



## November 2019 – Newsletter 10

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole School (excluding Nursery)
100% ★	96%	99%	96%	98%	98%	97%

Our school target for attendance is 97%. **Well done Nursery!**

### UPDATE FROM OUR PTFA



The PTFA are holding a disco for the children on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, from **5:00 - 6.30pm**, in the school hall. Drinks, treats and face painting will be included in the price as well as lots of dancing and games on the night! If anyone has any disco lights they could lend us for the disco it would be very much appreciated. If you can help, please get in contact with one of the members of the PTFA. Thank you!



Please remember on-line ordering closes on Monday (18th November) for the children's personalised Christmas cards and accessories.

### ADULTS COLLECTING CHILDREN



At the beginning of the school year, we asked all parents to complete a form to tell us who would be collecting your child from school, each day, to ensure we are passing them over to the correct people at home time. As the term has gone on, we have had a lot of different/unexpected people arriving to collect children at home time.

As you can imagine, this can be stressful for children and means staff are spending a lot of time phoning parents, to see if the child has permission to leave with these adults, at a very busy time of day. Please could we ask parents and carers to **inform the school office via phone or email, before lunchtime, if your child is to be collected by someone, other than the person on the pick up form, that day.** We would prefer an email rather than trying to catch staff in the mornings please as if a large number of parents pass on a similar message it can be hard to remember all of them! Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Mrs Pygall has created a form on ParentMail for those parents who wish to update their child's collection sheet. Thank you.

### SCHOOL MONITORING VISIT

Our Governors have asked Mrs Alison Stephenson (Ofsted Inspector, June 2019) to work with our school, this academic year, to help continue the rapid progress that our school made last year. We were delighted to receive her very positive report this week. Amongst many other things, she commented that:



- All pupils are provided with a broad and balanced curriculum which is closely linked to first-hand learning experiences to ensure all pupils are given high quality, rich and memorable learning.
- The EYFS environment has greatly improved and will support pupils rapid progress.
- The school was very calm and settled.
- Pupils were keen to share their work and were able to talk confidently about skills they were acquiring.
- Pupils support each other well and are keen to celebrate each others achievements.
- The school is very tidy with well organised resources.

It would also be timely to share with you the highlights of the statutory data from July 2019. Headlines are;

- The percentage of children attaining a good level of development was **above the national average**.
- An **above average** proportion attained the standard in the Year 1 phonics screen.
- Proportions reaching the expected standard and higher standards at the end of Year 2 were **above average**.

(There is no statutory data for Years 3 or 4).

### EYFS VISIT

The Local Authority EYFS Advisor is now recommending our EYFS to support improvements to other schools. This week, we welcomed our first team of visitors who were extremely complimentary about what they saw! Thank you to all our staff for being so welcoming and hospitable and for their ongoing work for our school. They are fabulous!



### FLU SNIFFS

As you are aware, the nasal flu vaccine was administered in school this week. There were a large number of parents who had not completed the form correctly therefore the nursing team are returning to school on Tuesday to ensure nobody, with consent to have the vaccine, has been missed. Completed forms were completed this morning.



### LUNCH PAYMENTS

Our new lunch system is now in place so payments for school lunches can be made via ParentMail. Lunches for Nursery children are £1.90 per day and Year 3 and 4 are £2.00 per day. Therefore if your child is in Years 3 and 4 payment due is £70 for this term (if school packed lunches have been requested for visits).



### WORSHIP

Year 4 led our Remembrance Worship on Monday. They explained to us the importance of the British Legion and why we wear poppies as well as reading a poem and a passage from the Bible. All our children took part in the silence at 11:00am too. Thank you to Mr Booth and Year 4 for leading this.



### FUNDAMENTAL BRITISH VALUES

This week was Anti bullying in school. We have thought about what bullying is and why it can sometimes happen. Often, we find, it is because differences are not respected therefore this week we have focussed on the British Value of individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of others.



### CHARITABLE GIVING

We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry... unfortunately it has been brought to our attention that Newcastle West Foodbank is running low on food donations. We will be

setting up a food bank collection point in the school office, for the next few months, if anyone would like to contribute and Mrs Armstrong will take the donations across to the foodbank when the box is full.

Newcastle West Foodbank provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis. They offer emergency food assistance to people in the west end of Newcastle; which is one of the most economically and socially deprived areas in the North East. In the majority of cases they are able to support people in overcoming their food crisis after three visits.

Today the children have worn spots and donated to BBC Children In Need. We have raised £119.50. Well done everyone!



