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Dear Families

The process of the extension and refurbishment of GPFS has been much slower than I anticipated. However, the planned sensory garden will still be added to the school grounds in the coming months.

We now also plan to install a set of monkey bars, as an addition to the trim trail. This will happen during this half-term so our current year 4's will be able to use them.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kindest regards

Mrs Lamb



## School Closure

School will be closed on Monday 19 September as a mark of respect for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's funeral.

This is a period of time for reflection for you and your families and our thoughts and prayers are with all of those grieving loved ones at this time.

Mrs Lamb

## Meet the Teacher

We are looking forward to welcoming you all at the meet the teacher meetings next week. These will start at 4pm in your child's class and last around half an hour with time after for you to ask any questions.

If there are any siblings who need to be cared for from 4:00 – 4:30 they can come to a different class (see info below).

**Tuesday:** Reception (Mrs Lamb in Yellow)

**Wednesday:** KS1 (Mrs Lamb in Reception SC)

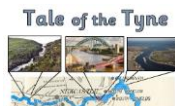
**Thursday:** KS2 (Mrs Lambert in Yellow)

## Our Topics this term are

**EYFS:** All about me



**KS1:** Pirates



**KS2:** Tale of the Tyne

Please see topic webs attached for KS1 and KS2 which can also be found on the school website.

Mr Hindess

## Musician of the half term

Our musician of the half term is **Diana Ross**. Ask your devices or steaming services to play you some of her top tunes!

Mr Patterson



## Rainbow Day

Huge thanks to PTFA who arranged a wonderful treat for the children last week. The all had a great time and it was so lovely to see so many Year 5's from GEMS who joined us after school for their turn.

***Our next PTFA meeting is on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 6:15 – 7:15pm in the school hall. Everyone is welcome.***



We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised

A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education



It was lovely to see so many of you at our Reception and Year 1 phonics meetings this week. Huge thanks to Mrs Lambert, Miss Gasper, Miss Coughlan, Miss Pope and the EYFS and KS1 teams. Thanks also to our wonderful PTFA volunteers who were on tea and coffee duty.

It is so lovely to be able to welcome you all into school again and we are very much looking forward to the Meet the teacher meetings next week.



## Rainbow Wraparound

Please contact us via

[wraparound@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:wraparound@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk)

or for any ad hoc bookings

**Rainbow Wraparound: 07926 946 565.**



## Healthy School



When we need to prepare a packed lunch for a trip or for those who don't have a school dinner, it can sometimes be tricky to decide what to put in it. It's really important to try to incorporate all of the food groups to help towards providing a balanced diet. The following website has a clear and colourful guide that you could use as a reference to help you:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-eatwell-guide>. We do not allow fizzy drinks or sweets in packed lunches and would encourage you to include no more than 1 chocolate biscuit or cake. Anything with nuts in are of course not permitted, so please check packaging carefully. Don't forget, a healthy play time snack of either fruit or vegetables, which is provided up to Key Stage 2 age, will also add to your child's 5-a-day and help boost their immune system.



If you don't already, please give us a follow on Twitter.

Our school account is @GosforthPark1st





School Dinner Money (KS2) for the term when remains at £2.20 per day, £11.00 for the week or if you wish to pay by the term it is seven weeks and £74.80.

If your child had packed lunches last year and is new to having school lunches, please let the office know.

We ask for a week's notice if anyone wants to change from packed lunch to school meals or vice versa so that the kitchen staff can order appropriately.

Please see our new school menus attached.

### **Free School Meals**

Every child in Reception Year 1 and Year 2 is entitled to a free school meal but did you know...

Your child and their school may be able to get extra help, if you get one of the qualifying benefits.

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

### **Free School Meals cont...**

- Universal Credit - if you apply after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

We encourage all parents to apply for Free School Meals during their Reception Year, so Newcastle City Council can assess whether your child and their school can receive this extra help. This can help to pay towards the cost of trips and clubs for your child. **If you are successful in your application we will provide you with a free school jumper or cardigan.**

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.

