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Plans for September

We are delighted that the latest guidance from the DfE (Thursday 2nd June) supports a full time return to school for all pupils from September. Children will still be in bubbles but these can be much larger than before. There will be measures in place to reduce contact across bubbles but we will have some flexibility to make our arrangements practical. This is welcome news for us as we will be able to create year group bubbles, not just class bubbles, for play and some learning activities. We are also going to be able to continue to employ supply teachers if necessary and specialist teachers such as sports coaches, music and language teachers. Visitors to the site will be limited as much as possible and there won't be large whole school events to begin with. There will be a staggered start and finish to the school day but the children will still have the same amount of teaching time each day. We will be working in the summer to formulate plans which we will share with you as soon as we are able to. Given the number of changes to all of the previous guidance, we anticipate some adjustments before September.

We are looking forward to September, seeing all of our children return and reuniting our GPFS family.

Mrs Lamb

Together we make a difference

Summer Holiday

School is closed during the summer holiday. School staff will be here for much of the time as we have a lot of planning to do for September and we will need to reorganise and resource the physical environment so that classes are ready for the return of 30 children. Teachers will be planning the curriculum and working together to ensure that we are ready for whatever September brings.

Holiday Activities and Childcare

If you need childcare for the summer holidays, the Gosforth out of School Club will be operating on site. We have spoken to the owners (Jo Price and Margaret Higgins) who are keen for us to let you know that they can accommodate the children of key workers who have been attending school since March, **as well as other children.**

Please visit their website if you would like to book places

<https://www.gosforthparkoutofschoolclub.co.uk/>

We will share information about activities across the city for sport and holiday activities through the newsletter and twitter as this becomes available.

School Bubbles WC 6th July

We are delighted to be welcoming back our Reception pupils on a part time basis from next week. Places have been confirmed via email for Monday/Tuesday and Thursday/Friday. Please remember that drop off is 9:30 and collection is 2:30. Please remember to socially distance when dropping off and collecting. Keep to the left of the white line when entering and leaving the site.

| Bubble | Staff | Room | Toilet | Drop off/Pick up |
|---|--|---------------------------------|---|---|
|  Nur | Mrs Dunn Mrs Wells | Nursery | Nursery Toilets | Nursery Gate (EYFS) Arrival: 8:45-9am Departure: 3.15- 3.30pm |
|  Key Rec | Miss Coughlan Mrs Dodds | SW Class | Reception Toilets | Red Doors (EYFS) Arrival: 8:45-9am Departure: 3.15- 3.30pm |
|  Rec | Mrs Gasper Mrs Matthewson | SC Class | Reception Toilets | Red Doors (EYFS) Arrival: 9:30am Departure: 2:30pm |
|  Y1 | Miss Bulloch Mrs Wilson Mrs Loftus | Orange Class Green Class | Year 1 Cubical in Girls and Boys toilets | Girls toilet door Arrival: 8:45-8:55am Departure: 3:10- 3:30pm |
|  Y2 | Mrs Lambert Mrs Wells Miss Smith | Blue Classroom | Year 2 Cubical in Girls and Boys toilets | Boys toilet door Arrival: 8:45-8:55am Departure: 3:10- 3:30pm |
|  Y3 | Mrs Hall Mrs Lucas Mrs McKendrick | Indigo and Violet Classrooms | Year 3 Cubical in Girls and Boys toilets | Girls toilet door Arrival: 8:55-9:05am Departure: 3:20- 3:30pm |

We are still working on a plan to be able to see pupils from other year groups before we break for the summer. We will get more details to you as soon as we are able to.

Thanks

Mrs Lamb

End of Year Reports

This year, after carefully considering parental feedback, we have redesigned our end of year report format. We have attempted to make our reports more informative as well as giving parents a clear indication of your child's attainment and attitude to learning for each subject.

Reports will still include an overall comment from your child's class teacher, some specific next steps for them to work on and a message from Mrs Lamb.

We hope that you will welcome these changes and can see the benefits that our new reports will have on your child's progress as they continue their journey through Gosforth Park.

Reports will be posted out at the end of next week. If you require an extra copy for different households, please let the school office know.

You will also have the opportunity to discuss reports with your child's class teacher over the phone during the final week of term, if you wish to do so.

Mr Hindess



| Subject | Attainment | | | Attitude to Learning |
|---------------|------------|-----------------|----------|----------------------|
| | Below | Working Towards | Expected | |
| RE | | | * | A |
| Computing | | | * | A |
| PSHCE | | | * | A |
| PE | | | * | A |
| DT | | | * | A |
| Art | | | * | A |
| Music | | | * | A |
| Spanish (KS2) | | | * | A |

| English - Reading | | Attitude to Learning: A | | |
|-------------------|-------|-------------------------|----------|---------------|
| Attainment | Below | Working Towards | Expected | Greater Depth |
| | | | | * |
| Teacher's Comment | | | | |

Uniform September 2020

As we look forward to September with the hope that all of our children will be returning, we want to remind you about our fantastic pre-loved uniform service. Mrs Watkins, one of our lovely parents and PTFA members takes in items which are no longer needed and re-sells at a very reasonable price. All funds come back to school to be spent on playground equipment for the children. This is a brilliant way to reduce, reuse, recycle and to save money to spend on other things over the summer. Text Kate on 07947846974 to arrange drop off or collection.