### COLD WEATHER



As the weather changes, we are asking the children to bring a warm coat, hat, gloves etc to school. It would be great if they had a small drawstring bag to leave these items in, on their peg. Please check each item is clearly named- as you can imagine there will be lots of items lying around! Thank you. It has been very wet this week so children may also like to bring a **named pair of wellies** to leave in school too.

### PHOTOGRAPHS

Michelle Fowler Photography will return to school next Wednesday (20<sup>th</sup> November) to take missed individual children's photographs. Please let Mrs Pygall know, via email, ([admin@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:admin@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk)) if you think your child still needs their photograph taken. Thank you. She will also be collecting the photograph orders on this day. This will be the only collection therefore please return these to Mrs Pygall before Wednesday. Orders after this date will need to be made directly with the studio.

### PARENT FEEDBACK

Thank you to those of you who responded to our transition questionnaire in Autumn 1. A summary of the results follows:

- 1% of parents and carers think transition is very poor (but no reasons were given)
- 3% say transition is poor (and gave specific reasons relating to their child)
- 9% say satisfactory (comments were generally positive and parents felt satisfied)
- 30% say good transition was supported and gave examples of staff warmth, approachability etc.
- 59% say transition for their child was very good, giving a wide variety of reasons.



Our Governors have discussed these results in the Teaching, Learning & Assessment Committee meeting, this week.

We have now opened another parent questionnaire to see what is currently working well for our children and how our school could be improved even further. We would be grateful for your feedback please! Thank you to those of you who have already completed this. It would be good for the Parent Council to look at these anonymised results at their next meeting.

### RESOURCE REQUESTS

Breakfast Club are looking for donations of complete games in good condition please.



Year 1 are desperate to see parents and grandparents toys please. If you have any toys from your own childhood, it would be great if Year 1 could borrow these for a day or two please. Thank you!



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
<b>November 2019</b>		
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Prospective Reception Parent visits 4:00pm 1:00pm Flu Sniffs “mop up” session	Please book a place via the school office
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Gosforth Band Photographer “mop up” session	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	PTFA Disco 5:00-6:30pm	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	9:00am Parent Workshop for all Reading Buddies/ parents & carers to support reading at home	All welcome- this would be especially useful for parents of Reception children
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Full Governing Body Meeting	
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Gosforth Voices GST Anti-bullying IT Project at Dinnington No Outsiders PSHE sessions and staff training	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School Selected children only
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	7:30pm PTFA Christmas Fair Planning Meeting	Venue TBC
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Advent Worship led by Year 2 Christmas decorations up in school SEND Consultation closes Nativity costume requests sent home 3:15pm PTFA AGM	All welcome! We would love some help from parents please!   Please come along
<b>December 2019</b>		
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Prospective Reception Parent visits 4:00pm	Please book a place via the school office
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Operation Encompass Year 4 PSHE session	

	and drop in session 3:00-4:00pm for parents, carers and community members	
	New vicar appointed at St Nicholas' Church	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent Council Meeting 9:00am	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	5:00pm New Nursery Parents Meeting for January intake	
	Chris Bostock (storyteller) for Nursery and Reception children	Please pay via ParentMail
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Please bring nativity costumes to school	
	Christmas Lunch for children, staff and governors	Children who are usually packed lunch will be able to book a school meal via ParentMail
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Y4 Multiskills festival at Walker Dome 1:00-2:45pm	Children may be slightly late returning to school
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day	Suggested donation of £1
	Years 1-4 will be attending "The Christmas Journey" at Trinity Church	If you are able to help walk the children there and back please contact Class Teachers directly. Thank you!
	Y1 & Y2- 9:30-10:30am	
	Y3 & Y4- 11:00-12:00	
	PTFA Christmas Fair at School 3:15pm	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	1:30pm KS2 Nativity (1)	2 tickets per family will be able to be booked via ParentMail from November.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	2:00pm EYFS Nativity (1)	
	5:30pm KS1 Nativity (1)	
	6:30pm KS2 Nativity (2)	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am EYFS Nativity (2)	Children only- please sign up to bring food
	2:00pm KS1 Nativity (2)	
	EYFS Party	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	No Taekwondo	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 & KS2 Christmas Party	Children only- please sign up to bring food
	EYFS Polar Express Day	Children in Nursery and Reception invited to wear PJs to school!
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	10:00-12:00 Pantomime for Nursery- Year 4 at The Exchange	£8 per child (including bus). Children will 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.
<b>January 2020</b>		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff Training Day	School closed to children
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Prospective Reception Parent visits 4:00pm	Please book a place via the school office
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3/4 Computing with GEM Education	
	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
	KS2 Micro Bit lessons in school	
	Midday deadline for Reception class applications for September 2020	<a href="http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/schooladmissions">www.newcastle.gov.uk/schooladmissions</a>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Children's Choice Lunch	We are hoping for 100% school lunch uptake!
	Year 2 Newcastle Castle Visit	
	PTFA Film Night	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Road Safety sessions for Nursery, Reception and Year 1	
	EYFS Opposites Day	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Chinese New Year celebrations in school	
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	5:00pm Managing children's behaviour workshop for parents	
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	9:00am Managing children's behaviour	


