



# Archibald Autumn News



## Open door.....

We always welcome parents to come and chat to us informally at the start or end of the day. To help make this easier we open the doors at 8.45, when all staff are either on the doors or in their classrooms.

Doors close at 8.55 which is when registration starts. Once the doors are closed we are unable to bring teachers or other staff members out of class, as this disrupts the start of the day.

If you would like to speak to a member of staff between 8.50 and 3.15 please contact the office on 01912851957 to make an appointment.



Mrs. J. Bayes

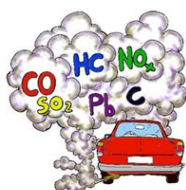
## Residents on Archibald Street

I have had a number of complaints this term about cars idling outside residential homes, and inconsiderate parking.

We have a very good relationship with our neighbours and would like to ask that you take into account their needs when parking near school.

NICE and PHE are campaigning to introduce no-idling zones outside schools.

Please do not park on the yellow lines or in the alley.



## Daft as a Brush School Prom

Children from Gosforth Voices performed in the very first Daft as a Brush School Prom.

It was a brilliant event. Check out the GST Twitter feed and the school website.



## Russian Visitor

To mark European Day of Languages on 26th September, the school was awarded a small Grant funded by Europe Direct to enable a teacher of Russian to come to teach at Archibald for a day. Geoff Steele gave taster sessions in Years, 2, 3 and 4 and introduced the children to the culture of Russian and the spoken and written language. Supported by Mrs Linfoot, the children listened very carefully and joined in with good pronunciation to greetings, saying their name and classroom objects. As one Year 4 pupil commented. "Russian is hard, but fun" Well done Archibald."



## Congratulations Mrs Mullick

*Mrs Mullick will leave us towards the end of November to start her maternity leave.*

*School is in the process of recruiting a member of staff to teach Class 7.*

*We can't wait for the news of the new arrival and wish Mrs Mullick and bump well!*



## Harvest Festival

**Our Harvest Festival was held on 10th October.**

**All donations will be sent to support the invaluable work of the West End Food bank.**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

## PTFA Ball 2017

The PTFA Ball will be held on 11th November at the Gosforth Marriott Hotel.



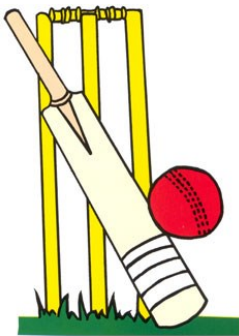
Lots of tickets have been sold already. It will be a fantastic night with all profits added to the PTFA fund for your children.

There are bar deals on the night so watch out for more information coming your way.

Any queries contact the PTFA archibald-chair@yahoo.co.uk

## Gosforth Gets Going 2017-18!

The Gosforth Schools' Trust have been working hard to provide quality sporting activities for our pupils. Gosforth Gets Going aims to encourage children to take part in sport and live an active lifestyle. The 2017-18 year was started with Kwik Cricket at Regent Farm. The children blogged with Mrs Watson about their experience and said, "eight schools from the Gosforth Schools' Trust joined together for a fantastic morning of cricket. Our team hadn't had much practice but played really well from the beginning. Mrs Watson was impressed with our enthusiasm and the speed of our running. We think we have some professional cricketers in the making! What Mrs Watson loved the most was the children's supportive attitudes, she saw some great sports leader qualities as the children cheered on the players from both sides no matter who was playing. There was a lot of teamwork involved and most of all the children had fun. It was a wonderful opportunity to get some exercise and enjoy playing competitively with other local schools."



Next up was Cross Country at Grange! This was a very popular event with lots of children keen to take part! Mrs Watson had to offer a trial as we were only allowed to select 16 children. All children who attended both the trial and the competition did a wonderful job! At the competition, the children once again demonstrated excellent sports leadership skills and supported all participants. Archibald came back with three medals from this competition! Well done to everyone involved and a special thanks to Mrs Watson and Miss Barnes for taking the children to this event.



Basket Ball for Year 2 coming up in November...

## Letters and School Information

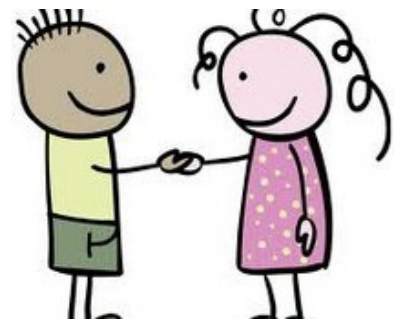
All letters and dates are on the website. They are added to the website as soon as possible. Children in Reception have their letters placed in their book bags . Year 1 to Year 4 are either handed out or placed in their drawers. The children are asked to empty their drawers at the end of every day.

