



Archibald First School

Spring Term Newsletter 5

March 2022



A Great Big CONGRATULATIONS !

Mrs Nelson will be leaving us at the end of the school year for a new adventure as Early Years Leader at a school in Northumberland. After 10 years at Archibald, Mrs Nelson will be a huge miss and a big loss to us all (I have already told her new school just how lucky they are).

We wish Mrs Nelson all the success in the world!



School Uniform and Shoes



Please remember that full school uniform including plain, dark school shoes must be worn when it is not a PE day.

On PE days, the school PE kit of plain royal blue shorts and a plain red t-shirt may be worn with a school jumper.

Trainers may **ONLY** be worn on PE days and no other sports kit is appropriate for school.

If you have an after-school PE club (and do not have PE that day), please come to school in uniform and change into school PE kit at the start of the club.

PE Hoodies

PE Hoodies can now be ordered and purchased from Tots to Teams.

These may only be worn on PE days only. A school cardigan or jumper can also be worn on PE days if you do not want a school hoodie.

These school hoodies have the Archibald Logo embroidered.

No other hoodies may be worn.

<https://totstoteams.com/archibald-first-school>



HOODED SWEAT RED (BM)

from £11.75

Parent Pay Book Donations - £700 – Library Investment so far...



Challenging reads for KS2

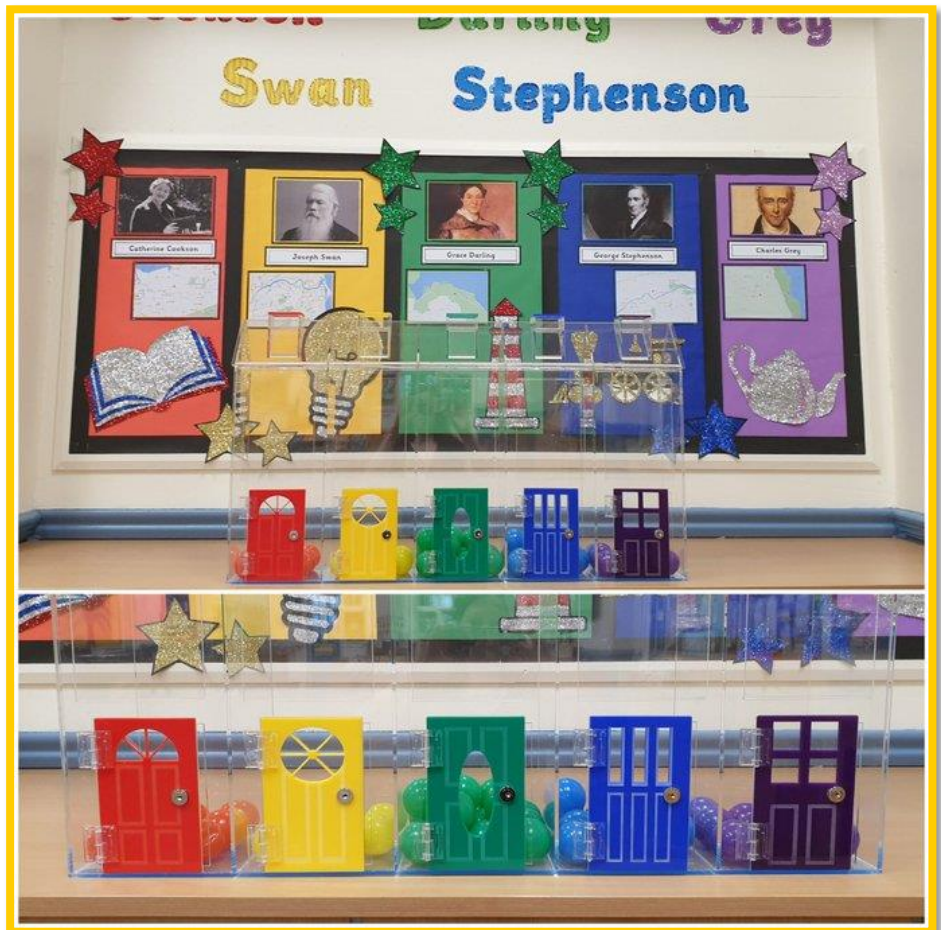




We continue to work our socks off each and every day at Archibald, and we have achieved lots in our extracurricular endeavours.

Each week we host a celebration assembly and award Superstar certificates to two children from each class.

