



January 2020 – Newsletter 16

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole School (excluding Nursery)
90%	99%	94%	98%	99%	99%	98%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



From all the children and staff I would like to wish you all a very happy new year. We hope you all had a restful break (without too many germs!). The children have returned to school this week, eager to learn and excited about their new topics and share their holiday news.

ABSENCES

If your child is not well and you are keeping them at home please let Mrs Pygall know, via ParentMail, before 9:00am each morning. She has spent a long time ringing parents this week to find out why children are not in school. Thank you for your help with this.

PTFA NEWS

A reminder that our PTFA Film Night will be held in school next Thursday. Information has already been sent in book bags. Please contact the PTFA directly to book a place. Thank you.



There are still several raffle prizes at the school office, waiting to be claimed!

WORSHIP

This week, we have thought about Epiphany and the important gifts that were given to Jesus. Children really impressed Rev'd Shipton this morning with their excellent knowledge!



RESOURCE REQUESTS

Year 1 are seeking clean boxes and tubes for their DT project, making space buggies, please.

RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

A reminder that the Reception Applications portal is now open. Applications must be made by 12 noon on 15th January 2020 (**next week**) for children to start Reception in September 2020. You can access this at www.newcastle.gov.uk/schooladmissions

SHARE THE MIRACLE

Although Easter seems a long way off, I wanted to share with you our invitation to take part in a local ShareTheMiracle project. Our school will run a 'ShareTheMiracle Station' (a simple collection point



for Easter Eggs). Children, parents, staff, governors or anyone else associated with the school can donate an Easter egg. Whilst individuals may choose to donate any egg, some may like to use the Meaningful Chocolate Eggs that are fair trade and include details of the Easter Story. These will then be given locally in an intergenerational expression of kindness.

The ShareTheMiracle vision is to see a wave of kindness transform local communities far and wide at Easter. It provides a simple way to start a conversation, meet people you may not ordinarily and reach out to those less fortunate locally.

The giving of an egg has proven to be a catalyst to 'little miracles'. The egg that starts a conversation, an elderly person to feel less lonely when a school reaches out. The possibilities are endless. Each egg has the opportunity to change a situation and each act of kindness helps strengthen your community, form friendships and release hope.

Phonics

RECEPTION PHONICS BAGS

Children in Reception were, last term, each given a bag of letters to practise their phonics at home. Please could these be returned to school, each day, in book bags so new sounds can be added? Thank you.

STAFFING

It is with great sadness that I inform you that Mr Wilkinson, our school cleaner, will not be returning to school due to ill health. We will be organising a collection and cards from the children and staff. If you would like to contribute, please send donations to the office FAO Mrs Pygall. Thank you.

On a happier note, Miss Orr returned to work this week engaged to Jack! We wish them both huge congratulations and looking forward to hearing all the wedding plans in due course.

UNIFORM & JEWELLERY

A reminder that all children are expected to wear school uniform and sensible black shoes (not trainers) every day. School uniform is available to order from the school office or from Tots to Teams. Can we please request that children do not wear earrings for school, at any time. Thank you for your support in this matter.

CHILDREN'S CHOICE LUNCH



A reminder that next Thursday, Mrs Battista is offering a special 'children's choice' lunch of sausages in buns (meat or vegetarian available) and jelly and ice cream for all children. If your child usually has a packed lunch and would like a school dinner that day, please book your lunch via ParentMail. Thank you!



STEM WEEK

Our annual Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) week will be held in March. If you have a job or hobby which involves any of these areas and you would be willing to lead an activity in school with children or staff please let Miss Young know. Her email address is natalie.young@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk. Thank you!

DROP OFF

Can we please ask that parents and carers do not leave children unattended on the yard before the school doors open at 8:40am. This is a safeguarding concern as unattended children can leave the premises without an adult. Thank you.

DANCE CLUB

Dance club will be resuming after school on Monday 20th January when the dance teacher, Brooke, returns from Thailand. She apologises for any confusion caused.

NEWSLETTER FREQUENCY

A reminder that this term I will usually be sending a fortnightly newsletter. I will ask for your feedback on this at Easter time so please let me know your thoughts then! Thank you.

With my very best wishes,

Mrs KE Massey

Headteacher



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1 Corinthians 16:13

Dates for your Diary

New dates are in red, for your information.

