full Governing Body Meeting	
	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
Thursday 26 th March	Nursery visit to Walker Dome 1:00-2:45pm	Children may be slightly late returning to school
Friday 27 th March	9:00 SATs Meeting for Year 2 Parents	
Tuesday 31 st March	5:00pm New Nursery Parents Meeting, for children starting after Easter	
April 2020		
Wednesday 1 st April	2:00pm Nursery Stay & Play	Nursery Parents invited
Thursday 2 nd April	Autism Awareness Day	Activities in school
Friday 3 rd April	Easter Service	
Monday 6 th April- Friday 17 th April	Easter Holidays	
Thursday 23 rd April	Shakespeare Day	Activities in school
Friday 24 th April	Deadline to accept Nursery places in school	
May 2020		
May 2020	SATs for Year 2 children	Year 2 children must be in school please
Thursday 7 th May	Wesak (Buddhist)	Activities in school
Friday 8 th May	Phonics Screen Workshop for Year 1 Parents	
Monday 11 th May	Christian Aid Worship, led by Year 2	All welcome!
Thursday 14 th May	Y3 Team Games festival at Walker Dome 1:00-2:45pm	Children may be slightly late returning to school
Friday 15 th May	2:00pm Reception Stay & Play	Reception Parents invited
Tuesday 19 th May	GST Teach Meet	Staff only
Thursday 21 st May	Ascension Day Worship, led by Year 3	All welcome!
	World Day for Cultural Diversity	Activities in school
Friday 22 nd May	GST Daft Day	Children invited to wear something "daft". Suggested donation £1.
	Eid activities in school.	
Monday 2 th May- Friday 29 th May	Half Term	
June 2020		
Monday 1 st June	GST Staff Training Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 2 nd June	2:30pm Pentecost Worship, led by Year 4	
	Year 1 Phonics Screen assessment	Year 1 children must be in school please
Wednesday 3 rd June	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
Thursday 4 th June	Roy Lawson visiting Years 3 & 4	More info to follow
Monday 8 th June	Year 2 visit to St Mary's Lighthouse	
Tuesday 9 th June	New Nursery Parents Meeting for children	

	starting Nursery in September 2020	
Wednesday 10 th June	New Reception Parents Meeting for children starting Reception class in September 2020	
Wednesday 10 th June	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
Tuesday 16 th June	Big Gig all day (Gosforth Voices & Gosforth Band) Best of British theme	Northumbria Sports Central
Wednesday 17 th June	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
Friday 26 th June	Y4 visit to Vindolanda	More info to follow
30 th June	Pyramid Concert (Gosforth Voices & Gosforth Band)	4:00pm Rehearsal 6:15pm at Trinity Church
July 2020		
Wednesday 1 st July	2:00pm Nursery Stay & Play	Nursery parents invited
Thursday 2 nd July	Y4 Bikeability all day	
Friday 3 rd July	Reports out	
Saturday 4 th July	PTFA Summer Fair	
Monday 6 th July	KS1/2 Sports Day	Parents Invited
	Drop in for parents	No need to book an appointment
Tuesday 7 th July	Drop in for parents	No need to book an appointment
Wednesday 8 th July	Pm EYFS Sports Day	Parents invited
	Full Governing Body Meeting	
Thursday 9 th May	Y2 Team Games festival at Walker Dome 1:00-2:45pm	Children may be slightly late returning to school
Friday 10 th July	Cakes in the Courtyard	All helpers and volunteers invited!
Friday 17 th July	9:00 Year 4 Leavers' Service	
	End of term picnic lunch for staff and children	Please pay via ParentMail
	Picnic in the Playground	3:15-4:15pm
	School closes for Summer	
Monday 7 th September 2020	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 8 th September 2020	School reopens to pupils.	

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Colossians 3:23-24

31 October 2019 (midday)
Deadline to apply for middle, secondary or high school places for September 2020

15 January 2020 (midday)
Deadline to apply for reception class places for September 2020

www.newcastle.gov.uk/schooladmissions



MEASLES

Don't let your child catch it
— get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

- Measles is in the news again. There have been serious outbreaks in Wales and England and the number of children catching measles is rising.
- Measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill.
- Your child is at risk of measles if he or she hasn't had the MMR vaccination.
- Two doses of MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection.
- If your child is due to have had two doses of MMR but has not yet received them, no matter what age they are, you should contact your GP to get them vaccinated as soon as possible.*
- If you can't remember if your child has had any, one or two doses of MMR vaccine, check his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to your GP.
- If you don't know how many doses your child has had, it's better to have two doses of MMR vaccine now rather than risk leaving them unprotected.

*In response to a local outbreak then the two doses can be given one month apart from the age of 18 months.

immunisation
the safest way to protect your child

Some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine are listed on the back of this leaflet

Answers to some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine

Why are we seeing these outbreaks of measles?

Measles is a highly infectious disease, spreading quickly from person to person, especially in schools. A child with measles will infect almost all unprotected children they have contact with. Since the end of 2017 there has been an increase in measles globally which has affected the UK. This has resulted in some spread into wider communities, in particular in undervaccinated groups.

When are the MMR vaccinations usually given?

The best times are between 12 and 13 months of age and again at three years and four months, with one dose on each occasion. But, if your child wasn't vaccinated then, they can be vaccinated at any age with two doses one month apart.

Will there be any side effects to the vaccination?

Your child may get the symptoms of measles, mumps and rubella for up to six weeks after the vaccination but in a very much milder form. This proves that the vaccine is working and your child is building up resistance to future contact with the viruses that cause the three diseases. Not all children show these symptoms but that doesn't mean the vaccine isn't working.

Should parents in outbreak areas get vaccinated against measles?

As with many diseases, once you have had measles, you don't catch it again because you have built up a natural resistance to it. So, if you've had measles two doses of MMR vaccine you do not need to get vaccinated now.

For more information about measles and MMR go to www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/

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Immunisation Information

ECO MESSY CHURCH

19TH OCTOBER
4-5.30PM




ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE
NE1 1PF

WE WILL HAVE CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL THE FAMILY AROUND THE THEME OF CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION BETWEEN 4-5PM AND THEN A SHORT CELEBRATION FOLLOWED BY PARTY TEA AND DRINKS.

TO BOOK PLACES PLEASE CONTACT
REVD RACHEL SCHEFFER
R.SCHEFFER@NEWCASTLEANGLICAN.ORG
01661 886853



Mr Mason and All Saints' Church
would like to invite your Child/ren to:



EVOLUTION

KIDS' GROUP

This group is for children of school years 3 to 6. It only costs £1 a week and includes lots of fun activities, such as: crafts, games, songs and stories. This is a great opportunity for your child/ren to make new friends, develop new skills and learn about the Christian faith.

Tuesdays 6pm to 7pm at All Saints' Centre,
Linden Road, Gosforth, NE3 4ES
For more information email andrew.mason@allsaints-gosforth.org.uk