



ARCHBISHOP RUNCIE CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VA) FIRST SCHOOL



February 2019 - Newsletter 20

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole School (excluding Nursery)
96%	94%	92.4%	98.7%	98.6%	96%	95.9%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.



PTFA NEWS

The PTFA are holding a Film Night on Thursday 14th February. Forms have been sent home in book bags, to be returned to school in envelopes (marked FAO PTFA) via the classroom in the usual way.

The PTFA are also holding a cake stall next Friday, at the end of school. They would be really grateful for any cake donations (home made or bought) on Friday morning please.



If you would like to contact the PTFA, their direct email is archbishopruncieptfa@gmail.com

EYFS GIBSIDE VISIT

On Tuesday, Nursery and Reception children are visiting Gibside. We have asked for lots of parent helpers to ensure the adult:child ratio is high. This will, however, mean that there will not be sufficient spaces for adults to travel on the coach with the children. We would be grateful if parents and carers could arrange to make their own way there. We will arrive at Gibside at 10:00am and leave at 2:15pm. Parent helpers are asked to come to school for a Risk Assessment Briefing at 9:00am with Miss Leigh, prior to leaving school.

CURRICULUM

We have had an exciting week learning about Chinese New Year, ending in a splendid Dragon Dance (videos will be added to the website). The children have made lanterns, learned to write in Mandarin and eaten a delicious "Chinese" lunch today. Thank you to Mrs Wang, Mr Chiu and Mrs Battista for making this possible.



Y3 VISIT TO EL TORERO



A reminder for parents of Year 3 children to complete the ParentMail permission form and make payment today please. The children need to wear their full school uniform. Year 3 are leaving school at 11:00am and returning before the end of the school day. We now have sufficient helpers to travel with us by metro (briefing at school with Miss McGregor at 10:45am) but parents are welcome to join us for the meal (please make payment on ParentMail today).

WORSHIP

Year 2 led our Act of Worship, this morning, about Diversity and being unique. It was lovely to hear what makes our Year 2 children special and unique!

Thank you to Mrs Lavin for playing the piano for us.



CHURCH LINKS

We are looking for a volunteer to update the external Church notice boards (in the main playground) for both All Saints' and St Nicholas' Churches. It would be great to have some up to date photos of clergy, newsletters, details of events etc please. If you are able to help with this please contact Mrs McCloud.



We are delighted that a member of St Nicholas' PCC has volunteered to be a Year 4 Reading Buddy... any other willing volunteers would be gratefully received!

STAFFING

Unfortunately, Miss Burns is still unwell with a virus, although she is hoping to be back sometime next week. Mrs Hail will continue teaching Year 4 next week, until Miss Burns is back on top form!



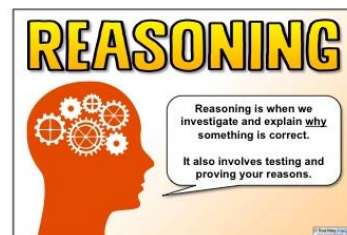
GOSFORTH GETS GOING

A group of our Year 1 children had a fabulous morning at Gosforth Park First School doing Zumba. Thank you to GPFS for hosting the event!



REASONING WORKSHOP

The reasoning workshop on Wednesday evening was extremely well received by the parents who attended. Our thanks go to Mrs Gregory for running the session. Following requests, I have asked her to repeat the session for parents who were unable to attend. We will confirm the new date as soon as it is arranged. In the meantime... please remember to ask **how** and **why** questions that require the children to explain their thinking!



Mrs McCloud has now sent out the handout and resources, via ParentMail.

Useful website include: <https://nrich.maths.org> <http://www.iseemaths.com/i-see-reasoning>
<https://nsmathshub> <https://www.ncetm.org.uk> <https://www.transum.org>

RECEPTION PE & SPORT

Reception had a fantastic visit to Walker Activity Dome yesterday for a multiskills event. Dancing with ribbons, parachute games, space hopper relay and an obstacle course were the highlights.



After half term, Reception children will have PE sessions led by Lee Sterry every Friday afternoon.

PARENT COUNCIL



On Monday, our Parent Council met for their first meeting. The role of the Parent Council is to establish and maintain an effective two way channel of communication between parents/carers and the school/Governing Body. Please see the minutes of the meeting on our school website.

At present, the Parent Council comprises of Mrs Massey, two Parent Governors; Craig Dallison (Yr 1) and Helen Miller (Yr 4) and three parents; Sarah McCrea (Yr 1), Greg Farrell (N, Yr 1 & 2) and Christine Halfpenny (R & Yr 3).

We are hoping for another four parents/carers to join the Council and we would actively encourage anyone interested to speak to/email one of the Parent Council members for more information. Meetings will be arranged around members' availability.

You can email our Parent Council directly on parentcouncil.archbishoppruncie@gmail.com

GALA TRIALS

Gosforth Swimming Pool are holding their Annual School Swimming Gala in March for children in KS2. This is a *competitive* inter-school event. We have been invited to take a group of children for "Time Trials" on Friday 1st March (date TBC) where they will be assessed on their ability to swim *one length at pace* using a *technically correct stroke*. If they are able to dive this is a bonus, but is not essential.