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\\_LI/VE/en](https://www.newcastlelea.org/CitizenPortal_LI/VE/en)

Thanks

Mrs Lamb

## Pre-Loved Uniform

Thank you to all those who donated items to be sold and also those who purchased items over the summer a total of £195 has been handed over to Mrs Hall this week to be spent on playground equipment etc.

Pre-loved items we can sell		Pre-loved items we cannot sell
Official school jumpers	£2.50	Non – official jumpers
Official school carigans	£2.50	Non – official carigans
Official school polos	£1.50	Non – official polos
Girls checked dresses	£1.50	Grey boys trousers
Grey pinafores	£1.50	Grey taylored girls trousers
Grey skirts	£0.50	Grey boys shorts
Grey girls soft trousers	£0.50	Damaged or marked items
School bag (new style)	£2.50	
School bag (old style)	£1.50	

Items are currently sold from 6 Burnside Road NE3 2DU, with a drop off box at the front door.

Please REMEMBER items, particularly red, must not be marked as they are unable to be sold on.

You can text me Kate Watkins (Parent) on 07947846974

PLEASE NOTE: My daughter will be moving on to GEMS in September 2023, if anyone should like to continue the pre-loved uniform sales from Easter 2023, please can you approach me or Mrs Lamb.

## Staff Training Days

Staff Training Days for GST schools this academic year will be:

- Monday 5th September 2022
- Monday 31st October 2022
- Friday 23rd December 2022
- Friday 26th May 2023

Please see the dates for your diary below and the school calendar for 2022\_2023 attached.



If your child has something to celebrate for example a swimming or sports award or a Beavers or Rainbow's achievement, please send an email to [admin@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:admin@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk) with a brief explanation and if you'd like to, a photo too.

## Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **98.9%** which is up on this time last year (97.9%)

Our classes of the week this week are **Nursery** with **100%** and **Reception Mrs McClurg** with **100%** attendance. Well done!

Our exceptional circumstance request forms have changed. For anyone requesting a leave of absence there is a new form to be filled in. As well as returning the form you will be required to meet with me or Mr Hindess. Please make sure any requests are on the correct form which can be obtained as a hard or electronic copy from the office.

Thanks

Mrs Lamb

# Advanced Notice of Dates 2022-2023

Updates will be added in red

Summer Holiday	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Training Day
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	9:00 – 10:00 Coffee Morning for New Nursery Parents
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Rearranged Rainbow Day Rec – Year 5</b>
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Reading Meeting for Reception Parents 9:00 – 10:00
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Reading Meeting for Year 1 Parents 9:00 – 10:00
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception Classes: Meet the Teacher 3:45 – 4:15 Mrs Lamb will look after any children at this time so parents can attend
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Green, Orange and Yellow Class: Meet the Teacher 3:45 – 4:15 Mrs Lamb will look after any children at this time so parents can attend
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Indigo, Violet and Blue Class: Meet the Teacher 3:45 – 4:15 Mrs Lamb will look after any children at this time so parents can attend
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>Reception Halloween Fun Morning 9:00 – 10:30 for parents</b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Last Day of Term
October Half Term	
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Training Day
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Assembly for Parents 9:30 – 10:00
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception – Year 4 Dick Whittington at The Exchange Theatre
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Fun morning 9:00 – 10:30 for parents</b>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Indigo Christmas Assembly for Parents 9:30 – 10:00
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Violet Christmas Assembly for Parents 10:45 – 11:15
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Blue Christmas Assembly for Parents 2:30 – 3:00
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Miss Coughlan Christmas Assembly for Parents 10:45 – 11:15
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Mrs McClurg Christmas Assembly for Parents 2:30 – 3:00
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Green Christmas Assembly for Parents 9:30 – 10:00
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Orange Christmas Assembly for Parents 10:45 – 11:15
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Yellow Christmas Assembly for Parents 2:30 – 3:00
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Training Day
Christmas Holiday	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	School reopens
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Last Day of Term
February Half Term	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	School reopens
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Robinwood
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Day of Term

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Easter Holiday	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	School reopens
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 Swimming – to be confirmed
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	May Bank Holiday
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Last Day of Term
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Training Day
May Half Term	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	School reopens
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last Day of Term