



November 2021

Newsletter 5 – 5.11.21

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole School (excluding Nursery)
Wb 1.11.21	91%	99%	92%	98%	99%	97%	97%

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	Amaya	Samuel	Evelyn	Sammy	Maddison	Matthew
Demonstrating Determination	Felix	George F	Luke	Amelia	William	Oliver

STAFFING UPDATE



In December, I am due to have surgery that requires at least 6 weeks of recovery and, sadly, as a result means I will be absent from school. I have planned the timing of this to minimise the number of term time weeks that I'll miss (although I'm disappointed to be missing Christmas with the children as it's my favourite time of year in school!!). Mr Booth will therefore be "acting up" in my absence and will be non-class based.

We have appointed Miss Waters to work in Year 4 full time in order to provide consistency for our Year 4 children. Miss Waters has been in school this week working alongside Miss Burns and Mr Booth to get to know our children, staff and school. Miss Burns and Mr Booth will be working with Miss Waters to provide oversight and input in order to ensure the Year 4 children continue to maintain the high standards that they are currently achieving. In addition, the same rigorous Year 4 curriculum that Mr Booth and Miss Burns have built up over the past two years will be delivered with both still supervising what is being taught.

Miss Waters and Miss Burns will, therefore, be the point of contact for parents of children in Year 4 from 15th November. Miss Waters can be contacted via email (katherine.waters@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk). Mr Booth will be in class next week.

Miss Waters has been appointed until the end of the academic year in order to provide consistency for the children in Year 4 and to provide flexibility dependent on the success of my surgery. By having Miss Waters in Year 4 for the rest of the academic year, this will mean the school is less likely to use ad-hoc supply teachers to cover.

Thank you in advance for your support and understanding in this matter. As those of you who know me well will understand, to be absent from school for 6 weeks (especially at Christmas!) is not a decision that I have taken lightly but I do have complete confidence in Mr Booth's ability to run our school during this time (although he won't make as good an elf as I did last year!!).

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

GRAND OPENING

This morning, we welcomed Bishop Christine and Catherine McKinnell to the "opening" of our foyer. It was a lovely celebration! Please see Twitter for the pictures. The sun shone and our children were **FABULOUS** and made me so very proud with their super listening and behaviour! I hope they all enjoyed their cupcakes...!



SCORES ON THE DOORS

We are delighted that, yesterday, we received a score of 5 in our no-notice food hygiene inspection. Well done to Miss Cooper, Mrs Bell and Mr Miller!! We are really proud that we have maintained this hygiene standard.



CHARITABLE GIVING

Next week, Year 4 children will be selling traditional poppies (adhesive) for donations of 50p. If your child would like to purchase one, please send money in a named, labelled envelope.



Please can all children write their names their poppy as you can imagine how difficult it is to identify a lost poppy in a pile of many! Thank you.

Unfortunately, we have been unable to get the slap bands, reflectors, rulers and other goods that were popular last year. Apologies for any disappointment that this causes.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Children will have their new school photograph taken on Wednesday next week (individually and with siblings). These should then be available to buy for Christmas presents for family and friends.

GOSFORTH VOICES

We are delighted to announce that Gosforth Voices will be performing at the Grainger Market this year to bring some much-needed festive cheer to all the shoppers and traders on Saturday 27th November. Please save the date!



CHRISTMAS

As you may be aware, neighbouring authorities have increased covid measures in school and have returned to “bubbles”, limiting visitors into school etc. At this time, Newcastle Local Authority have not instructed their schools to do so. However, I think it is looking increasingly unlikely that whole school events such as the Carol Service will go ahead. We will confirm this as soon as possible.



We have already planned to film the children's nativities on Monday 13th December rather than invite parents and carers into school.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Ms Lowe will, next week, be gathering parental views on extending our After School Club closing time until 5:45pm. If you use After School Club, we would be really grateful for your thoughts on this to see if we can make this work for our children, families and staff. Thank you.

SAFEGUARDING

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.

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 – 0808 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>

With my very best wishes,

Mrs KE Massey

Headteacher

Be courageous; be strong.

Do everything in love.

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

PTFA NEWS



PRE-LOVED CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

A reminder that the PTFA are requesting donations of pre-loved Christmas jumpers and tops on **Friday 12th of November**, to be given to Katy Palmer (Mum of Nolan and Livi) at either school at pick up or drop off times. These will be ready to sell during the last two weeks of November. Thank you!



AGM

A reminder that the PTFA AGM will be held during the evening of Thursday 18th November via Zoom. Please email the PTFA for the link archbishopruncieptfa@gmail.com. Thank you.



DONATING

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





DIARY DATES

New dates are in red, for your information

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
	Poppies on sale all week (50p)		Please send money in a named and labelled envelope
	8 th - 12 th November Maths Week England	All week	Activities in school
	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 Oops- this is 19 th !	-	Children invited to wear something spotty to school in exchange for a suggested £1 donation
	Bookings for December wraparound close		
	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	School Council Meeting with Miss	In school	

November	Nattress		
	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	
	Children in Need	-	Children invited to wear something spotty to school in exchange for a suggested £1 donation
	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.
	Christmas Lunch for children, staff and Governors	12:00	
	Bookings for January wraparound close		
Monday 13 th December	Nativities being recorded		Recordings will be shared with parents and carers
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 TBC
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 14 th January	Bookings for February wraparound close		
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	
Friday 11 th February	Bookings for March wraparound bookings		
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	
Friday 11 th March	Bookings for April wraparound close		
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
Friday 15 th April	Bookings for May wraparound close		
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
	Bookings for June wraparound close		
16 – 20 May	Christian Aid Week Walk to school week		
Wednesday 25 th May	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	

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	
Friday 17 th June	Bookings for July wraparound close		
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			
Monday 4 th July	Y4 Bikeability	TBC	
Wednesday 6 th July	Collective Worship Council with Miss Wilkinson	In school	
Thursday 7 th July	School Council Meeting with Miss Nattress	In school	
Friday 8 th July	Bookings for September wraparound close		
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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