If you think your child meets the above criteria, and would be confident enough to attend the Gala Trials, please complete the ParentMail form (to follow) by Friday 15th February.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries.

With my very best wishes,

Mrs KE Massey

Headteacher

"Love to learn, learn to love"

Colossians 3:23-24

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

A reminder that:

- An additional informal consultation evening will take place on the 11th February 2019 at 6.30pm to provide further opportunity for those wanting to speak to governors about the NEAT proposal;
- We are considering the draft proposal which has now been received from Gosforth Schools Trust;
- Parents have time to consider the additional information which has been provided and raise any additional questions
- The consultation period will now close at midday on 25th of February
- The Full Governing Body will meet to consider the responses to the consultation on the 4th March but it is not intended that a decision whether or not to proceed with the proposal will be made at this meeting.

Additional information has been requested by parents regarding the advantages and disadvantages of the proposal and what the other options are for our school. This information is being prepared and will be shared as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Sarah Hawkins

Chair of Governors

Dates for your Diary

New dates are in red, for your information.

Date	Event	Additional Notes
February 2019		
Monday 11 th Feb	"Love is..." Day	
	6:30pm Drop in session for parents to discuss consultation to join NEAT	Please come along
Tuesday 12 th Feb	N & Rec visit to Gibside	Parent helpers have now been confirmed
	Y1 Balance Bike Relay	Details have been sent to selected children
	Y3 visit to El Torero	Please pay online
Thursday 14 th Feb	PTFA Film Night	Please buy tickets from PTFA
	2:00pm Y4 Ceilidh	Details have been sent to selected children
	St Valentine's Day	Italian Bistro style lunch can be ordered on ParentMail
Friday 15 th Feb	Random Acts of Kindness Day	
	PTFA Cake Stall after school	Please send cake donations to school
	School closes for half term	
Monday 25 th Feb	School reopens to children	
	International World Thinking Day	Children invited to wear Brownie/Rainbows/Beavers/Cubs Uniforms
	Year 2 Art Workshop (in school)	Please pay online. Info to follow.
	Consultation for ARFS to join NEAT closes	Revised date
Tuesday 26 th Feb	Year 1 visit from Captain Raggybeard	Please pay on ParentMail
	KS2 Quicksticks tournament 1-4pm	Selected children only- details to follow
Tuesday 26 th Feb & Wed 27 th Feb	Parents' Evening	Please book your appointment online from Monday evening
Wed 27 th Feb	Reception Audio Testing (in school)	
Thursday 28 th February	Westfield "Sunshine in our pocket" event for selected KS2 pupils	Details have been sent to selected children
March 2019		
Friday 1 st March	Better Reading Partners Workshop for all reading buddies and any parents 9:00-11:00am	Time TBC Please book places online
	11:15am Gala Trials TBC	
	Rec PE sessions with Lee Sterry begins (6 weeks)	No cost to parents
	School Council Meeting with Mrs Mann	
Mon 4 th March- Fri 8 th March	Book Week	Info to follow
Mon 4 th March	Y1 – 4 visit to Seven Stories	Parent helpers required please! Children to wear school uniform and bring packed lunches please
	9:00am Parent Council Meeting	
	Governor Meeting to discuss next steps in relation to NEAT consultation	
Tuesday 5 th March	Shrove Tuesday	
Wed 6 th March	Y4 Worship – Lent begins	Parents invited
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	Children invited to dress as their favourite book character
Thursday 14 th March	Governors Teaching & Learning Cttee Meeting	
Fri 15 th March	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief	Children invited to wear red for £1 donation
	Gosforth Voices Tour	
Tuesday 19 th March	Let's Laugh Day	
Wed 20 th March	Purim (Jewish)	Activities in school
	GST Board of Directors Meeting	
Thursday 21 st March	World Poetry Day	2:30pm Poetry Performance for parents of Y1-4 children
	Gosforth Pool School Swimming Gala	Selected children only

