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Building Update

Dear Parents

The building and refurbishment work is running ahead of the expected timeline and so we expect to take possession of the old BEFS site over the Easter Holiday, moving KS2, Wraparound, and all offices/staff facilities in to the newly refurbished part of the building and Miss Pope's class to one of the upstairs classrooms. After Easter, the building team will then move on to this side of school from the hall, down to and including Miss Pope's classroom to complete the refurbishment.

We therefore need to begin the detailed planning of moving in readiness for the summer term. In order to facilitate the huge task of decanting and setting up the new school areas and to minimise any further disruption to the children and their learning, we are going to be **closed to pupils on Monday 15th April (first day of summer term) and there will be no Wraparound provision on this day.**

School will reopen to children on Tuesday 16th April.

The Governing Body, as the school's admissions authority, have agreed to closing school on this day to ensure that we can manage the process safely when children are not on site.

We apologise for the inconvenience and short notice and thank you for your understanding.

Many thanks
Mrs Lamb

VINDOLANDA
CHARITABLE TRUST

KS2 Trip to Vindolanda and Roman Army Museum

Thursday 14th March

Today we have sent information via ParentPay about our exciting KS2 trip to Vindolanda Fort and Roman Army Museum. Please give consent via ParentPay. Thank you for your continued support KS2 Team.

Year 4 Multiplication Check

Thank you to the Year 4 parents and carers who came to the meeting on Wednesday about the Y4 Multiplication Tables Check. It was lovely to see you and hopefully we answered any questions you had about the upcoming check.

Miss Pope, Mr Patterson and Miss Bell



FRIDAY 15 MARCH

Next Friday, 15th March is Comic Relief's Red Nose Day. To raise money to help people who need it the most across the UK and around the world we are asking the children to come to school in their own clothes and to make a donation on Parent Pay. There will be fun activities for the children to do in school too.

Building Update



Blue Class – look at the beautiful ceiling!



Year 4 cloakroom – can you spot the benches being stored in Blue Class above?



Who can you spot behind the toilet doors!

Building Update



The community room/KS2 practical room – kitchen going in soon!



Reception – ready for the new reception desk and window.



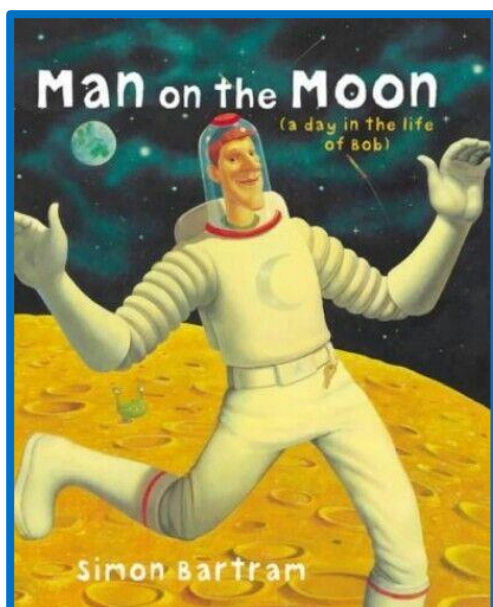
Looking out into the new entrance lobby.

WORLD BOOK DAY®

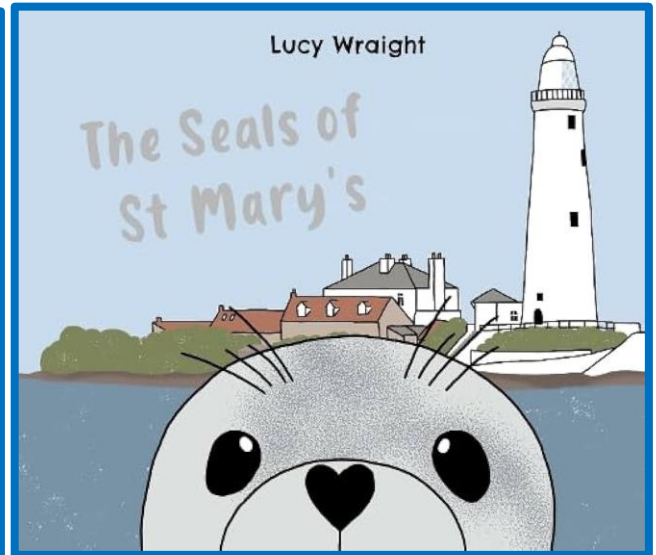
7 MARCH 2024

We have had the most amazing fun filled day to celebrate World Book day.

We started off with a school story time, children loved choosing a story to listen to and going to a different classroom!



We all drew aliens in our Virtual author visit with Simon Bartram and heard about the inspiration behind his book – The Man on the Moon.



We were delighted to welcome local author Lucy Wright and hear her story all about the seals at St Mary's Lighthouse in Whitley Bay. Some children received signed copies of the book – if you would like to order one there is still time – check out ParentPay – a percentage of all royalties go to coastline conservation.

Thank you so much to our wonderful PTA for their support in funding these activities for our children.

We then finished off with a World Book Day assembly where I presented the winners of the “design a book cover” competition with their prizes. We have some amazing budding illustrators in school!

Thank you so much for your support – the children brought in such an interesting and fantastic range of books which shows how important reading for pleasure is for our whole school community.

It's been a great day! Mrs Lambert is now off to put her feet up with a cup of tea and a good book...





