

Archibald First School

Summer Newsletter 1 2024

Oops, it appears we have been so busy that this is the first newsletter of the summer term. We have a few updates for you below, a request for a form to be completed and TWO competitions for you to enter 😊

Everyone - Free School Meals

We are asking EVERYONE to complete the form to apply for Free School Meals, so Newcastle City Council can assess whether your child and the school can receive this extra help. This can help to pay towards the cost of trips for your child and any support received in school.

If you are eligible for free school meals, vouchers are issued during holiday times for the supermarket of your choice!

Newcastle City Council operates an Apply Once process for Free School Meals. During your child's academic life, you will only ever have to apply once for Free School Meals while they attend a Newcastle school.

If your application is refused, they will continue to check your details on a weekly basis, unless you tell them to stop. This means we will know if you start to get a qualifying benefit. They will approve your child's free school meals application and contact you.

Please remember to add younger siblings on as they join school too!

If you apply through the online portal, you will receive an immediate response to your application. School will be informed of your child's Free School Meal application on a weekly basis.

Please apply online

here https://www.newcastlelea.org/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en



Suncream

Sunscreen should be applied to areas of exposed skin that are not covered by clothing to protect it from Ultraviolet Radiation. Without adequate protection, a child's delicate skin can easily burn, causing cumulative and irreparable damage. This can significantly increase their risk of developing skin cancer in later life.

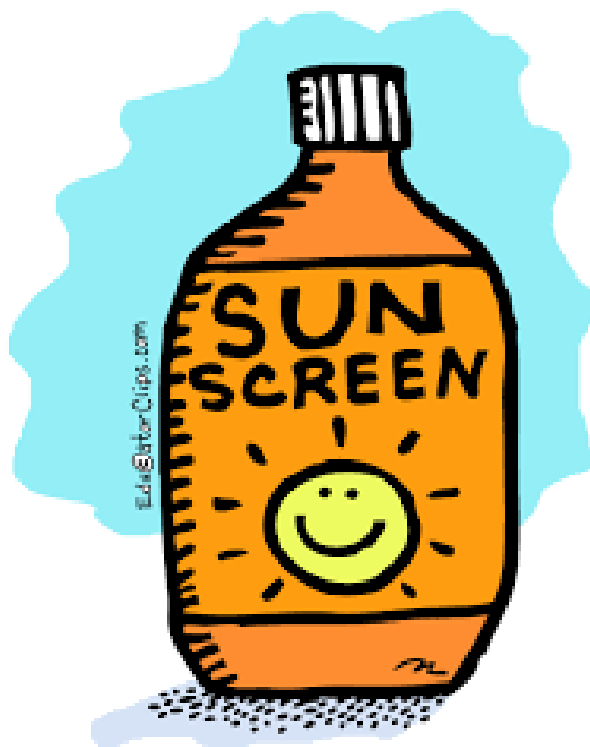
Sunscreen must be provided by the parents/carers and should be:

- Labelled 'Broad-Spectrum' to provide protection against both UVA and UVB.
- A minimum Sun Protection Factor (SPF) 30
- Checked to ensure it is still within its expiry date
- Applied liberally before school by parents/carers

As 12-hour sun-screen is now widely available on the market, school recommends that this is used by our families prior to the school day.

Children can bring in their own sunscreen to reapply during the day. This should be a labelled bottle and kept in their bag. They must be able to apply this themselves and must not share their cream with other children. If they have their own sun screen in school, this can be reapplied at the start of the lunch break only.

No staff member will apply children's sunscreen directly for any year group.



Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Gurdwara.

" I enjoyed sitting on the floor in the Langar Hall eating my fruit."

" I couldn't believe how kind they all were. I enjoyed meditating and listening to their music. It was very calm. "



On reflection of this trip, we came up with our own quote:

"Everyone is equal and has the right to do what they want to do. Treat everyone equally and with respect and they in return will treat you with respect."

Summer School Uniform and Shoes

Summer dresses – red gingham – can be worn in the warmer months.