Currently there is no stock available for nursery items. However, items can be dropped off in bags to the door of 6 Burnside road NE3 2DU

- Jumpers/cardigans £2.50
- Polo shirts £1.50
- Pinafores £1.50
- Checked dresses £1.50
- Skirts/short/trousers 50p

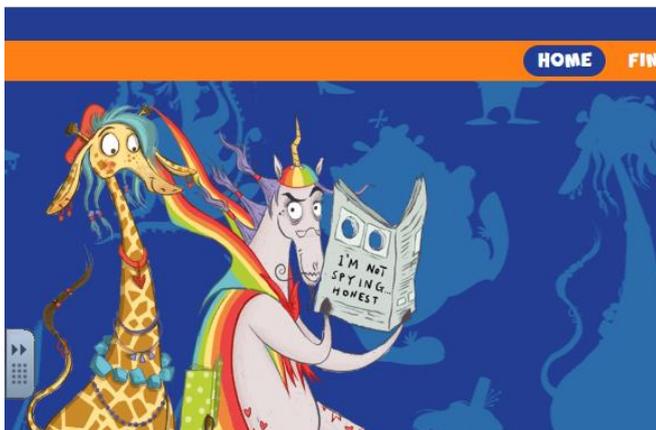
When dropping off pre-loved clothes, please note that we are unable to take red items that are marked with pen.

Bookbags from September

As space in school is limited, please only send children with book bags in September. We do not have space to store 30 large back packs in each cloakroom/classroom.

Thank you

Mrs Lamb



The Summer Reading Challenge presented by The Reading Agency and Newcastle Libraries has gone digital! The scheme encourages children aged 4 – 11 to set themselves a reading challenge to help prevent the summer reading 'dip'. This year this support is needed more than ever. The Summer Reading Challenge encourages and supports children to enjoy a summer of amazing books. This year's theme is Silly Squad - a celebration of funny books, happiness and laughter. The aim is to encourage children to read whatever makes them happy.

Throughout the summer there is a range of digital events on the Summer Reading Challenge website

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> including crafts, quizzes and creative writing tasks.

Sign up to the new digital Summer Reading Challenge platform at www.sillysquad.org.uk

Have fun, get reading and don't forget to share with school on twitter!

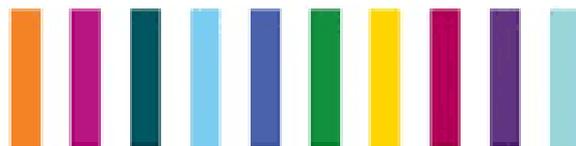
School Meals

From September school meals will cost £2.20 per day for KS2 pupils (£11 per week). Please pay in advance via Parent Pay.

Many thanks

Mrs Carrick

Turn a new page



Newcastle Libraries

Newcastle Libraries has developed a great programme of online events and activities including Big Bang Science sessions and Craig Bradley, That Poetry Bloke. You will also find activities every day of the week, watch out for daily updates on social media.

BorrowBox offers library card holders the chance to borrow digital books and audio books for free on their computer or smart device. Children can choose from a range of books, featuring some popular children's authors, including JK Rowling, Roald Dahl and David Walliams. Select 'BorrowBox Library' from the Apple App store or Google Play to download the BorrowBox app to your device. When logging into App for the first time you need to select Newcastle Libraries - UK. Find us on Twitter @ToonLibraries Facebook @NewcastleLibraries Help us spread the word with children, families and friends to get everyone reading!



If anyone has any reading or library books belonging to school, please could you drop them in the box by the school office.

There will also be boxes placed at each entrance for children attending over the next two weeks to drop off any books.

Many thanks

Mrs Lambert

FSM vouchers for the summer holiday.

There will be a one off payment for each family entitled to benefits related FSM to cover the 7 week summer holiday period and these payments have been ordered. If you have any issues over the summer holiday with payments, please email the school admin address. We will be monitoring this inbox at least weekly and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

If your circumstances have changed and you think you may be eligible, just call 0845 6006400 to apply immediately over the phone. Alternatively you can log on to www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/help-school-and-learning-costs/apply-free-school-meals

We would encourage anyone who is unsure whether they qualify to apply anyway.



