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Dates for your



Advanced Notice of Dates

Please see below some upcoming dates for your diary. We are excited to be planning in some very exciting experiences for our children. We will be adding more events and details over the coming weeks and will add this in red so you can see what is new.

Teacher Training Day

Please note that we have a teacher training day on **Friday 28th January**.

There will be no school or Rainbow Wraparound provision on this day.

Attendance

Our new attendance officer, Clare Gardner, has been working in school with Mrs Boon over the last term to monitor attendance. Clare is available to support families with attendance and punctuality and will be contacting some families to offer support. If you would like to request any support from Clare, please contact Mrs Boon at the school office.

Covid-19 Update

We are continuing with our current Covid-19 protective measures which have been reviewed in consultation with Newcastle Public Health.

Although we know that with the new variant symptoms are much milder, we have had an increase in cases this week and are keeping the following restrictions in place to limit transmission and disruption to learning in school.

- Staff will be wearing face coverings in corridors and communal areas, including on the doors when greeting children in the morning
- We will be limiting the mixing of children within school and therefore;
 - ✓ Children will be separated into 'bubbles' on the playground
 - ✓ Non-essential lunchtime and after school clubs will be paused
 - ✓ Children will remain with their own classes for lessons and assemblies
 - ✓ Assemblies will be virtual
 - ✓ Children attending Rainbow Wraparound will be separated into 'bubbles' and spaced out in a large, well-ventilated area
 - ✓ Children in KS1 and KS2 will be seated in forward facing rows
 - ✓ Additional hand sanitising / hand washing for children throughout the school day

If your child is absent from school for COVID-19 related reasons, and they are well enough to work, we are setting work via Tapestry (EYFS) and Seesaw.

Nursery Applications

Nursery Applications for September 2022 are now available on the school website or from the school office.

Year 4 Swimming



We are excited that our Year 4 swimming will be resuming later this year. Unlike previous years when the children have gone every week for a single session, the pool are now running blocks of sessions for schools. We will start on **Monday 23rd May** and go each afternoon **until Friday 10th June** (9 sessions in total).

Lessons will be from 1:30 – 2:45pm. Children will be walking to and from the pool and we are looking for volunteers to walk with us. If you can help by walking up to the pool, leaving school at 12:55 and then back again, leaving the pool at 3:00 we would be very grateful. Please contact the school office if you can help on any (or all) of the above dates.

Mrs Lamb



Please try and keep to the left when entering and leaving the school site to help with congestion.

Many thanks

Mrs Lamb

Smart Scoot



Year 3 have had a brilliant time learning how to be safe while using their scooters! Thank you to the Newcastle Council Road Safety team for their fun and engaging sessions!



Please remember not to use your mobile device on site. If you need to use your phone in an emergency, please do so beyond the school gates.

Many thanks

Mrs Lamb



Young Scientists

On Monday we were very excited to welcome the **Newcastle University STEM Outreach Team** to Gosforth Park. They held their 'Young Scientist' sessions with each of our Key Stage 2 classes.



Gosforth Park would like to thank Newcastle University for this opportunity. You have definitely inspired lots of budding young scientists! We hope you can come back again soon.

Miss Pope (Science Lead)

