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Thank you!

Thank you so much for your very generous donations. There is still time if you'd like to drop off any goods for the People's Kitchen on Monday morning. Your donations are being collected on Monday 17th October.



Poppies will be available from Monday 17th October and after half term. The stick on poppies will be taken around classes each afternoon if parents would like to send in any donations. We also have a small number of the metal pin badge poppies if any parents or carers will like to pop in to the office and donate for one of these.

Many thanks

Mrs Lamb

October Half Term

We break up for half term on **Friday 21st October**, returning on **Tuesday 1st November**. Monday 31st October 2022 is a Training Day.

Parent Consultations

Remember to book your Parent Consultation appointment. **Bookings opened on Tuesday 11th October at 8am** and are to be made via School Cloud **by Wednesday 19th October at 4pm**. Please visit

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

to book your appointment.

Telephone appointments will be held on the afternoon of **Tuesday 1st November** and face to face appointments will be held on the evenings of **Tuesday 1st** and **Thursday 3rd November**. Miss Gasper will be arranging Nursery appointments after half term

Flu Sniff



For anyone who missed the link to book for the in-school flu vaccination which was held on Tuesday this week, the NHS have reopened the link which parents can use to give permission. Depending on numbers, the nurses will either arrange another visit to school or offer a clinic appointment. Our school code is NB108442.

Parking



Please remember to park considerately in the streets surrounding school. We have been told that GPFS parents have been parking on double Yellow lines on Broadway East. Please park responsibly and keep our community safe.

Clubs Autumn 2

Following on from our wonderful school council surveying their classes to find out what clubs their class mates would like on offer, children have the chance to join a variety of clubs after half term should they wish to do so.

Places are limited but we will try to ensure that every child who wants to be involved can take part in at least one club of his/her choice. If we cannot allocate every child a club this time, they will be placed on a waiting list and will have a turn in the following Spring half term.

To help us allocate places please help your child to complete the form below by Friday 21st October. All children will be notified as to which club they have been allocated after half term.

<https://forms.office.com/r/TXJ539eF9k>

Reception Clubs



EYFS Art Club with Mrs Armstrong
Thursday lunchtime



EYFS Baking with Miss Coughlan
Tuesday lunchtime



EYFS Singing with Mrs McClurg
Friday lunchtime

KS1 Clubs



KS1 Recorders with Mrs Lambert
Monday lunchtime



KS1 Art with Mrs Easdon Tuesday
lunchtime



KS1 Dancing with Mrs Wells
Thursday lunchtime



KS1 Board Games with Miss
Gasper Tuesday lunchtime



KS1 Science/Eco-Warriors with
Miss Pope Thursday lunchtime

KS2 Clubs



KS2 Drama Club with Mr
Hindess Monday lunchtime



KS2 Times Table Rock Stars with
Mr Patterson Wednesday lunchtime



KS2 Tag Rugby Club with Miss
Walsh Thursday lunchtime



KS2 Choir Club with Miss Bell
Thursday lunchtime



KS2 Board Games Club Mrs
Lamb Friday lunchtime



KS1 Zero Waste STEM Challenge 2

On Tuesday in KS1 we tested our own recycled paper from last week. It felt thicker and rougher than normal paper. Then we had a go at sorting objects made of metal, which can be recycled. We made different inventions using magnets to try and sort the paper clips from the tin foil pieces.

We can't wait for our final workshop next week!

Miss Pope



Bookings are open on School Cloud each month from the 10th – 20th. Please ensure all block bookings are made/requested before the booking window closes. We cannot guarantee any block bookings after this date, we will however still consider ad-hoc bookings on an individual basis. If you require an ad-hoc booking, please either call or text the wraparound phone number (07926946565) as the emails are not monitored throughout the day.

Late pickups

If you are going to be late to collect your child, please call the wraparound mobile and let a member of staff know as soon as possible as this can affect our staff/pupil ratios and may mean that one or more members of staff cannot leave at their normal finish time. This unfortunately also means that you will incur late fees, as we will be required to cover the staff overtime costs. The fees are as follows;

£5 for every 15 minutes late after 5 o'clock
(i.e. collect between 17:01 and 17:15 £5 fee/Collect between 17:16 – 17:30 £10 fee)
£10 for every 15 minutes late after 6 o'clock
(collect between 18:01 – 18:15 £10 fee /
Collect between 18:16 – 18:30 £20 fee)

Thanks

Mrs Carrick

Congratulations!

Summer Reading Challenge 2022
GADGETEERS

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.