We also find out the winning team from each class which can be very exciting. We have invested in a new Team Points system and each week coloured balls are added. This makes it very visual for the children. We will have a special day at the end of each half term for the team in the lead and end the year with a special day for the overall winning team!



It is also a great opportunity to celebrate our children's successes and achievements out of school. We'd love to see certificates and awards brought in so we can share these with the whole school. (Please bring in on a Friday only)

Parking

We have had another complaint from the residents regarding idling in cars at the end of the day AND a complaint about drivers being abusive when being asked to move cars that are blocking driveways.

If this is you – please think about your actions and stop.

We will continue to advocate for the residents to make reports to the police as this behaviour is totally unacceptable.

Thank you to the vast majority of families who are responsible and respectful.



GOOD
MANNERS
COST
NOTHING

Staffing

Thank you for being understanding and patient regarding the staffing at school. So many of the staff have been very poorly during the last two weeks and we continue to have a high level of staff absence.

We try to cover any absence using staff from across the school and to keep staffing as consistent as possible. When we can't do this, we go to our supply agencies and endeavour to get staff who we know and value.

Over the last two weeks, and this week, we have struggled to cover absences as the supply banks are depleted. Regrettably this resulted in a class closure which was our very last resort.

What I can assure you is that the staff in school have worked tirelessly to ensure we continue to provide the best education as possible for your children. They have been flexible, adaptable and, as ever, fully committed. A HUGE, HUGE thank you to every single member of the team.

A gigantic get well soon to the staff still absent and fingers crossed that we can keep ourselves well.

Let's Get Planting!

We are having a Sunflower & Pumpkin Growing Competition!



Tweet us your home grown sunflowers & pumpkins @ArchibaldFirst using the hashtags #AFSSunflowers & #AFSPumpkinPatch - we can't wait to see the final results!

We will have prizes for the tallest sunflower w/c 18th July 2022! In Autumn 2022, we will celebrate the biggest pumpkin, and we will host a pumpkin carving competition!



Happy Growing!



Dates for the Diary...

April 2022

04 Closing date for Sponsored Read donations

04 Class 7 Parents' Evening REARRANGED

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08 School closes at 3.15pm for the Easter break

25 School opens at 8.45am - Welcome Back!

25 Ladybird Breakfast Club opens 7.30am (places must be booked via Ladybird)

29 Archibald Toddlers reopens!

May 2022

02 School closed for Bank Holiday Monday

04 Newcastle University Science workshop for Key Stage 1

04 Nursery 1 and Class 2 Coffee Morning 9.00-9.45 am

04 Year 4 Coffee Afternoon 2.30-3.15 pm

05 Year 3 Coffee Morning 9.00-9.45 am

05 Year 2 Coffee Afternoon 2.30-3.15 pm

09 Learn to Ride - Year 3 & Year 4 children

09 Key Stage 1 Jubilee Writing Workshop with Lisa McNee

09 Class 7 Swimming Lessons begin for two weeks

11 Year 1 Coffee Morning 9.00-9.45 am

11 Nursery 2 and Class 1 Coffee Afternoon 2.30-3.15 pm

12 Class 10 Bikeability

13 Class 9 Bikeability

16 Key Stage 2 Jubilee Writing Workshop with Lisa McNee

23 Class 7 Assembly NEW DATE

24 Class 4 Assembly

25 Class 8 Assembly NEW DATE

26 Class 3 Assembly

27 Children's Jubilee Picnic Party (school will provide a picnic lunch for ALL children)

Please wear red, white, and blue.

Rugs would be gratefully received and if any families have gazebos that they could put up in the morning / take down pm, this would be amazing!!!

27 School closes at 3.15pm for the half-term break

June 2022

06 School is closed to children for a staff development day

07 School opens for summer term 2 at 8.45am - welcome back!

08 Class Photograph Day

13 Class 8 Swimming Lessons begin for two weeks

July 2022

04 Class 2 Assembly

06 Class 1 Assembly

12 Year 4 Leaver's Assembly NEW DATE

13 Class 9 residential visit to Hawkthirst NEW DATE

18 Class 10 residential visit to Hawkthirst NEW DATE

22 School closes at 3.15pm for the summer break

Watch this space...

We are busy planning our end of year school event...

THANK YOU!
thank you!

As ever, we are so grateful for the support and contributions, that you as families give to the school; thank you for the continued support!

The Archibald Team