PTFA Meeting

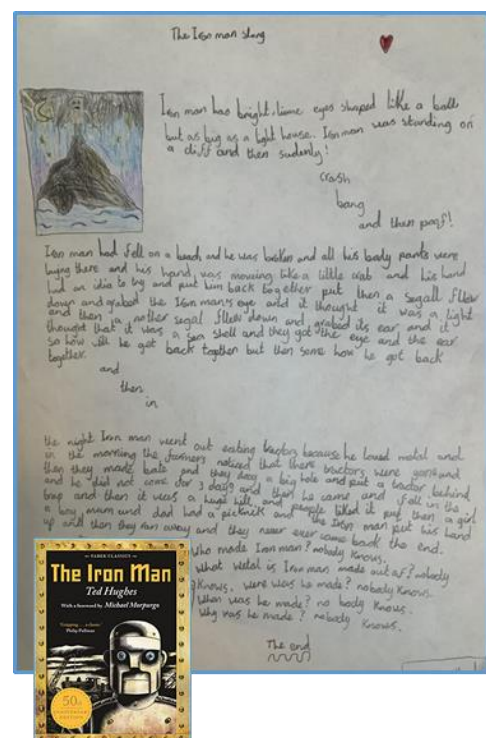


Our next Parents, Teachers and Friends Association meeting is on **Wednesday 26th January from 6:15 – 7:15pm**. All of our parents are welcome to attend this meeting where we will be discussing fundraising opportunities for the Spring term.

It's a great chance to get to know other parents and support school!

Look at our fantastic work!

Kirrat in **Indigo Class** has been so inspired by her work on the Iron Man this week that she has written this incredible character description independently at home! Amazing work Kirrat- Mrs Easdon and everyone at Gosforth Park is very impressed!



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

If anyone has any pre-loved polo shirts or cardigans that they can donate, **size 9/10**, we would be very grateful. These can be dropped off at Kate's or at school.

PRE-LOVED ITEMS ON SALE	PRICE
OFFICIAL SCHOOL JUMPERS	£2.50
OFFICIAL SCHOOL CARIGANS	£2.50
OFFICIAL SCHOOL POLOS	£1.50
GIRLS CHECKED DRESSES	£1.50
GREY PINAFORES	£1.50
GREY SKIRTS	£0.50
GREY GIRLS SOFT TROUSERS	£0.50
SCHOOL BAG (NEW STYLE)	£2.50
SCHOOL BAG (OLD STYLE)	£1.50
OFFICIAL PE T-SHIRT/SHORTS	£0.50

Items can be dropped off at any time in bags to the door of 6 Burnside road NE3 2DU – No need to knock. Text Kate on 07947846974 to arrange a collection. When dropping off pre-loved clothes, please make sure that they have been washed.

Huge thanks to Mrs Watkins for providing this service.

Mrs Lamb

Attendance

Whole school attendance so far this academic year is 94.9%.

Our Class of the week is **Orange Class** with 97.5% attendance. Well done!



Amazing work **Yellow class**, you are our 'Mathletes of the Week'

Well done to **Immie G**, **Elsie G** and **Ava U** for all your wonderful efforts on Mathletics this week.



This week I looked the top effort scores on Times Table Rockstars for each class

Here they are:

Blue class – Leo Tomlinson

Indigo class – Sahib Singh Dhaliwal

Violet class – Hania Pervez

Yellow class – Sophia Bull

Orange class – Francesca Davison

Green class – Evie Thompson



Our class with the top engagement this week is **Yellow Class** with an amazing 70%! Well done!

Our reading buddies are **Lucy M** in **Yellow Class** and **Alexander G** in **Orange Class**.

Super reading - keep it up!

Mrs Lambert

Advanced Notice of Dates

Updates will be added in red

Wednesday 26th January	KS1 Vivian French virtual author visit - "Talking and Writing inspiration"
Friday 28th January	Training Day School and Wraparound Closed
Tuesday 1 st February	Chinese New Year
Friday 4th February	NSPCC Number Day
Monday 7th February	Visitor in school Online Safety sessions for all classes
Tuesday 8th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 15 th February	Violet Class to El Torero – Spanish Food Tasting
Wednesday 16 th February	Blue Class to El Torero – Spanish Food Tasting
Thursday 17 th February	Indigo Class to El Torero – Spanish Food Tasting
Friday 18th February	School Closes for Half Term Holiday
Monday 28th February	School re-opens
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day – Best Bedtime Books – wear your PJs and bring a book!
Thursday 3rd March	Simon Bartram author visit all year groups
Tuesday 8th March	KS2 trip to Vindolanda
Tuesday 8th March	International Women's 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 s 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
Wednesday 23rd – Friday 25th March	Year 4 to Robinwood Residential
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