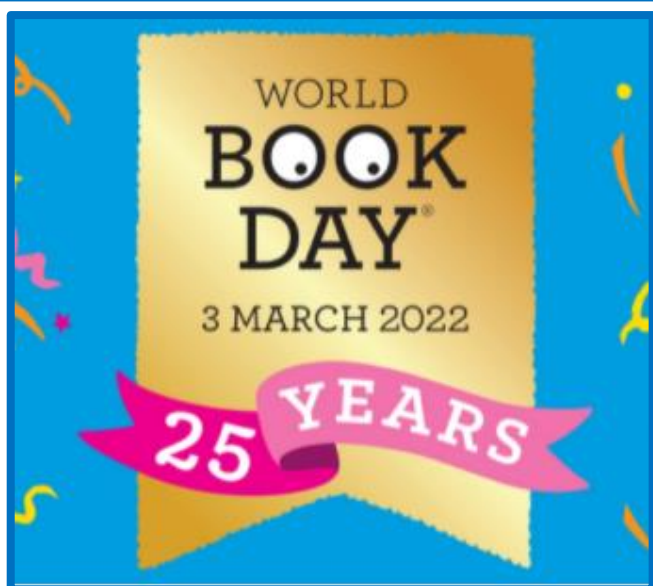




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What a fantastic day we had in school yesterday to celebrate 25 years of World Book Day. The children loved being at school in their pyjamas to share a wonderful array of favourite bedtime stories. We also joined schools across the North East for a virtual author visit from Simon Bertram. He showed us how he writes and illustrates his books and he inspired so many of us to pick up a pencil and paintbrush. I loved the part when he said that imagination and inspiration is like a little bird flying into your head and you have to let it nest there! Thank you so much to Literature Works and the generosity of the PTFA for making these experiences possible. Thank you for all your support,

Mrs Lambert



Thank you Asda!

Thank you so much to our lovely friends at Asda for the new books. Our school councillors enjoyed getting their hands on them first! Can you spot Michelle?!



COVID Update

We are pleased to report we have had no further cases of COVID in school this week. I have attached the most up to date letter that will be sent out from PHE if we have a case in school.

Mrs Lamb

World News

Our thoughts are with all of those suffering in Ukraine at this time.

We have made extra opportunities for children to discuss any worries or concerns they have had this week in classes and have reminded children how to stay safe online and what to do if they see something that upsets or worries them. In school we talk to the children about **Gimme 5** and children count out on their fingers 5 trusted adults who they can talk to in school if they feel worried or upset.

Kalmer Counselling have provided us with some information to help talk about the war which you can find on our website at <http://www.gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk/website/home/80132> in the newsletter section on the front page.

If anyone would like to donate to the aid effort in Ukraine we will be taking items until Friday morning of next week. Aid providers have requested the following...

- toiletries such as soaps, shower gels, shampoo, conditioner, creams and deodorants
- hair brushes
- toothbrushes and toothpaste (adult and children)
- deodorants
- small items for children such as colouring books and crayons, small soft toys or puzzles
- New towels
- New children's and women's pyjamas
- camping mats
- sleeping bags
- protein bars / energy bars
- wound dressing materials
- first aid kits
- warm blankets
- thermals/base layers
- hot water bottles
- insulated flasks
- baby food
- nappies
- sanitary products
- large and medium size backpacks
- male socks
- dry food - rice and pasta

Many thanks, Mrs Lamb

Parent Consultations

We are excited to announce that we will be holding our parent consultation meetings from Nursery to Year 4 during the week beginning 28th March. **Bookings are to be made via School Cloud by Friday 18th March.**

Please visit

<https://gosforthparkfirst.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

to book your appointment. A guide on how to book is attached to your newsletter email.

We are excited to invite you into school to meet your child's class teacher.

We will also be offering a limited number of telephone appointment times for those of you who might find this preferable.

Telephone appointments will be held on the afternoon of Tuesday 29th March and face to face appointments will be held on the evenings of Tuesday 30th and Thursday 31st March. Miss Gaspers Nursery appointments will be held over the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of that week and Miss Coughlan's on the Wednesday and Thursday evening.

Nursery Applications September 2022

If your child turns three before September you can apply for them to join our Nursery. We offer 15 hour or 30 hour places. Application forms and further information can be found on our website. Visits for prospective parents to Nursery will take place after half term. Please e-mail or phone the school office for details and to book your visit.

Nursery application deadline is Friday 18th March.