Well done to Patrick and Joseph in Orange class who completed the Summer Reading Challenge. The boys enjoyed the party in Gosforth Library that was held to celebrate the end of the challenge! Ice cream and toppings all round!

A huge well done to all of our children who completed the **Junior Great North Run**. The children all came out in assembly on Monday for a special round of applause and those who had them showed off their medals.



Well done to Sophia in Violet Class who raised £160 for the Alzheimer's society.



Healthy School



One thing it can still be difficult to do post pandemic is to arrange dental appointments and we still need to be organised to book well in advance to do so, especially as it is advised that children should visit the dentist every 6 months. The website

<https://teethteam.org.uk/> has some great information and resources for parents and children on dental health. If you click on the links for 'kids', there are resources at the bottom of the page such as dental health games, top tips, fact sheets and a tooth brushing chart if your child is not so keen to brush twice a day.

Mrs Wells



This week Year 4 have had so much fun completing their Bikeability Level 1 course. They really enjoyed preparing for cycling on the road by developing their cycling handling. They learnt how to indicate a turn in the road, assessed the safety of their bike and changed the gears on their bike to assess the resistance.

"I liked the fast stop, you go really fast and the instructor says to stop when you don't expect it!"- **Lucy Watkins**

"I liked learning the signalling when we put our arms out to the side"- **Erin Hunter**

Geography Skills and Fieldwork with Mr H

On Monday, Key Stage 2 enjoyed a day of Geography skills and fieldwork. We were introduced to 4-figure grid references and OS maps through an exciting orienteering activity around our local area. A big thank you to Mr H for organising this experience! Mr H will be back in November for his after school clubs (see below)



After School Club



Follow us on Facebook
[@mrhoutdoorexperiences](https://www.facebook.com/mrhoutdoorexperiences)

Mr H is BACK in Gosforth Park First School in November 2021 Mr H will be providing 2 nights of after school club in November for KS1 and KS2 children.



- * Tuesdays are KS1 and Wednesdays are for KS2 children. *There is no Wednesday 9th November club session, it will be 30th November.
- * The cost is £25 for the 4 weeks in total
- * Clubs are from school finishing time to 5pm
- * Children will complete activities such as: orienteering, lighting fires, cooking on fires, clay puppet shows, making clay pots, archery, tug'o'war, bug hunts, art in the environment, discovering the natural environment, and traditional outdoor games.
- * **Contact—mrhoutdoorexperiences@yahoo.com for a place on the club and to receive payment details.**
Please provide your child's name and year group



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.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **97.8%** which is up on this time last year (97%).

Our classes of the week this week are **Violet Class** with **99.4%** and **Orange Class** with **98.1%** attendance. Well done!

Our exceptional circumstance request forms have changed. For anyone requesting a leave of absence there is a new form to be filled in. As well as returning the form you will be required to meet with me or Mr Hindess. Please make sure any requests are on the correct form which can be obtained as a hard or electronic copy from the office.

Thanks

Mrs Lamb



Last week, Ms Gasper relaunched **Timetables Rockstars** during celebration assembly. Each week we will be inviting the children who have the fastest times to join our Gosforth Park rock band! **Megan F** and **Hania P** have already achieved Rock Star status. Well done girls!



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

Middle School Applications for September 2023

Applications open: 1 September 2022

Applications close: 31 October 2022

National Offer Day: 01 March 2023

Further information can be found at

<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place/applying-transfer-places>

Year 4 parents should have all received a letter via Parent Pay from Mr Stout on Thursday inviting you to an open evening at GEMS on Wednesday 12th October 2022 at 6.00pm.

Mrs Lamb



PTFA Meeting

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.



The school photographer will be in on Wednesday 2nd November to take photos of individuals and siblings. These make lovely Christmas gifts for relatives. Class photos will be taken in the Summer Term.



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

Advanced Notice of Dates 2022-2023

Updates will be added in red

Monday 17 th October	Harvest Festival Donations to school on or before this date please.
Friday 21 st October	Reception Halloween Fun Morning 9:00 – 10:30 for parents
Friday 21 st October	Last Day of Term
October Half Term	
Monday 31 st October	Training Day
Tuesday 1 st November	Parent consultations: afternoon phone calls and face to face appointments after school
Wednesday 2 nd November	School Photographer – individuals and sibling groups
Thursday 3 rd November	Parent consultations: face to face appointments after school
Wednesday 16 th November	KS2 Trip to Beamish
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	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	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