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Parent Consultations

Dear Parents

Thank you so much for attending your appointment either in person or over the phone this week. We had a fantastic turn out and we hope you enjoyed looking at the children's work. They have been working really hard and we are so proud of them all!

This afternoon we have sent home a parent survey with the children. We'd be really grateful if you could complete these and return them to school by Friday 11th November.

We will also be handing out Wraparound surveys to parents next week. Please return these by Monday 18th November.

Free School Meals

The local authority have announced that families who are entitled to receive free school meals will once again receive supermarket vouchers to cover the two week Christmas holiday and February half term. We are also delighted to announce that this has increased from £15 per child per week to £20 per child per week.

If you think you might be eligible, please apply online. We will also provide a free school jumper to anyone who has a successful application.

Please apply online here

https://www.newcastlelea.org/CitizenPortal_LI/VE/en

Thanks

Mrs Lamb

Monkey Bars



All classes from Reception to Year 4 have now had their first turn on the new monkey bars.

KS1 and KS2 came up with some fantastic rules in assembly to keep everyone safe.

- one person at a time
- be patient
- don't climb on top
- only hang with your hands
- land on your feet and bend your knees
- don't stand underneath
- an adult must be nearby

If the field is dry enough and children are playing on the trim trail before and after school they must be closely supervised.

Thanks

Mr Lamb

Sickness

Unfortunately, the sickness bug is doing the rounds in school at the moment, affecting both pupils and staff.

Please remember if your child has had sickness or diarrhoea they must stay at home for 48 hours after their last episode to avoid spreading the illness.

Thanks



PTFA AGM

The AGM has been arranged for Tuesday 8th November from 6:15 – 7:15 in the school hall. All of our parents are welcome to attend this meeting. It's a great chance to get to know other parents and support school. All money raised by the PTFA is spent on resources and opportunities for the children.



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



Well done to Heidi who has received her ballet rosette for wine level theatre award. Heidi also received an award for the Queen's jubilee.



Healthy School



When biking to school, the damper days can mean that our bikes get covered in dirt and debris more easily. This can lead to quicker wear and tear and cause damage. Sustrans have some good advice on how to clean and maintain your bike, which can make your bike quicker and smoother to ride to school in the morning. Find out more by going to sustrans.org.uk and searching, "How to clean your bike".

Mrs Wells

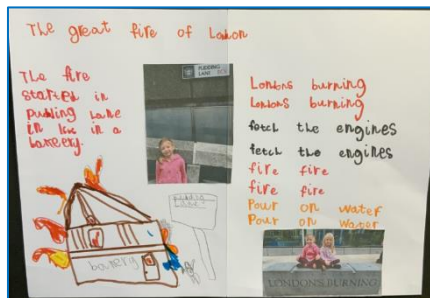
Holiday Homework Projects

Thank you so much for your fantastic holiday homework projects!

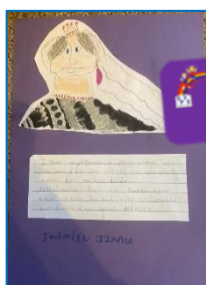
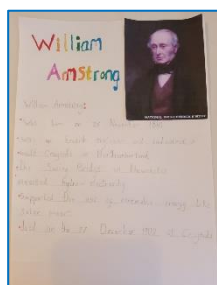
We love to present our projects to our classmates and share all of our wonderful knowledge. Have a look at a selection of our homework below:



Creativity



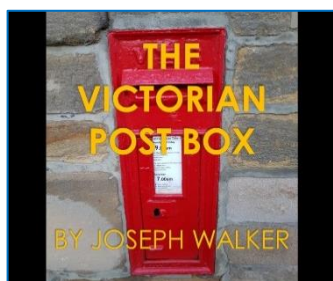
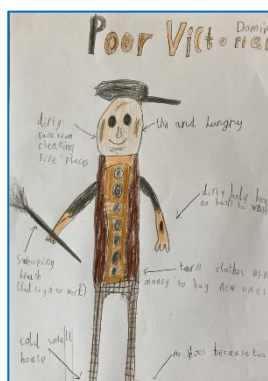
Confidence



Challenge



Victorians



BY JOSEPH WALKER

Community



What Newcastle upon Tyne looked like in Victorian Times



There is still time to complete your project and bring it into school or post it on Seesaw.

Thank you for all of your hard work!

Mr Hindess

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	

The children really seem to have shot up over the half term holiday! If anyone needs uniform in a larger size, please use our preloved service.

We are particularly in need of cardigans.

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.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **96.7%**, which is slightly above this time last year (96.5%).

Our classes of the week this week are **Reception Miss Coughlan** with **98.3%**, **Yellow Class** with **98%** and **Green Class** with **98%** attendance. Well done!

Thanks

Mrs Lamb



We've decided to look at effort levels this week on Times Table Rockstars. The more games you play in any Game Mode will earn you more coins. Most games will earn you one coin per question, though Soundcheck will earn you five points per correct answer and in Garage mode you get 10 coins per question. The number of coins you've earned can show us how much effort you've been putting in! So here are our top coin earners:

- Hania P
- Megan F
- Ruan C
- Alexander T
- Joel W
- Sahib S-D

You should all be so proud of your efforts – we are!



Yellow class have been putting in lots of effort in Mathletics this week and so are our 'Mathletes of the Week' – wonderful work everyone!

Well done to Marlee D, Darcy C and Mais E - you have gained the most points in school. You are our Mathletics superstars!

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

Christmas!

Time flies when you're having fun! I can't believe we're in to November already and planning for our Christmas activities. PTFA are once again making Emergency Christmas Eve packs, which were very popular last year. Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter for details about how to order.

We will be announcing details of our Christmas Movie nights next week and dates for Christmas shows are in the dates for your diary section below. Santa is booked for a surprise visit and details about Christmas Lunch have been sent out via Parent Pay.



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).

Advanced Notice of Dates 2022-2023

Updates will be added in red

October Half Term	
Tuesday 8th November	PTFA AGM School Hall from 6:15 – 7:15
Wednesday 16 th November	KS2 Trip to Beamish
Friday 18th November	BBC Children in Need – Dress in Spots
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
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
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