

Archibald News

Archibald Primary School – “Believe and Achieve”

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“Believe and Achieve.” “Věř a Dosáhnout” “Uwierz i osiągnij” “Crede și atinge” “انجازوايمان” “相信与实现”



Every School Day Counts
Our attendance target is 96%.

Roary's Attendance Challenge

100% Attendance

All pupils with 100% attendance are automatically in The Roary Club and will be rewarded with a special treat at the end of term.

Each week we run three attendance competitions - one for Reception, one for KS1 and one for KS2. For each completion the class with the highest percentage of pupils with 100% attendance is rewarded with extra outside time. The Reception Class winner gets to keep Oscar our attendance puppy in their class for the week, the KS1 class gets to keep Archie our Attendance dog in class for the week and the KS2 class gets to keep our new Roary in class for the week.

In order to help keep all children parents/cares and staff safe at the start and end of the day, we are currently operating staggered start and finish times. See later in the newsletter for information.

School Reopening Thursday 3rd September



We are delighted to welcome back all children to school on Thursday 3rd September*. Our teachers and site staff have been busy over the summer making sure that our school site continues to be as safe as possible for all children.

Unfortunately our school will not look or feel as it did before lockdown. Several measures have been put in place in order to help keep everyone safe. These are detailed later in the newsletter. Most of these were in place throughout the second half of the summer term when school was open to Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y5 and Y6 children in addition to vulnerable children and children of key workers. Thank you to all the parents and carers who cooperated with the changes in the summer term and made it such a successful positive time for all the children involved.

Thank you to all the parents who supported their children with home learning whilst they were unable to attend school. It was great to see so much work being submitted to our email account and through SeeSaw, and many families engaging with the home learning pages and activities on our school website. In the coming weeks we will be updating learning activities on the website and ensuring that all pupils have up to date log in details for SeeSaw.

In the first part of the Autumn Term we will be implementing a special 'Recovery Curriculum in line with other schools in England. Our aim is to ensure all children catch up to where they should be if they had not lost any learning during lockdown as rapidly as possible.

(* some Reception children will return on Friday 4th September. You will have been informed of your child's start date.)

Archibald Primary School Safeguarding Leads: Mrs E Verheyen , Mrs S Walker, Mrs A Jefferies



Diary Dates

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 1st September

PD Day 1 – Teaching staff will be working in school preparing our Recovery Curriculum

Wednesday 2nd September

PD Day 2 – Teaching staff will be working in school preparing our Recovery Curriculum, focussing on supporting pupil wellbeing

Thursday 3rd September

School reopens to all pupils in Y1 – Y6, and some pupils in Reception

Friday 4th September

School reopens to the remaining pupils in Reception

NEXT WEEK

Friday 11th September

Dahlicious Day Celebrations – details to follow

COMING SOON

Monday 14th September

Use Kind and Caring Words Week

Friday 23rd October

School closes for half term holiday

Monday 2nd November

School reopens for Autumn Term 2

Friday 6th November

Digital Remembrance Assembly

Friday 13th November

BBC Children in Need Day – Details to follow

Monday 16th November

Provisional date for Y6 Peat Rigg Residential originally planned for Monday 30th March. All pupils with a place on the original visit will be able to attend.

Tuesday 1st December

Flu Immunisation Day – Details to follow

Friday 18th December

Christingle Assembly
Christmas Party Day
End of Autumn Term – School closes for Christmas Holiday

Please be aware that as we are currently still in times of a worldwide pandemic it is very difficult to give confirmed dates of events too far in the future. Therefore, please be aware that these dates and times are provisional and are subject to change.



Our school is proud to be part of the National School Breakfast Programme, making sure every child has the right fuel for learning at the start of every day.

Starting on Monday 7th September FREE Breakfast Bagels will be available for children in their classrooms at the start of the school day.

SCHOOL PROSPECTUS 2020

Our **School Prospectus** has been updated for 2020. Please click [HERE](#) to access the updated prospectus on our school website.

To access our Nursery Welcome Brochure – please click [HERE](#).

Our **Homework Policy** has been reviewed and revised. You can access the updated version on our website by clicking [HERE](#)



Congratulations to the following pupils who were awarded **Star of the Year Awards at the end of last term.**

Nursery – River Parker
Class 1 – Caden Bennett
Class 2 – Muhammad Yousaf
Class 3 – Tea Hysa
Class 4 – Missy Wanless
Class 5 – Tyler Ward
Class 6 – Zara Brown
Class 7 – Eliza Boboc
Class 8 – Tsega Asmelash
Class 9 – Dylan Hindmarsh
Class 10 – Nian Gohari
Class 11 – Xheni Hysa
Class 12 – Daniyal Ahmed
Class 13 – San Tayib
Class 14 – Connor Curry
Class 15 – Owen Langsley
Class 16 – Dawit Asmelash
Class 17 – Sierra Smith
Class 18 – McKenzie Phillips
Class 19 – Taylor Kelly

Congratulations to all the stars!

