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Remembrance Day 2022



Today at 11am Gosforth Park held a whole-school assembly and observed 2 minutes silence to mark our respect for those who have fought and lost their lives fighting for our country. All of our children were incredibly respectful of this occasion and we are very proud of them.

The CBeebies Animated Short, titled 'Poppies', is a brilliant way to introduce younger children to the concept of remembrance:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/poppies>

Thank you to everyone who has donated to this year's Poppy Appeal which raises money for the Royal British Legion charity.

Musician of the Half Term

We have chosen the iconic band **ABBA** as our musicians of the half term. Don't be surprised if your children are singing 'Mamma Mia!' on their way out of school! Have a look at our attached Musician of the Half Term poster with some ABBA quiz questions and song suggestions.

Mr Patterson



BBC **Children in Need** Appeal Day is back on **Friday 18th November**. Their mission is to help ensure every child in the UK is safe, happy, secure and has the opportunities they need to reach their potential.

At Gosforth Park we will be raising money by:

Dressing in Spots – wear your best spotty outfit and/or accessories for the day!

Fun and Games – each class will be involved in some fun Pudsey Bear themed activities!

Surprise Guest – ???

We will be asking for a suggested £2 donation via Parent Pay to help Children in Need change young lives across the UK.

Mrs Lamb



PTFA AGM

Huge thanks to those of you who were able to attend the PTFA AGM on Tuesday. The PTFA are busy working on Christmas events and we will be sharing information via the newsletter and Parent Pay next week.

KS2 Trip to Beamish

As part of our Victorians topic, KS2 will be visiting Beamish Museum next Wednesday. We are also inviting all of our children (and teachers!) to dress in Victorian costumes for their trip.

We are still looking for 1 more parent volunteer for Indigo Class and 1 more parent volunteer for Violet Class. Please contact the school office if you would be able to help. Victorian costumes optional!

If you have not yet given consent to take your child to Beamish, please do so via ParentPay.

Many thanks
KS2 Team

Parent Surveys

We would like to thank everyone who has completed and returned their Parent Questionnaires so far. We really value your honest feedback about our school and Rainbow Wraparound provision. Your feedback will help us to inform our school development priorities in the future. If you have not yet completed a survey and would like to, please request one from the school office.

Healthy Active Lifestyle

Key Stage Two enjoyed an exciting Healthy Active Lifestyle event on Tuesday. Thank you to Newcastle PE Sport Service for a great Dodgeball session!

Miss Walsh



Congratulations!



A massive congratulations to our Junior Great North runners from Key Stage One. Well done Grace, Hollie, Poppy, Max, Christopher and Matthew for completing the race!



When providing lunch, whether it be at home or for a packed lunch at school, it can be difficult to always think of consistently healthy options. A balanced lunch should contain starchy foods like bread, rice, potatoes or pasta; protein like meat, fish, eggs or beans; a dairy item such as cheese or yoghurt; and vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit. Items cut up in to smaller portions are always more appealing to children and a colourful variety of fruit and vegetables usually leads to a greater balance of nutrients. For some new ideas, try out

www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/school-packed-lunch-inspiration

Mrs Wells

Pre-Loved Uniform

PRE-LOVED ITEMS WE CAN SELL		PRE-LOVED ITEMS WE CAN NOT 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	
OFFICIAL PE T-SHIRT/SHORTS	£0.50	

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

Staff Training Days

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

- 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.

In light of the announcement of His Majesty's coronation on Saturday 6 May 2023, an additional bank holiday has been announced on Monday 8 May and school will be closed on this day.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **97.1%**, which is slightly above this time last year (96.5%).

Our class of the week this week is **Yellow** with **100% attendance**. Well done!

Thanks

Mrs Lamb



Wow! You are all working so hard at your Times Tables everyone! Our overall school speed has improved so much in the last few weeks, which shows how hard you've all been working.

We have three new Rockstars this week. Well done to **Aleks C**, **Ruan C** and **Olivia R** for your amazing studio times.

Lots of our Rockstars have now achieved Rock Legend or Rock Hero status too which is so impressive.

Well done!



Orange class have earned the most points across the school this week – you are our 'Mathletes of the week'.

Hollie F, **Toby S** and **Sahib** are our top three scorers – you have all been putting in so much effort – so amazing, well done!

Ms Gasper

Applying for Places

Please apply on time to avoid disappointment. We are currently full with waiting lists in all year groups.

Nursery Application forms for places in September 2023 will be available on the school website and from the office from Friday 13th January 2023
The closing date for applications is 17th March 2023.
Offer letters will be emailed out on 24th March 2023.
The deadline for accepting a place is Friday 28th April.