	Persian New Year	
	GST Moderation Meeting	Staff only
Fri 22 nd March	Deadline for Nursery applications	
	9:00am Safeguarding Briefing for all parent helpers/volunteers in school	Please complete the ParentMail form
Wednesday 27 th March	2:15pm Nursery Parents Stay & Play	Nursery parents invited
Thursday 28 th March	9:15 Reception Parents Stay & Play	Reception parents invited to all or part of session
	Full Governing Body Meeting	
Friday 29 th March	Y1-4 Mothers' Day Service 9:00am	Mums invited!
	N & Rec Mothers' Day Service 2:30pm	Mums invited!
	Nursery places offered	
April 2019		
Monday 1st April	GCMS Spanish event for Y4	Selected children only
Monday 1 st April	Forest School- N, Rec & Y1	Please wear outdoor clothes with long sleeves and bring wellies if wet/sunhat and suncream if warm
Tuesday 2 nd April	Forest School- Y2, Y3 & Y4	
	Autism Awareness Day	Activities in school
Wed 3 rd April	9:00am Year 2 SATs Meeting for Parents	Y2 Parents- please come along!
Thursday 4 th April	PTFA Film Night	
	Y3 Football Tournament BEFS	
Friday 5 th April	Easter Service at All Saints Church for children in Y1-Y4 2:00pm	All Saints' Church , West Avenue (off the High Street) Families welcome
	School closes for Easter	
Tuesday 23 rd April	School re-opens to children	
	Shakespeare Day	Activities in school
Wed 24 th April	Y4 Bikeability	
Friday 26 th April	Deadline for acceptance of Nursery places	
	PTFA Easter Cake Stall	After school- please send cake donations to school on the day
Saturday 27 th April	PTFA Sponsored Walk	Details to follow
May 2019		
May	Year 2 Statutory Assessments	Y2 children must be in school please
Thursday 2 nd May	International Laughter Day	
Friday 3 rd May	International Laughter Day	
	Governors Ethos Cttee	
Thursday 9 th May	Governors TLA Cttee	
12-18 May	Christian Aid Week	More info to follow
Thursday 16 th May	Themed lunch	Details to follow
Friday 17 th May	Worship (lead by Year 1) 9:00am	Parents welcome
Sunday 19 th May	Greggs Children's Cancer Run- Newcastle Racecourse	Details to follow
	Wesak (Buddhist)	Activities in school
Tuesday 21 st May	Happy Shoes Day	Walk to school and wear your own shoes- donation of £1 please.
	World Day for Cultural Diversity	Activities in school
	Governors Finance Cttee Meeting	
Friday 24 th May	GST Daft Day for DAAB	Details to follow
	School closes for half term	
June 2019		
Monday 3 rd June	GST Staff Training Day- school closed to children	
Tuesday 4 th June	School reopens to children	
	Eid-UL-Fitr (Muslim)	Activities in school
	pm KS2 All Saints Schools Week	Details to follow

Monday 10 th June	10:00am Pentecost Service- All Saints'	All welcome
10-14 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen	Y1 children must be in school please
Tuesday 11 th June	9:15 Reception Parents Stay & Play	Parents invited to all or part of session
Wed 12 th June	GST Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Fair - open to all parents of children on the SEND register	Held at GCMS
	2:15pm Nursery Parents Stay & Play	Parents Invited
Friday 14 th June	PJ Day for Ronald McDonald House Charities	Children invited to wear PJs for school for a £1 donation
Tuesday 18 th June	Big Gig (Gosforth Band & Gosforth Voices)	Northumbria Sports Central
Thursday 20 th June	Y4 Leavers' Service	St Nicolas' Cathedral
	Govs TLA Cttee Meeting	
Tuesday 25 th June	New Nursery Parents Meeting 5:00pm	
Thursday 27 th June	New Reception Parents Meeting 5:00pm	
Friday 28 th June	Non Uniform Day	Please send bottles or tombola prizes
	Y2 Big Sing 1:15-2:30pm	Details to follow
July 2019		
Tuesday 2 nd July	Gosforth Pyramid Concert (Trinity Church)	For children in Gosforth voices & Gosforth Band
Thursday 4 th July	Governing Body Meeting	
	Transition Day for all classes	Y4 children visit GCMS (all day)
	Y4 Parents Transition Evening at GCMS	Info to follow from GCMS
Friday 5 th July	End of year reports sent home	
Saturday 6 th July	PTFA Summer Fair 3:00pm-6:00pm with BBQ	
8-12 th July	PE Week	If you know anyone who is involved professionally with any sports and could lead a session, please let Mrs Mann know!
Monday 8 th July	Drop in sessions to speak to teaching staff	No appointments required
Tuesday 9 th July		
Wed 10 th July	N & Rec Teddy Bears Picnic (am) children only	Please bring a teddy bear and a healthy snack to share with your friends
Wed 10 th July	N & Rec Sports day (1:30pm)	Parents invited
Thursday 11 th July	Y4 Transition activities TBC	
Fri 12 th July	Year 1-4 Sports Day (1:30pm)	Parents invited
	Year 4 Leavers' Disco after school	Details to follow
Monday 15 th July	Forest School- Y2, Y3 & Y4	Please wear outdoor clothes with long sleeves and bring wellies if wet/sunhat and sun cream if warm
Tuesday 16 th July	Forest School- N, R & Y1	
	Y3 & Y4 instrumental concert TBC	Parents invited
Thursday 18 th July	Cakes in the Courtyard	All helpers and volunteers invited- please join us!
Friday 19 th July	9:15am Y4 Leavers' Service	Y4 Parents and carers invited
	3:15pm Picnic in the Playground	Everyone welcome!
	School closes for Summer	
September 2019		
Monday 2 nd September	Staff Training Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 3 rd September	School opens to children	

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Captain Ted's
Children's Entertainment Centre

February Half Term HOLIDAY CLUB!!!

18th-22nd February

**Only £25 all day 8.30-5.30, including snacks,
lunch and tea.**

**8.30am-1pm £17.50 including snack and
lunch**

1pm-5.30pm, £17.50 including snack and tea

**Activities galore- Craft, Movies,
games, cooking, fun and games!**

**Speak to a member of staff now to book your
place!**

Childcare vouchers accepted

a jolly good place to play