Date	Event	Additional Notes
January 2020		
Tuesday 14 th January	Y1 Planetarium Visit (Hancock Museum) 9:30am-2:00pm	Please make payments via ParentMail
Wednesday 15 th January	Y3/4 Computing with GEM Education	
	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
	KS2 MicroBit lessons in school	
	Midday deadline for Reception class applications for September 2020	www.newcastle.gov.uk/schooladmissions
Thursday 16 th January	Children's Choice Lunch	We are hoping for 100% school lunch uptake! Please order lunches on ParentMail if your child usually has a packed lunch.
	Year 2 Newcastle Castle Visit	
	PTFA Film Night	More info to follow
Monday 20 th January	Gosforth Gets Going at ARFS	Workshop for Reception children across GST
	Year 3 begin their Fish keeper Fry Project	
Tuesday 21 st January	Weekly, whole class ukulele lessons begin for Years 3 & 4	No charge
Wednesday 22 nd January	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
Thursday 23 rd January	Road Safety sessions for Nursery, Reception and Year 1	
	Year 4 PSHE session on relationships	
	EYFS Opposites Day	
Friday 24 th January	Chinese New Year celebrations in school	
Wednesday 29 th	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School

January		
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
Tuesday 4th February	Y3 & Y4 visit to Durham Now 24.3.20	More info to follow
Wednesday 5 th February	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
	1:00pm Reception Maths Workshop 2:00pm Rec stay and play	Parents of Reception children invited
Thursday 6 th February	Reception visit to Walker Dome 1:00-2:45pm	Children may be slightly late returning to school
Friday 7 th February	NEW DATE Year 3 Operation Encompass session & drop in for parents and carers	
Monday 10 th February	Parents Evening	
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day	Activities in school
	9:30-10:30 Year 1 Gosforth Gets Going event at GPFS	Selected children only
	Parents Evening	
Wednesday 12 th February	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
Thursday 13 th February	PTFA Valentines Disco	
Friday 14 th February	Love is... Worship, led by Year 1	All welcome
	Year 3 Operation Encompass session & drop in for parents and carers	
	Break up for half term	
Monday 17 th Feb-Fri 21 st Feb	Half term	School Closed
Monday 24 th February	Children return to school	
	International World Thinking Day	Cubs, Beavers, Brownies, Rainbows invited to wear uniforms.
Tuesday 25 th February	Lent Worship, led by Year 4	All welcome
	Prospective Nursery Parent visits 4:00pm	Please book a place via the school office
Wednesday 26 th February	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
Friday 28 th February	9:00 Parent Council Meeting	
March 2020		
2-6 th March	Book Week in school	
4 th March	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
	5:30-6:30pm Bedtime Story Telling Evening in school	More information to follow
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day	Children invited to dress as a book character
	Bedtime stories at school 5:30-6:30pm	
Friday 6 th March	Class visits to Gosforth Library	
	Year 2 visit to Centre for Life 10:00am - 2:00pm	
9-13 March	British Science Week	We would welcome any parents/visitors to school linked to Science please.
Monday 9 th March	Purim	Activities in school
	Prospective Nursery Parent visits 4:00pm	Please book a place via the school office
9 th -13 th March	British Science Week	We will be looking for parents to come into school to lead science based activities for children please!

Tuesday 10 th March	Year 4 visit to Centre for Life 10:00am - 2:00pm	
Wednesday 11 th March	Year 3 visit to Centre for Life 10:00am - 2:00pm	
	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
Thursday 12 th March	Year 1 visit to Centre for Life 10:00am - 2:00pm	
Wednesday 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
	Visit from a local poet for Y1-Y4 TBC	
	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	
Tuesday 24 th March	NEW DATE Y3 & Y4 visit to Durham University	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 1:30pm All Saints' Church	
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	
Thursday 30 th April	GST Boys Football competition at BEFS	
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
	Dinnington First School official opening	
Friday 8 th May	Bank Holiday	
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
	2:00pm Reception Stay & Play	Reception Parents invited
Friday 15 th May	2:00pm Reception Stay & Play	Reception Parents invited
	Phonics Screen Workshop for Year 1 Parents 9:00am	
Tuesday 19 th May	GST Teach Meet	Staff only
Thursday 21 st May	GST Y3 & Y4 Bench ball competition at Brunton	Selected children only
	Ascension Day Worship, led by Year 3	All welcome!
	World Day for Cultural Diversity	Activities in school
	Children's choice lunch	
Friday 22 nd May	GST Daft Day	Children invited to wear something "daft". Suggested donation £1.
	9:00 Y4 Times Table test Parent Workshop	
	Eid activities in school.	
Monday 2 th May-	Half Term	

Friday 29 th May		
June 2020		
Monday 1 st June	GST Staff Training Day	School closed to children
1-5 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen assessment	Year 1 children must be in school please
	All Saints' Schools Week	
Tuesday 2 nd June	2.30pm Pentecost Worship, led by Year 4	
Wednesday 3 rd June	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
Thursday 4 th June	GST Y3 & Y4 Tag Rugby at RFFS	Selected children only
Friday 5 th June	NEW DATE 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	
	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
15-19 th June	Y4 statutory Times Tables test	
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	GST Y4 Netball at Grange	Selected children only
Friday 3 rd July	Reports out	
	NEW DATE Y4 Bikeability all day	
Saturday 4 th July	PTFA Summer Fair	
Monday 6 th July	KS1/2 Sports Day	Parents Invited
	PE Week (Mon- Fri)	
	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 July	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	
September 2020		
Monday 7 th September 2020	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 8 th September 2020	School reopens to pupils.	
Wednesday 30 th September	Y4 Residential	More info to follow

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Colossians 3:23-24

