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Today we celebrated Mrs Clarke's long service at Gosforth Park First School as she put on and took off her chef's whites for the last time. Mrs Clarke has fed thousands of Gosforth children during her 38 years at both Gosforth Park First School and Broadway East First School.

Mrs Clarke sat with the children for lunch today while staff served lunch and then enjoyed a coffee afternoon with family and colleagues.

Mrs Clarke has exciting plans to travel and enjoy some winter sunshine and has promised us all she will pop back and see us nearer Christmas.

From the bottom of our hearts Mrs Clarke, thank you so, so much.

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.

Monkey Bars

We are delighted that our new monkey bars have been added to the trim trail today. We will be speaking to the children about the new addition after half term. Starting with Year 4, all of the children will be spoken to in assembly about how to use them safely and we will then make sure each class has time to play on them.



Parent Consultations

Thank you for booking your Parent Consultation appointments. We look forward to welcoming you all into school to meet your child's teacher and to share your child's work in their exercise books.

Please arrive promptly for your appointment time. Mrs Lamb and Mr Hindess will welcome you and invite you into school.

EYFS – EYFS doors

KS1 – first set of red doors

KS2 – second set of red doors

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**.

Mrs Lamb



PTFA Cake Sale

Come along and treat yourself and family at our delicious cake sale.

Friday 4th November at school pick up.

Nut free cake donations very welcome and to be taken to the office on Thursday 3rd or Friday 4th.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope to see you there.



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

Topics and Holiday Research Projects

Our topics for next half term are:

Early Years –

What a Wonderful World



What a Wonderful World exposes our children to the world beyond their doorstep through a rich curriculum of stories and experiences from other cultures. Children explain similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and maps.

KS1 –

Fire, Fire!



Children in Key Stage One are introduced to the historical concept of cause and consequence through learning about the Great Fire of London. We explore reasons why the fire occurred, changes between London in 1666 and the modern day and the compare this significant event to the local 'Great Fire' of Newcastle and Gateshead.

KS2 –

Victorians



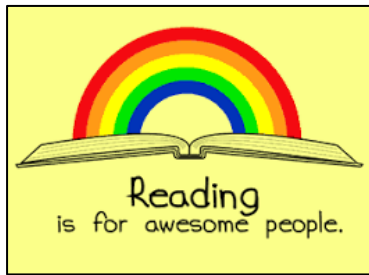
Key Stage Two are transported back in time to Victorian Britain to learn about this significant time period and its impact within our locality. Children will be interpreting historical evidence, visiting Beamish Museum, designing William Morris prints and taking a closer look at what life was like for Victorian children.

Please see the attached Topic Webs below for more information about what your children will be learning across all of our curriculum areas.

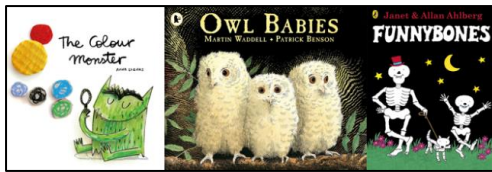
P.S. We are currently updating our curriculum pages on the school website to showcase all of the wonderful work happening at Gosforth Park – please take a look!

Mr Hindess

Reading at Gosforth Park



We love reading at Gosforth Park First School and have enjoyed some wonderful books this half term.

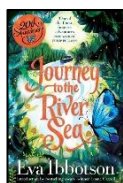


Reception have really enjoyed exploring their feelings with the Colour Monster, discussing families in Owl Babies and they got into the spooky season early this year with Funnybones!



KS1 have absolutely loved their Pirate topic and the fabulous books to match. We sailed away on an adventure with The Night Pirates, discovered some amazing facts in Meet the Pirates and re-told the fabulously funny story of Pirates Love Underpants!

In KS2, we have used local poet, Rowan McGabe's 'Ode to a Seaside Town' to write poetry about our favourite places. Indigo class have been reading Charlotte's Web, and composed persuasive letters to save Wilbur. Violet and Blue class have been reading 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson, and have been writing narratives and creating character profiles. Well done KS2!



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!



Well done to Jasmine in Mrs Easdon's class for completing the Summer Reading challenge - she is now an official gadgeteer with a certificate and medal!

The Summer Reading challenge is now officially closed but all the books that children read and enjoyed have been put into a book sorter. You can choose the type of books you're after and get recommendations from children your age. Check it out here!

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/book-sorter>



Healthy School

Get active, engage with nature and embrace autumn this half term by downloading the Room on the Broom Autumn activity sheets provided by Forestry England. From scavenger hunts to crafty activities, they are an engaging way to enhance any walk in the woods, bringing the sights, sounds and smells to life. Find out more at

<https://www.forestryengland.uk/family-activity/autumn-activity-sheets-room-the-broom>

Mrs Wells



KS1 Zero Waste STEM Challenge

For our last part of the challenge KS1 created a liquid tower, using our knowledge of density to help layer the liquids on top of each other. We then predicted whether items would sink or float in the different layers. We've had great fun over the last few weeks exploring materials and waste!



Miss Pope

OCTOBER 25TH
HALLOWEEN

FAMILY FUN DAY



11AM - 1PM

ARTS AND CRAFTS | ACTIVITIES

FREE PACKED LUNCH PROVIDED

Fawdon Community Centre, Fawdon Park Road,
Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 2PL

To book a space, please contact:
0191 277 7800



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

Huge thanks to Natasha Davey who has volunteered to take on this role from Easter.

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 **97.6%** which is up on this time last year (96.5%).

Our classes of the week this week are **Violet Class** with **98.6%** and **Yellow Class** with **97.3%** attendance. Well done!

Thanks

Mrs Lamb



Last week in assembly we were thrilled to have two more Rock Stars – Benjamin B and Sahib S-D to join our GPFS rock band! I am so excited to see how many children have been enjoying using Times Table Rockstars this week – and it is already paying off! Well done to Leo S for becoming a Rock Legend, and William C, Alexander T and Sophia B are all Rock Stars. You've all improved your speed so much in such a short space of time – we are all so impressed!



Orange class have been working super hard on Mathletics this week and so are our 'Mathletes of the Week' – amazing work everyone! Sahib S-D, Alanna T and Elsie G have gained the most points across our whole school which is absolutely incredible – well done!

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>

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

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
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	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