It's back! Get ready for this year's Big Walk and Wheel which begins on Monday (11th March), running for a fortnight. Hopefully we'll be full of the joys of Spring with lighter mornings and better weather, but even the rain can be refreshing and any walk or wheel can boost our brains, energy and well-being! It's a great way to save money on fuel and there are the obvious pollution reducing benefits to the local environment. We did so well last year and we would love for as many families as possible to get involved again.

Let's see if we can smash last year's record!

Many thanks,

Mrs Wells

Applying for Nursery Places

Nursery Application forms for places in September 2024 are now available on the school website and from the office.

The closing date for applications is 15th March 2024.

Offer letters will be emailed out on 22nd March 2024.

The deadline for accepting a place is Friday 19th April.



The Children's Cancer Run 2024

We would like you and your family to join our school team at the Children's Cancer Run at Newcastle Racecourse, Gosforth Park on Sunday 19th May 2024.

Please ensure that you register online for the event:

Log on to

<https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/ChildrensCancerRun2024>

Complete your entry form, selecting our school name as the team.

Click proceed to payment to complete the registration for you and your family.

This year there is a new feature that allows our school to have an online team fundraising page with a shared school total. We have been advised on the following: **Once your pupils have registered, that on their fundraising page they go to 'edit display name' and change their display name so that it does not include their full name** and don't update their picture for safeguarding reasons. For example, just first name or initials. If they do not do this then it is possible for external participants to see a child's full name and the school they go to.

Every child must be accompanied by an adult.
Thank you,

Miss Walsh

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 sold from 1 Park Drive, Melton Park NE3 5QB, 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 Natasha Davy (Parent) on 07736276653. All money made comes back to school to be spent on playground equipment for our wonderful children.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **96.4%** up on **95.6%** last year.

Our classes of the week are **Yellow** with **99.7%** and **Violet** with **99.2%**

Well done everyone!
Mrs Lamb

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Well done to Jacob H, Toby S, Lauren S and Max H who got the most correct answers this week! You should be able to complete a new gig now at the start of the month and update your high score, well done to those who already have including Phoebe Elwood who has improved her score by 70! Remember to keep practicing to get your time per question below 6 seconds to help you prepare for the MTC.



Green class are our top achieving class this week! It has been brilliant to see so many of you improving your accuracy on the challenges this week.

Our top coin earners this week are:

Blue – Jazmine I

Violet – Harper D

Indigo – Toby S

Yellow – Nihal D

Orange – Alanna T

Green – Liam D

Reception (Miss Parsons Munn) – Alessia R

Reception (Miss Coughlan) – Henry S

Great work everyone, Miss Pope



PTFA Meeting

Thanks to those of you who were able to make the AGM on Monday.

Next mtg: Tuesday 7th May from 6:15 - 7:15pm in the school hall.

Advanced Notice of Dates 2023-2024

Updates will be added in red

Monday 4 th March	PTFA AGM 6:15 – 7:15 pm in the school hall
Tuesday 5 th March	Year 4 Parents Multiplication Check parent Workshop
Thursday March 7 th 2024	World Book Day
Friday 8 th March	PTFA Canny Crafty Pottery Painting
Monday 11 th –Friday 15 th March	Science Week
Monday 11 th –Friday 22 nd March	Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel
Wednesday 13 th March PM	Reception Classes 'Brush Up' tooth brushing workshop
Thursday 14 th March	KS2 Trip to Vindolanda/Roman Army Museum (Info to be sent via ParentPay)
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 19 th March	KS2 Computing Workshops – Building and Programming Roman Chariots
Wednesday 20 th March – Friday 22 nd March	Year 4 Robinwood
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term
	Easter Holiday
Monday 15th April	School Closed
Tuesday 16 th April	School reopens
Monday 29 th April	Reception Healthy Active Lifestyle Event
Wednesday 1 st May	KS1 Trip to Washington Wetlands
Monday 6 th May	May Bank Holiday
Friday 10 th May	Y4 Safety Works Trip
Sunday 19 th May	Children's Cancer Run
Monday 20 th May	Walk to school week
Friday 24 th May	Daft Day
Friday 24 th May	Last Day of Term
	May Half term Holiday
Monday 3 rd June	Training Day
Friday 7th June	Wear Wellies Day
Wednesday 12 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Friday 21 st June	KS2 Big Gig 'Hello Sunshine'
Tuesday 25 th June	Hoopstarz
Monday 1 st July	Year 4 Leaver's Video Filming
Thursday 11 th – Friday 12 th July	Mr H Onsite Residential for Year 3 children
Friday 19 th July	Last day of term

School Closed Monday 15th April

Staff Training Days

Staff Training Days for GST schools this academic year will be:

- Monday 3rd June 2024

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



Signs of Spring

PHOTO COMPETITION

Take a picture to show signs of spring.

COMPETITION
DEADLINE

APRIL 26

WINNERS
ANNOUNCED

MAY 03



Email or hand in your photograph to your school along with your name and year group. A school winner will be selected for EYFS, Years 1&2, Years 3&4, Years 5&6 and Years 7&8.

A GST winner will be selected for each group.



Show your
photography skills to win a prize.



JOIN IN THE FUN WITH
OUR GPFS PTFA

Easter Egg Competition

£1 TO ENTER
VIA PARENT
PAY



DECORATE A BOILED EGG AND
BRING IT INTO SCHOOL ON
WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH
FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN A
FAMILY BOWLING VOUCHER
OR CHOCOLATE EASTER EGG