**SCHOOL
UNIFORMS**

If sandals are worn, they must be plain in colour – white, red, blue or black. They must be flat, fasten securely around ankles and socks **MUST** be worn to protect toes!!!

Crocs, flip flops, slip on and heels **cannot** be worn!

For anyone wearing hairbands and bobbles, these should be low key. We love the bows and the 'ears' but please keep these for home!!

Uniform Exchange

Our uniform exchange boxes are quite full!

If you do need some new uniform for this half term for the next school year OR at any time during the year, please just come in and speak to the school office.

It all needs a good home and is as good as new.

There will be a donation tin which you can add anything you feel able to give. This will go to the PTFA.

Let's save the planet by passing on to others.

Uniform will be on sale/exchange at our summer fayre too.

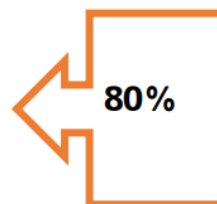


Walking and Wheeling to School...

SCHOOL TRAVEL SURVEY MAY

Come on Archibald, let's leave the cars at home and travel to school in an active way.

- 0 wheelchairs (0%)
- 33 bikes (11%)
- 22 scooters (7%)
- 186 walkers (61%)
- 2 bus riders (1%)
- 62 car users (20%)



80% is great but we could do even better!
Please, please leave the cars at home. Let's start the day walking, scooting and cycling for our health and the planet.





SENSATIONAL SUMMER SANDCASTLES

The sun is starting to shine and the beach is calling... Visit one of our local beaches, use Lego/bricks, draw, model, use mud etc to create your own sensational sandcastle. Between 25.5.24 & 30.6.24, email or hand in to your school an image of your finished masterpiece for us to share.

You can even tweet us all @GosforthGST #GSTcastles



Find a friend, a classmate or two or even another family to create your sensational sandcastle with - let's have fun together!!!

Book Swap

Don't forget that the book swap trolley is available most days at drop off and pick up. If it's not outside on a day when you want to use it, just come to the office and we will bring the trolley to you! There is a good range of books for children and for adults too. All you need to do is donate a book to take a book. Let's keep it going as it is a great way to keep us all reading without the expense of new books.



But please remember, it is a SWAP and not a take...

Cullercoats 2024

Our annual beach trip is back – check out the letters page and start praying to the weather gods!

Remember, you are all invited and welcome 😊



A green-bordered poster with a light green background and a central dark green rectangle. The poster is decorated with several yellow sunflowers with dark brown centers and green leaves. The text is centered within the dark green rectangle.

SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

The Easter break is the perfect time to get planting...

Show us your sunflowers on X/Twitter @ArchibaldFirst using the hashtag #AFSSunflowers - we can't wait to see the final results!

We will have prizes for the tallest sunflowers w/c 8th July 2024

School Dates

May 2024

- 20 Class 6 Assembly 2.45 pm
- 21 Class 5 Assembly 2.45 pm
- 22 Archibald's Got Talent - Our Talent Show
- 23 GEM Education working with Year 4
- 23 Year 3 Biscuit and Books event 9-10 am
- 24 Year 4 Biscuit and Books event 9-10 am
- 24 School closes at 3.15pm for the half term break



June 2024

- 03 School closed for the Gosforth School's Trust Staff Development Day: Staff will work with Paul McGee – Sumo Guy and focus on mental health and wellbeing for everyone.
- 04 Welcome back for the second part of the summer break
- 07 Post Adoption Lunch 12 pm
- 10 Refugee Week – School of Sanctuary
- 12 Welcome to Archibald – New Starters Evening for Adults (no children)
- 17 – 28 Class 8 Swimming Sessions
- 18 Class 1 Forest School Day (in school)
- 19 Nursery Forest School Day (in school)
- 20 Class 2 Forest School Day (in school)
- 21 'World Make Music' Day at Archibald
- 24 SEND Coffee Morning 9 am
- 24 Class 4 Assembly 2.45 pm
- 25 Class 3 Assembly 2.45 pm
- 29 Saturday PTFA Archibald Summer Fair – UPDATED