Children who were in school were presented with their certificates in their bubbles. Those children who did not receive their certificates had them sent out electronically and will be able to obtain a printed copy of their certificate when they return to school.

We will continue with Star of the Week Awards this term. This week our theme is Golden Rule 1 – **Respect everyone and everything.** As there will be no whole school assemblies, teachers will award certificates in their classes on Friday.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Do we have your up to date telephone number and email address?

If you think you have changed your contact details, please contact the school office so our records are up to date.

Procedures and routines we are putting in place to help ensure our school is as safe as possible for children, staff and parents/carers when we re-open to all pupils in September 2020 include:--

- It is clearly understood by all parties that young children cannot socially distance. As such, this is neither the governments, nor our plan. Sadly, our school will not look or feel the same as it did before we closed. The safety measures imposed by the government are primarily based on 'bubbles' of children and staff – and as such, the government strategy is underpinned by these bubbles staying apart at all times. **We will use this idea of 'bubbles' throughout our school**
- Children will be split into bubbles. Following the opening of school to all year groups, **a bubble will consist of one year group. Dedicated staff will be allocated to each bubble**, with only certain staff working between bubbles –following government guidelines. **Every effort will be made to ensure that bubbles do not mix at any point in the school day**, including outside time and that as far as possible social distancing is maintained between bubbles.
- **Each class will have its own teaching room. Moving around the school will be minimised** – pupils will not be taught in the Science Room, Library or Computing Room.
- Following government guidelines, all teachers and other staff can operate across different classes and year groups in order to facilitate the delivery of the school timetable – we will endeavour to keep this to a minimum whilst recognising the requirement to enable a full educational offer.
- Each room will be specially prepared prior to being used by a class. **Hand cleaning stations will be established in all rooms being used**, and where possible and practical pupils will be seated side by side and facing forwards, rather than face to face or side on.
- **All groups of children will have access to outdoor time in designated spaces within the school grounds.** Whist the time may be shared within the bubble (year group), each group (class) will have its own designated space at any one time. Upon re-entering the building children and adults will be required to clean their hands (hand sanitizer).
- **A full and increased cleaning schedule will be in operation throughout the day and at the end of the day.** In Nursery, and Pre-School the rooms and outdoor spaces will be cleaned at the end of the morning session and the end of the afternoon session using standard products, such as detergents and Milton.
- **Children will be required to practise increased hygiene routines – they will be encouraged to clean their hands more often than usual, and hand-cleaning stations will be available in all classrooms.** Lidded bins are provided for tissues and towels (catch it! bin it! kill it!)
- **Children and staff will not be required to wearing PPE – this is the government guidance.** PPE would only apply if a child suddenly displayed symptoms and needed close personal attention. Appropriate PPE is available throughout the school.
- **In order to minimise contact with individuals who are unwell, those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, should not attend school**
- **If a child or member of staff displays symptoms, they MUST engage with the NHS test and trace process** – arrange to be tested and self-isolate for 7 days and their family must self-isolate for 14 days (unless test is confirmed as negative.) Parents and staff to inform the school immediately of the results of a test
- **If a child or adult tests positive for COVID 19, the rest of the bubble (including staff) will be sent home and instructed to self-isolate for 14 days.**
- **Parents and carers will not be allowed in the building without prior appointment.** This will also apply to all other visitors to the school with the exception of staff who are timetabled to work with individuals or groups of children (eg Speech and language therapists, Music teachers (TVMS), Sport Coaches (MFC Foundation)).
- **Packed lunches will be available for pupils in Reception to eat within their bubble.**
- **Pupils in KS1 and KS2 will eat their lunch in the dining room.** The children will dine in designated sittings and will have designated tables to sit at. They will be invited to collect their lunch from a limited menu at the counter and will have their desserts and drinks brought to them. When children have finished eating their plate/red tray will be taken from them to the return hatch or a trolley and they will remain seated until all in the bubble have finished eating. All tables and stools will be thoroughly cleaned using standard products, such as detergents and Milton between each sitting
- **Appropriate risk assessments will be completed and reviewed at least weekly.**
- **The practice of 'hot desking' will not be encouraged.** Staff are advised to clean any keyboard before using it. Antibacterial wipes will be provided in all classrooms and offices being used. **The Library, Science Room and Computing room will not be used by pupils.**
- **Increased signage will remind parents, carers, children and staff of social distancing whist on the school site.**
- Children need to wear their school uniform.
- We will provide remote learning via the school website, Marvellous Me! and Seesaw for children if they are unable to attend school (COVID-19 related).
- We will continue to use the school newsletter to keep our parents and carers informed
- We will continue to receive and act appropriately on advice from the government, Endeavour Academies and Middlesbrough Council