Please check the website regularly. If you think you may have missed something or we have not updated the website please just ask or mention it politely and we will work hard to rectify this.

## Home and school relationships

At Archibald First School, we value the positive relationships forged with parents and visitors to the school. We encourage close links with parents and the community and believe that pupils benefit when the relationship between home and school is a positive one. We also strive to make our school a place where as adults we model for pupils the behaviour we teach and expect. In general, we place a high importance on good manners, positive communication and mutual respect.

However, abusive, threatening or violent behaviour will not be tolerated. If such behaviour occurs we will follow school procedures to ensure that our school community is protected.—Mrs. J.M. Bayes



No dogs, however big or small, may be brought onto school premises under any circumstances.

Dogs cannot be carried into the school yard.

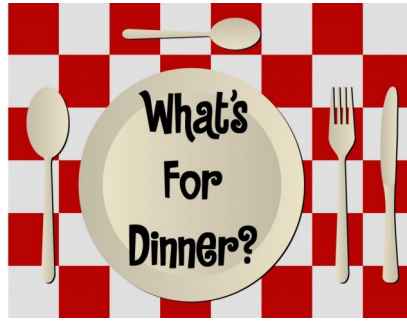
If they are left outside of school please tie them away from the gates as some of our children can be frightened coming in and out of the school yard.



Have you closed the gates?

Please help us keep our children safe by shutting the gates as you enter and leave the yard. It is vital that the latch on the top of the gate is closed. This ensures that our children are kept as safe as possible.

We appreciate you may see other parents on their way however they will understand why you are closing the gate properly.



### **Nursery and Reception Menus**

After trialling new menus we are working to produce a menu to show you what the children in Nursery and Reception will be served over a three week basis. This is subject to change but will provide you with an idea.

We will update this to the website one complete.

Thank you for your patience.

Children over the age of 5 are entitled to subsidised milk. At Archibald First School parents are able to register with Cool Milk for pupils aged 5 and above. If you have any questions regarding school milk please visit [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com).



Children in Nursery to Year 2 are provided with a piece of fruit each day. Children in Years 3 and 4 may bring in a piece of fruit for morning playtime if they wish.



### **A message from Early Years**

Wow!!! What a fantastic start to Reception our Reception children have had. They come in with smiles and excited faces and are ready to tackle any exciting new activities. We've had our first Stay and Play visits from parents and their faces were just the same. Thank you and we are looking forward to next half term.

A second thank you to everyone who came to the Reception Reading meeting on Tuesday. We feel it went well and we hope we gave you enough information to get the process started. Please come and ask if you need further information.

## ***New PTFA Committee***

Firstly a huge thank you to the 'outgoing' chairs Claudia and Hannah. They (and all the PTFA team) have done a fabulous job over the last two years. Whilst not leaving the PTFA entirely their time as co chairs has come to an end.

The new committee is as follows;

**Jill Evans – Chair:** Jill is mum to Emily in Year 3 and Oliver who left us last year to join the middle school.

**Angela Woodhall – Events Coordinator:** Angela is mum to Elizabeth in Year 4.

**Tom Wooldridge – Treasurer:** Tom is dad to Oliver and Jacob in Years 4 and 2.

**Rehab Dahy – Secretary:** Rehab is mum to Sherif in Year 1.

### ***Christmas Dates***

***AS far as possible these dates have been confirmed. A letter will come out nearer the time for tickets for performances.***

11 Key Stage 2 Dress Rehearsal for parents with babies and young children 9.30am

11 Reception and Nursery 1 Dress Rehearsal for parents with babies and young children 2.15pm

12 Reception and Nursery 1 Christmas Performance 9.30am

12 Key Stage 1 Dress Rehearsal for parents with babies and young children 2.15pm

13 Key Stage 1 Performance 9.30am

13 Key Stage 2 Performance 2.30pm

14 Key Stage 2 Performance 9.30am

14 Reception and Nursery 2 Dress Rehearsal for parents with babies and young children 2.15pm

15 Reception and Nursery 2 Performance 9.30am

15 Key Stage 1 Performance 2.15pm

13 Christmas Lunch

18 Year 1 and Year 3 Christmas Party

19 Year 2 and Year 4 Christmas Party

20 EYFS Christmas Party

22 Whole School Church Service (Reception to Year 4) at All Saints Church 1.30/1.45pm:  
You are all invited to join us for the service

22 School closes at 3.15pm for the Christmas break