



Aspiration

Community

Compassion

Enjoyment

Perseverance

Positivity

Respect

Responsibility

Kelvin Grove Newsletter

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Easter Services

We will be welcoming all our community at our **Easter services at St Chad's Church.**

There will be two services:

Years 4,5 and 6 will hold their service on **Thursday 10th April** at 9.30am.

Years 1,2 and 3 will hold their service on **Thursday 10th April** at 2.00pm.

Early Years will be completing lots of Easter activities over the course of the next fortnight.

We talk with the children about respecting all identities and therefore, encourage all children to attend to share the occasion with their community, even if your child does not follow the Christian faith. Children can just observe if they wish to.

*However, if you wish your child to remain at school, then you **MUST** let the teacher know.*



Safeguarding

We want to remind parents/carers that we have a legal **duty of care** to our children that if they report any physical harm (outside of school) then we must seek support from Children's Services. Although physical chastisement is currently legal in England, the definition is 'reasonable punishment' and we would always want to support parents/carers to find other, more positive and effective, ways to manage children's behaviour. Under guidance from children's services, we have a procedure in school that, when a child reports any kind of physical harm, including chastisement, we seek their guidance. We know that changing a parenting style can be difficult and we want to help. We will be running some support programmes in school next year, but for now, please get in touch with Mrs Phillips or Miss Chilvers (our family support team) or your class teacher if you would like some support around this. Your GP can also help. We make no apology for keeping your children safe but we never judge; we want to support or signpost you to help. Mrs Baker and Mrs Thompson are happy to talk to you too, should you wish to discuss what is written here.



Everyone is Welcome

In our assemblies each week, we are discussing our **IDENTITY**. As part of this, we are also talking about themes like **discrimination**, whether this is about your age, belief, gender, sexual preference, race, wealth etc.

Please be aware that, if there is an incident at school that shows discrimination around disability, race, religion, gender identity or sexual orientation, we are directed to report it to Northumbria Police. Northumbria Police need this information to identify where there may be specific issues in communities and to also offer support to communities and individuals. It is NOT to criminalise children. If there is an incident in school, we will report it to Northumbria Police. We will also speak to the victim and perpetrator's parents, send a letter to explain and, where needed, carry out follow up work with the children. Depending on the incident, the police may get in touch to offer support. Racism, and any kind of discrimination, is NEVER acceptable in our community and we want to make sure that everyone is made to feel welcome.



Eid Mubarak!

To those of you celebrating next week, we hope you have a fabulous, family-filled time! School will authorise one day of absence for this.



PARKING The reason we ask you not to stop, park or wait outside of school **on the zig zag yellow lines** is because our families need a clear line of sight in order to cross the road safely. This is all about keeping your own children safe. We continue to

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Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Who is involved?
New Writing North Parent Crafting	Every Wednesday 2.15-3.00pm	Year 4, 5 and 6 parents Please talk to Mrs Phillips if you would like to join.
Egg Decorating Competition	Deliver Monday 7th April Collect Wednesday 9th April	All children and families
Easter Bonnet Decorating Competition	Deliver Monday 7th April Collect Wednesday 9th April	All children and families
Year 4, 5 and 6 Easter Service @ St Chad's	Thursday 10th April 9.30am	Family members of children in 4,5 and 6.
Year 1,2 and 3 Easter Service @ St Chad's	Thursday 10th April 2pm	Family members of children in 1, 2 and 3.
Early Finish for Easter Holiday	Friday 11th April 1pm	All families
School reopens for Summer Term	Monday 28th April 2025	We start back promptly at 8.40am. See you then!

Attendance

We are hitting records with our attendance at the moment. Remember we are aiming for 95% and above. This year to date is 93.9%; beating last year (92%). Well done everyone!



We want to show off!

We are developing our school website and want to be able to share more and more of our wonderful activities and events with you.

We also use Facebook as this is often a platform our community uses.

In order to do this, we need your permission to publish pictures online. We will be sending out a form to you to complete to share your preferences.

Please look out for this next week.



Toilet Flushing

Believe it or not, we have a problem with toilet flushing in our school! This is making our school a little **smelly**. Can we please ask that you encourage your child to flush every time they use the toilet and hopefully they will do this at school too!



Easter Activities

We will be holding our usual Easter competitions this year.

You can decorate an Easter bonnet and/or decorate a hard boiled egg.



CHANGE TO SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

As there is no Gateshead local election this year, we are able to change our occasional day from the previously planned day of May 8th. SO, school will now be OPEN on May 8th, but will be CLOSED to pupils on Monday 2nd June instead.

