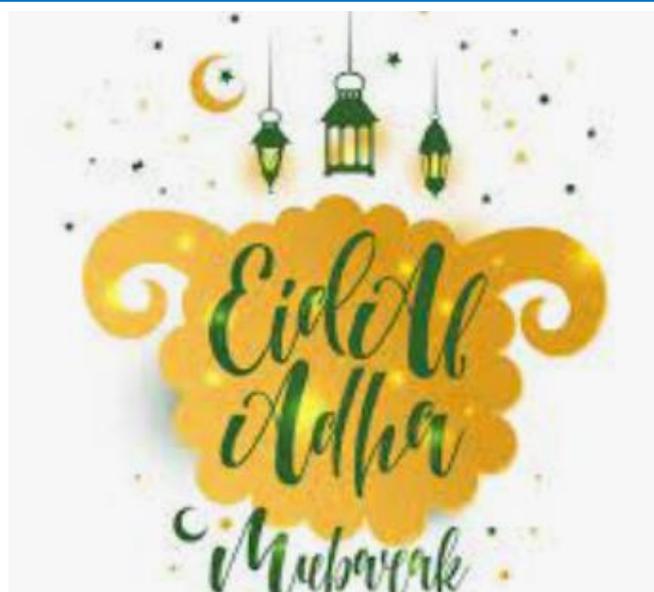




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To our families who will be celebrating next week, we would like to send you warm wishes on Eid, wishing that it brings joys and happiness.

If your child will not be in school on Tuesday, please let the school office know so we don't interrupt your celebrations with a phone call.

Mrs Lamb



School Reports

School reports will be sent home with the children today (16th July). If you require an extra copy for different households, please let the school office know.

You will also have the opportunity to discuss reports with your child's class teacher over the phone during the final week of term. If you wish to do so, please contact the office. We are so proud of all of our children for what they have achieved this year!

Thanks

Mrs Lamb

Year 4 Leavers

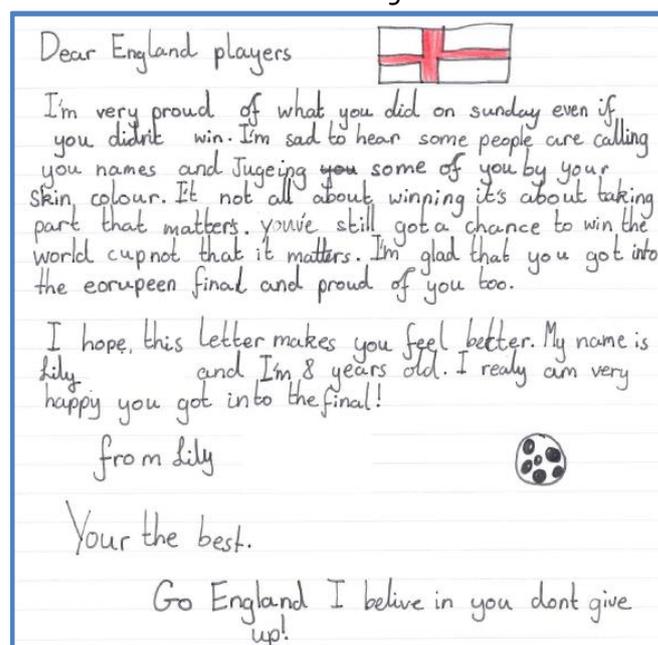
Huge thanks to Mr H and all of the staff who helped out with Year 4s onsite residential yesterday. The children had an absolutely amazing time!

Unfortunately, the leavers' video isn't quite ready to share today, but we will get it to you as soon as possible next week!

Well done England!

Although many of us were feeling a bit sad and disappointed on Monday morning after England's defeat, the children have talked in assembly and in class about how proud we are of the England team. We also discussed the disgraceful abuse that some of the players faced after the match based on the colour of their skin. Some of our Key Stage 2 children wrote letters to the players.

Aren't our children amazing?!



Dates for your Diary

- Friday 23rd July Last Day



Summer Reading Challenge 2021!

This year's "Wild World Heroes" themed reading challenge is delivered in partnership with WWF. This annual reading for pleasure programme reaches over 700,000 children across the UK each year, keeping them reading throughout the summer with incentives and fun activities.

'Our libraries will be open to everyone, and we will encourage all families to visit a library and enter the wonderful world of books. Reading accelerates language development and will help young people realise their potential in the classroom.' Newcastle City Library Service

You don't have to wait until the summer holidays - you can get started straight away by logging in

to: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Happy reading!

Mrs Lambert



Year 4 Shirt Signing

On Thursday 22nd July, Year 4 will be invited to bring their school jumper or t-shirt to be signed by their peers and teachers. The children look forward to this event and love to keep their old t-shirt as a reminder of their time at Gosforth Park.