	workshop for parents	
<b>February 2020</b>		
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	2:00pm Reception "Stay & Play"	Reception parents invited
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>NEW DATE</b> Y3 & Y4 visit to Durham	More info to follow
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception visit to Walker Dome 1:00-2:45pm	Children may be slightly late returning to school
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening	
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day	Activities in school
	Parents Evening	
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Love is... Worship, led by Year 1	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	International World Thinking Day	Cubs, Beavers, Brownies, Rainbows invited to wear uniforms.
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Lent Worship, led by Year 4	
	Prospective Nursery Parent visits 4:00pm	Please book a place via the school office
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
<b>March 2020</b>		
2-6 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Week in school	
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	Children invited to dress as a book character
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Class visits to Gosforth Library	
9-13 March	British Science Week	We would welcome any parents/visitors to school linked to Science please.
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Purim	Activities in school
	Prospective Nursery Parent visits 4:00pm	Please book a place via the school office
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Water Day	
	Y3 & Y4 visit to Durham	More info to follow
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Full Governing Body Meeting	
	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery visit to Walker Dome 1:00-2:45pm	Children may be slightly late returning to school
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	9:00 SATs Meeting for Year 2 Parents	
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	5:00pm New Nursery Parents Meeting, for children starting after Easter	
<b>April 2020</b>		
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	2:00pm Nursery Stay & Play	Nursery Parents invited
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Autism Awareness Day	Activities in school
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter Service 1:30pm All Saints' Church	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April- Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Shakespeare Day	Activities in school
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Deadline to accept Nursery places in school	
<b>May 2020</b>		
May 2020	SATs for Year 2 children	Year 2 children must be in school please
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Wesak (Buddhist)	Activities in school
	Dinnington First School official opening	

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Christian Aid Worship, led by Year 2	All welcome!
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 Team Games festival at Walker Dome 1:00-2:45pm	Children may be slightly late returning to school
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	2:00pm Reception Stay & Play	Reception Parents invited
	<b>NEW DATE</b> Phonics Screen Workshop for Year 1 Parents 9:00am	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	GST Teach Meet	Staff only
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Ascension Day Worship, led by Year 3	All welcome!
	World Day for Cultural Diversity	Activities in school
	Children's choice lunch	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> May- Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term	
<b>June 2020</b>		
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	GST Staff Training Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	2:30pm Pentecost Worship, led by Year 4	
	Year 1 Phonics Screen assessment	Year 1 children must be in school please
	All Saints' Schools Week	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Roy Lawson visiting Years 3 & 4	More info to follow
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 visit to St Mary's Lighthouse	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	New Nursery Parents Meeting for children starting Nursery in September 2020	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Parents Meeting for children starting Reception class in September 2020	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
	Y4 statutory Times Tables test	
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Big Gig all day (Gosforth Voices & Gosforth Band) Best of British theme	Northumbria Sports Central
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 visit to Vindolanda	More info to follow
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Pyramid Concert (Gosforth Voices & Gosforth Band)	4:00pm Rehearsal 6:15pm at Trinity Church
<b>July 2020</b>		
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	2:00pm Nursery Stay & Play	Nursery parents invited
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Y4 Bikeability all day	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Reports out	
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	PTFA Summer Fair	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1/2 Sports Day	Parents Invited
	PE Week (Mon- Fri)	
	Drop in for parents	No need to book an appointment
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Drop in for parents	No need to book an appointment
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	pm EYFS Sports Day	Parents invited
	Full Governing Body Meeting	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Y2 Team Games festival at Walker Dome 1:00-2:45pm	Children may be slightly late returning to school
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Cakes in the Courtyard	All helpers and volunteers invited!
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	School reopens to pupils.	

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Colossians 3:23-24

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  
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