Holiday Homework Projects

Thank you so much to everyone who has completed a holiday homework project for **Wonder Women (KS1)** and **Romans (KS2)**. Our children never fail to amaze us with their wonderful effort and creativity. Below are a selection of their projects. Well done everyone!



Congratulations!



Huge congratulations to Lucy who was awarded with the Scouts Be Prepared trophy after being chosen as the Beaver of the month.



In the last week of term we will be holding Easter Fun afternoons for the children to raise money for our PTFA, just like the Christmas Movie nights last term. Dates are listed below and we will send more information nearer the time.

Congratulations!



Well done to our Year 3 and Year 4 boys, Thomas W, Luke B and Harry Flinders who played at the Falcons Festival at Kingston Park last Sunday. In the morning they played for their team (Northern Rugby Club Under 9s) in a tournament. They got to make a tunnel of flags for the Falcons team coming out for their match and then played a match themselves over half time in front of over 6000 people! They all had an amazing time and Thomas even scored a try. They are so proud of themselves and we are very proud of them too!

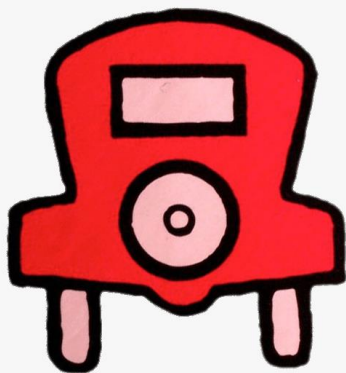


Reception will be holding an extra Easter fun afternoon which parents are invited to attend to complete an Easter egg hunt and do Easter crafts with the children.



Pump up your bike tyres and polish your scooters! It's back, and this time it's bigger and better than ever because the Sustrans Bike to School week has changed to include those of us who walk to school as well. So flex those feet, whether you are on wheels or on foot, and get ready to take part in the Big Walk and Wheel 2022!

Mrs Wells



PARKING

In the interests of safety, please can we remind parents/carers not to park on the double yellow lines/zig-zags in the streets near the schools.

Many thanks

Mrs Lamb



Our Mathletes of the week this week are Orange class – wonderful work everyone! Sahib D, Ava U and Matthew C have been working so hard too – fantastic efforts, well done!



This week I thought we could focus on Effort scores by looking at the number of days you have played on TTRS. Here are our Rockstars!

Blue – Leo T

Indigo – Sahib D

Violet – Hania P (very closely followed by Oliver F)

Green – Marlee D

Orange – Alexander G

Yellow – Sophia B



Well done to Brooke Higgins and Archie Morrison - our Oxford Reading Buddies for this week!

Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **94.9%**. Our class of the week with 98.1% attendance is **Reception Miss Coughlan's Class**. Well done!

Advanced Notice of Dates

Updates will be added in red

Friday 18th February	School Closes for Half Term Holiday
Monday 28th February	School re-opens
Tuesday 8th March	KS2 trip to Vindolanda
Tuesday 8th March	International Womens' Day
Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th March	STEM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)
Friday 18 th March	Red Nose Day/Sports Relief – come in sports kit e.g. football, rugby, judo or your PE kits for sports activities.
Week beginning 21st March	The Big Pedal – cycle or scoot to school as much as you can this week!
Monday 21st March	World Poetry Day
Monday 21st March	KS2 Vivian French author visit “Talking Poetry”
Tuesday 22nd March	KS2 trip to Washington Wetlands
Tuesday 22nd March	Nursery Mothers' Day Assembly
Wednesday 23rd – Friday 25th March	Year 4 to Robinwood Residential
Thursday 24th March	Nursery Mothers' Day Assembly
Tuesday 29th March	Parent Consultations (afternoon phone calls, afterschool appointments)
Thursday 31st March	Parent Consultations (afternoon phone calls, afterschool appointments)
Monday 4th April	2:30 – 4:30 KS2 Easter Fun Afternoon (PTFA)
Tuesday 5th April	2:30 – 4:30 KS1 Easter Fun Afternoon (PTFA)
Wednesday 6th April	2:30 – 4:30 Reception Easter Fun Afternoon (PTFA)
Thursday 7th April	Easter Egg Competition (made in school)
Friday 8th April	KS1 Trip to The Great North Museum
Friday 8th April	2:00 Reception Easter Fun Afternoon with parents
Friday 8th April	Break up for Easter Holiday
Tuesday 10 th May	KS1 trip to Washington Wetlands
Monday 23 rd May – Friday 10 th June	Year 4 Swimming – every afternoon