Reception Applications for September 2023

Applications open: 1 September 2022
Applications close: 15 January 2023
National offer day: 17 April 2023
Further information can be found at
<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place/applying-reception-places>

Parents are able to visit the school on the following dates. Please phone the school office to book a place:

Monday 10th October 9:30 – 10:30am
Monday 17th October 9:30 – 10:30am
Wednesday 19th October 5:00 – 6:00pm
Wednesday 2nd November 2:00 – 3:00pm
Wednesday 9th November 2:00 – 3:00pm
Wednesday 16th November 5:00 – 6:00pm
New: Wednesday 23rd November 2:00 – 3:00pm



Rainbow Wraparound

Please contact us via
wraparound@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk
or for any ad hoc bookings
Rainbow Wraparound: 07926 946 565.



If you don't already, please give us a follow on Twitter.
Our school account is @GosforthPark1st

EMERGENCY CHRISTMAS EVE BAG FOR SANTA AND HIS REINDEER



EMERGENCY CHRISTMAS EVE BAGS

Everything you need
for family fun this Christmas Eve.



- Reindeer food
- Hot chocolate
- Christmas biscuit provided by
'Exclusively Biscuits'
- Create your own tree decoration
- Christmas activity



On sale until 2nd
December via Parent
Pay for £5.



Available to collect
before and after
school in the last week
of term (19th -22nd of
December).



Musician of the half term

ABBA

ABBA is a Swedish pop music group, who had many hits in the 1970s in Stockholm and early 1980s. ABBA was the most commercially successful pop group of the 1970s. The name "ABBA" is made from the first letter of each member's first name:

Agnetha Fältskog

Björn Ulvaeus

Benny Andersson, and

Anni-Frid Lyngstad.

ABBA became very popular after they won the Eurovision Song Contest in 1974. They had many hits. These included "Dancing Queen", "SOS", "Mamma Mia", and "Waterloo".



Watch Now



- What was ABBA's debut single before their success with 'Waterloo'?
- What was ABBA's second UK number 1 single?
- In which year did ABBA break up?
- What is the famous film called that features ABBA's songs?

Track list

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| • <i>Dancing Queen</i> (3:49) | • <i>Waterloo</i> (2:48) |
| • <i>Gimme!</i> (4:52) | • <i>Lay All Your Love On Me</i> (4:32) |
| • <i>Mamma Mia</i> (3:33) | • <i>SOS</i> (3:20) |
| • <i>The Winner Takes It All</i> (4:54) | • <i>Take A Chance On Me</i> (4:03) |
| • <i>Money, Money, Money</i> (3:06) | • <i>Does Your Mother Know</i> (3:13) |

Advanced Notice of Dates 2022-2023

Updates will be added in red

Wednesday 16 th November	KS2 Trip to Beamish
Friday 18 th November	BBC Children in Need – Dress in Spots
Monday 5th December	KS1 Christmas Movie night 3:00 – 4:30
Tuesday 6th December	KS2 Christmas Movie night 3:00 – 4:30
Wednesday 7th December	Reception Christmas Movie night 3:00 – 4:30
Wednesday 14 th December	Nursery Christmas Assembly for Parents 9:30 – 10:00
Thursday 15 th December	Reception – Year 4 Dick Whittington at The Exchange Theatre
Friday 16 th December	Reception Christmas Fun morning 9:00 – 10:30 for parents
Friday 16th December	Children's Christmas Craft Market from 3:00 - 3:30 in classes
Monday 19 th December	Indigo Christmas Assembly for Parents 9:30 – 10:00
Monday 19 th December	Violet Christmas Assembly for Parents 10:45 – 11:15
Monday 19 th December	Blue Christmas Assembly for Parents 2:30 – 3:00
Tuesday 20 th December	Reception Miss Coughlan Christmas Assembly for Parents 10:45 – 11:15
Tuesday 20 th December	Reception Mrs McClurg Christmas Assembly for Parents 2:30 – 3:00
Wednesday 21 st December	Special visitor for the children. Ho, Ho, Ho!
Wednesday 21 st December	School Christmas Lunch – if your child usually has a packed lunch and would like a Christmas Lunch, please book through Parent Pay by 18 th November.
Wednesday 21 st December	Green Christmas Assembly for Parents 9:30 – 10:00
Wednesday 21 st December	Orange Christmas Assembly for Parents 10:45 – 11:15
Wednesday 21 st December	Yellow Christmas Assembly for Parents 2:30 – 3:00
Friday 23 rd December	Training Day
Christmas Holiday	
Monday 9 th January	School reopens
Friday 17 th February	Last Day of Term
February Half Term	
Monday 27 th February	School reopens
Wednesday 22 nd – Friday 24 th March	Year 4 Robinwood
Friday 31 st March	Last Day of Term
Easter Holiday	
Monday 17 th April	School reopens
Monday 17 th April – Friday 28 th April	Year 4 Swimming – to be confirmed
Monday 1 st May	May Bank Holiday
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 25 th May	Last Day of Term
Friday 26 th May	Training Day
May Half Term	
Monday 5 th June	School reopens
Tuesday 27 th June	KS1 Sports Day – parents arrive from 2pm
Wednesday 28 th June	Reception Sports Day – parents arrive from 2pm
Thursday 29 th June	KS2 Sports Day – parents arrive from 2pm
Friday 21 st July	Last Day of Term