These procedures and routines will be reviewed regularly in accordance with guidance from a range of sources

Start and End of the School Day – September 2020

In order to help to keep children, parents/carers and staff safe at the start and end of the school day we will be operating staggered start and finish times as follows:-

Year Group	Drop Off	Pick Up	School Entry and drop off/pick up zone
Preschool am	8.40am	11.00pm	Enter through KS1 playground Drop off/Pick up at Pre-school gate
Preschool pm	12.00	2.20pm	Enter through KS1 playground Drop off/Pick up at Pre-school gate
Nursery am	8.30am	11.15pm	Enter through KS1 playground Drop off/Pick up at Nursery gate
Nursery pm	12.15pm	3.00pm	Enter through KS1 playground Drop off/Pick up at Nursery gate
Reception	8.30am	2.30pm	Enter through KS2 playground Drop off/Pick up at Reception gate
Y1	8.35am	2.35pm	Enter through KS1 playground Drop off/Pick up at shelters in playground
Y2	8.40am	2.40pm	Enter through KS2 playground Drop off/Pick up at link corridor doors
Y3	8.55am	2.55pm	Enter through KS1 playground Drop off/Pick up at shelters in playground
Y4	9.00am	3.00pm	Enter through KS2 playground Drop off/Pick up at link corridor doors
Y5	8.50am	2.50pm	Enter through KS1 playground Drop off Pick up at Barnaby Avenue exit. Parents and carers please wait outside the gates. Children will be walked to the gates by their teachers.
Y6	8.45am	3.00pm	Enter through KS2 playground Drop off at Y6 entrance nr climbing frame. Pick up at Barnaby Avenue exit. Parents and carers please wait outside the gates. Children will be walked to the gates by their teachers.

We will be continuing with our one-way system. Please enter the school through the gates from Heywood Street through the KS1 or KS2 playground as appropriate and then exit via Barnaby Avenue – through the gates near the school car park. Staff will be available at the gates at the start and end of school to assist you if you need help.

In order to help ensure social distancing on our site, only one adult per family will be allowed onto the school site. If you have children in more than one year group please come for the earlier time. You will be free to wait on the school site, observing social distancing with your children until the later start times. Please keep your children with you and do not allow them to run around in the playgrounds.

Thank you for your cooperation.

HM Government

Back to school

Walk, cycle or scoot to school where you can.



STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES



Back to School Advice for Parents

As your children come back to school, in these uncertain times, they will have lots of concerns and worries. You can't change the world, you can only be there to comfort and reassure your children. Here are a few ideas to help you:

1. The school is doing everything possible to make everyone safe. Encourage your child/ren to follow the safety rules and encourage their friends to do the same.
2. This is a great chance to see all their friends again and catch up with all their news.
3. Children pick up your fears. Encourage and support them, be positive about the return to school and focus on the good points, seeing their friends again, catching up on lost school work.
4. The first day will be the hardest for everyone. Encourage your child to be confident and happy, they need you behind them at this difficult time. Let them talk about their day, including any concerns they have, but remember to talk to them about the positives too.
5. It's always hard going back to school after a long break, especially this prolonged time for most, but before you know it they will have settled back in. The more confident you are, the less worried your child will be.

For further free advice, information and practical guidance to help you plan your child's return to school please visit [gov.uk/backtoschool](https://www.gov.uk/backtoschool)

Support is available at this difficult time

If you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know.

You can do this in a number of ways:-

- Speak to your child's teacher at drop off or pick up time.
- Telephone us (01642 804101) during school hours) and ask to speak to Mrs Walker. If she is not available she will be able to call you back if you have your number.
- Contacting us through our school email account: archibald@mcschools.org.uk and someone will get back to you

Additional Support and Advice

NHS England has published [advice](#) for children and young people who may be feeling overwhelmed, and [advice for parents, guardians and carers](#) on how to help and support a child or young person with mental ill health.

The Government's [online educational resources](#) for home education with a section on mental wellbeing.

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