If you would like your child to take part, please:

- Send them to school with a spare t-shirt or jumper (not the one that they are wearing) in a named bag.
- Bring in a suitable pen.

Year 4 children will then be given time outside to sign each other's shirts.

Due to our Covid-19 risk assessment, children will not be allowed to walk around school asking for staff to sign their t-shirts. Instead, staff will sign shirts outside at a distance.

Mr Hindess

Staff Training Days

Staff Training Days for GST schools next year will be

- Monday 6th September
- Monday 1st November
- Friday 28th January

Additionally, there is one less teaching day in the calendar for next academic year because of the additional bank holiday (which falls in May half term). Ordinarily, schools are allowed to take three calendar days as training days. Next year, schools are allowed to take four days from the school calendar rather than the usual three. GST have agreed to take this day on **Monday 6th June 2022.**

Please see the attached school calendar.



The Youth Sport Trust have some fantastic resources for staying active this summer. Created as part of an Active Recovery Hub, aimed at boosting the health and well-being of children and young people following Covid 19, it has activities than can be utilised all throughout the Summer and beyond. You can click on the Free Resource link to visit the hub and have a browse at the activities or for an even quicker peek, scroll down to the bottom of the page for instant links to garden games, active board games and other games where you can use household items or toys as substitutes for sports equipment. There's also an after school club where you can join in with videos in the house, useful in the event of needing to isolate. Find out more on the link below.

<https://www.youthsporttrust.org/resources/coronavirus-support/active-recovery-hub>



Congratulations to Matthew Lazenby who got invested as a Cub this week!

Congratulations to Dax Farrer. At the weekend he won his karting race and picked up his karting championship trophy for the 2020 season of Hooton Park IKR.



Congratulations to Isabel Gent who has received her Blue Peter Badge this week!

Uniform September 2021

Mrs Watkins, one of our lovely parents and PTFA members takes in items which are no longer needed and re-sells at a very reasonable price. All funds come back to school to be spent on playground equipment for the children. This is a brilliant way to reduce, reuse, recycle and to save money to spend on other things over the summer. Text Kate on 07947846974 to arrange drop off or collection.

Items can be dropped off in bags to the door of 6 Burnside road NE3 2DU

- Jumpers/cardigans £2.50
- Polo shirts £1.50
- Pinafores £1.50
- Checked dresses £1.50
- Skirts/short/trousers 50p

When dropping off pre-loved clothes, please make sure that they have been washed. Please also note that we are unable to take red items that are marked with pen.

Bookbags from September

As space in school is limited, please only send children with book bags in September. We do not have space to store 30 large back packs in each cloakroom/classroom. Bookbags will only be required on Mondays and Fridays.

Thank you
Mrs Lamb



Sahib Singh Dhaliwal, Elisaveta Miladinova and Kunal Arora have earned our top scores this week – wonderful work everyone! Yellow class are our Mathletes of the Week, with Violet class very close behind.



Jemima Bond, Elizabeth Muldoon-Smith, Isabel Gent still have our fastest studio speeds - all with superb times. Well done everyone for your brilliant times table work!

Ms Gasper



Well done to Jacob Mancini in Yellow Class who is our Oxford Reading Buddy this week.

COVID Results

If you are waiting for and receive COVID results over the weekend, please email the admin inbox, whether positive or negative, as soon as you receive your result. The admin inbox is monitored over the weekend so that we can notify any close contacts as soon as possible.

admin@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk

Many thanks

Mrs Lamb



Think COVID first

If you or your child are unwell and have any of the following symptoms please do not send them to school. Think COVID first and book a test.

- A new or continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A change or loss in taste or smell

COVID-19

Guidance Change

PCR Testing for all Close Contacts

Individuals who have been in contact with someone who has tested positive are now advised to access a free PCR test at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119 (free of charge).

Public Health teams from Newcastle City Council and Public Health England are working to detect further cases of COVID-19, limit its onward spread and reduce the impact it may have on local communities. We would therefore advise that schools inform any close contacts of a positive case to take a PCR test before the end of their period of self-isolation. They should do this even if they have returned a negative Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test during the period of their self-isolation.

This additional testing will help to reduce any possible transmission within the school. This highly precautionary approach will allow us to detect any additional cases within the wider community and reduce possible transmission.

In line with national guidance anyone identified as a close contact must stay at home and self-isolate for 10 full days. In this time, they must not go to school/work or to public areas: they must remain at home and must not mix with anyone outside of their household.

If a negative test is recorded, then the close contacts will be able to return to school **only when their full period of self-isolation is complete.**

If the PCR test result is positive, the whole household must self-isolate and follow the advice of NHS Test and Trace. If any close contact should develop symptoms during their self-isolation period they should take another PCR test and isolate with their household until the results are known.