We know that coronavirus has put extra pressure on families, so Action for Children are offering online parenting support. From where to go for help to how to keep your children entertained at home - explore our advice and find useful resources here: <https://www.parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/covid-19-advice-support>
Have a question about parenting? Our online coaches are available for free, confidential 1-1 live chat. We're here to listen and support you. Visit <https://talk.actionforchildren.org.uk/>



Healthy School



With the weather hopefully warming up again and the availability of fresh, soft fruits at this time of year, fruit lollies are a great option. It's so easy to make a smoothie and then to just freeze it and there are plenty of specific recipes online. If you don't have lolly moulds and sticks, you can still make your own. Cleaned out yoghurt pots are the perfect size and you can use a teaspoon for the stick. It's an easy way to get your children involved in making them too.

Our school nurse is available to support with various childcare queries. Support is still available to both parents/carers and children too through the single point of access number below.

0191 282 3319

 The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

Your Health Visiting and School Nursing service is available to support you.

Are you a parent/carer who would like advice?
We can offer support about infant feeding, weaning, toilet training, sleep, behaviour, bladder & bowel, healthy eating, general wellbeing, emotional health or any other health lifestyle issues.

Are you a young person who wants to speak to a School Nurse? Or are you a professional who knows a young person who may need support?
We can support with a confidential telephone conversation around emotional wellbeing, healthy relationships including sexual health and healthy lifestyles.

Please ring us on our single point of access telephone number on:

0191 282 3319

STARS OF THE WEEK

EYFS

Well done to Aerin from Miss Walsh's class in Reception. Aerin has been working very hard on a range of topics including writing sentences based on our Literacy focus book, reading, growing cress, craft activities based on our Literacy focus book and dancing with Oti!

Aerin has recently got a guinea pig called Stormy. She received a book explaining how to care for guinea pigs as a present from her Nana. She has read the book and is carefully following the advice given. She also wrote a thank you card to her Nana for her book.

Very well done Aerin!



Miss Walsh

STARS OF THE WEEK

EYFS

Well done to Louie from Miss Walsh's class in Reception. Louie has been working very hard on a range of topics including writing activities, gardening, planting a range of crops including lettuce, carrots and beetroot, drawing lots of cars, painting and sending pictures to his friends in order to stay connected.

Louie has particularly impressed me with his mathematical skills. He focused on the number 4 and explored different ways of grouping the cars. He then gave each car a price tag and set up a shop. Each price tag had to include the number 4. Using his play money, Louie bought and sold the cars. He was very pleased that he could buy 8 of the cheaper cars after selling one of his most expensive cars! Great thinking Louie!

Well done!



Miss Walsh

STARS OF THE WEEK

KS1

Lucy has been busy making books showcasing all of the brilliant Oak Academy work that she has done over the last few months! What a fantastic idea Lucy.

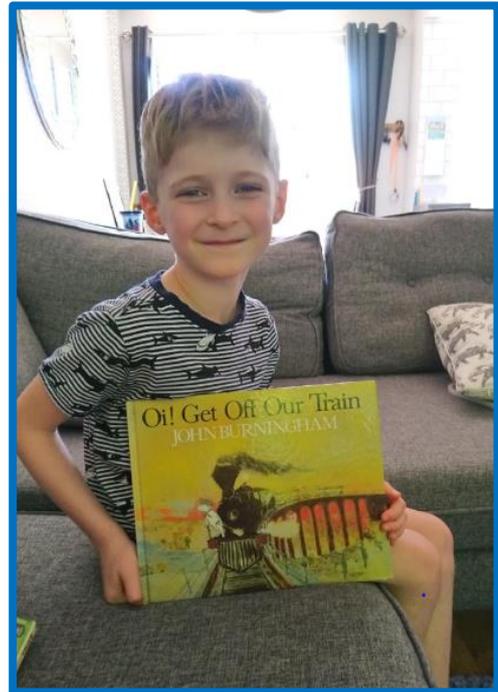


William has been busy and worked hard doing some artwork. What fantastic pieces of art, I particularly like the giraffe.



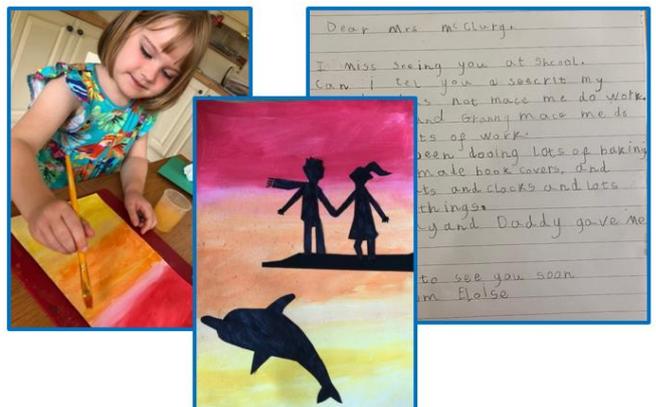
STARS OF THE WEEK

KS1



Leon has been doing lots of reading. He read some of his Mum's book from she was little and enjoyed reading Oi! Get Off Our Train. He has worked extremely hard to develop his reading skills and should feel very proud.

Eloise has been working so hard at home but also having lots of fun whilst doing so. She wrote a letter to me which was brilliant. I absolutely love her silhouette art, it's so creative. Well done Eloise!



Dear Mrs McCharge
I miss seeing you at school.
Can I tell you a secret my
mum and Grandpa make me do lots
of work.
I've been doing lots of baking
make book covers, and
clocks and lots
of things
my and Daddy gave me
to see you soon
m Eloise

STARS OF THE WEEK

KS1

Lonn has worked so hard (for three days) to create this fantastic poster about the blue whale. I loved all of the interesting facts, especially the one about how a blue whale's blood vessels are so wide we could swim through them! That's fascinating! You should be so proud of your efforts Lonn.



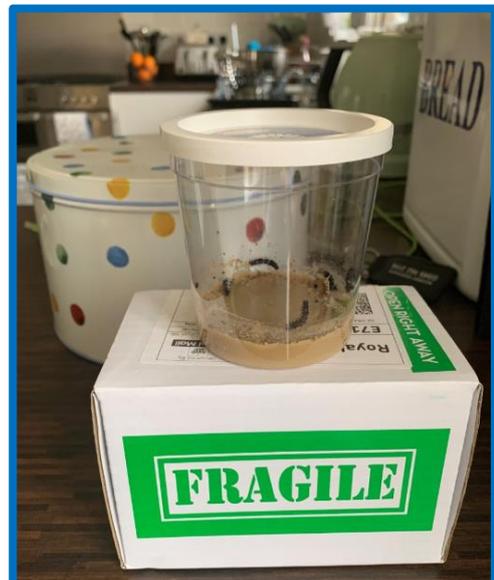
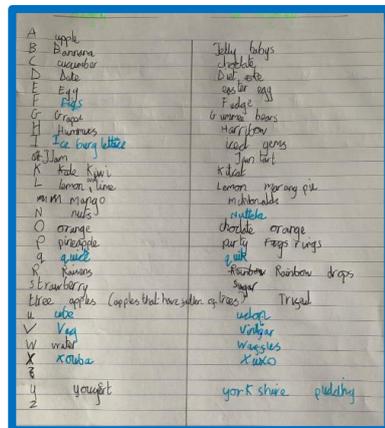
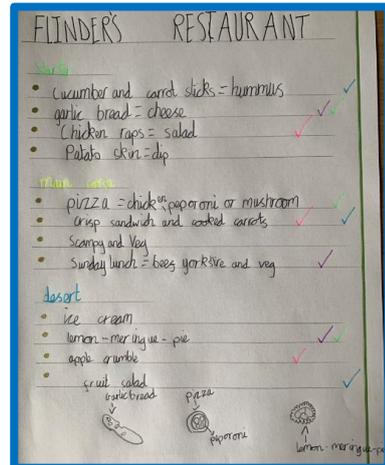
Ayla had lots of fun picking strawberries to make her own jam. Yum, strawberry jam is my favourite!



STARS OF THE WEEK

KS1

Harry has been doing some work on food this week. He made a list of good and bad foods and wrote a brilliant menu for his own restaurant, Flinders. He also got some caterpillars through the post and is eagerly awaiting the day when they become butterflies.



STARS OF THE WEEK

KS2

I felt very privileged this week to be able to take our Year 4 children to GEMS for their transition to Middle School. It was so amazing to see you all back together again looking so grown up and ready for your next adventure. I felt a twinge of jealousy as we walked around the school on our tour and saw all of the exciting things that you will be doing next year.

Please remember that it is not goodbye just yet- you are such a wonderful and unique cohort who have been through so much in your final year. We promise that we will celebrate your achievements and give you the send-off that you deserve as soon as we can!

Mr Hindess



It has been lovely to see all of the messages and transition work that the children have been sending to their new teachers. There will be a new activity posted on Monday.

Remember that home learning and class messages from your current teacher are on the class pages section of the website. Send your home learning and work for the newsletter to home.learning@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk

Thanks

Miss Coughlan



Numbots – Our free trial has now ended, and as only a small number of children had accessed Numbots over the last month, we have not extended this subscription. So sorry to those who had been using it.

Miss Gasper



Well done to Blake Fahy, Asmina Doshi and Matthew Walker for outstanding studio speeds.



Top Class this week is Green Class with Reception Miss Coughlan a close second.

Our Reading buddies this week are – Zoe in Reception Miss Coughlan and Rosie from Green class. Well done!



Leon Day and Harry Flinders have again earned our top score for Mathletics

Yellow class are also our top participants again!

