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Dear Parents

Thank you so much for voting on our new school logo and uniform. If you haven't yet returned your voting slips, please hand them in at the office as soon as possible.

We will add together all of the votes from pupils, parents and staff and will share the results with you after half term.

Again, many thanks for all your comments and feedback.

Thank you for attending our parent consultations, whether in person or on the phone. We will reschedule Miss Walsh's evening after half term.

There has been so much illness around over the last few weeks. We hope you all have a restful half term and that everyone is feeling better when we **return on Monday 26th February.**

Mrs Lamb



Gemma and Annie from RISE have supported us this week by sharing some resources around bereavement.

These can be found on our website here

http://www.gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk/web/site/bereavement_support/681192

If anyone would like any further support or to chat to Mrs Lamb, please contact the school office.

Year 4 Multiplication Check

Year 4 parents, join us on **Tuesday 5th March from 2:45 – 3:20** to find out more about the Year 4 Multiplication check which takes place in June, what the check looks like and how we are teaching tables in school.
Miss Pope – Maths Lead
and the Year 4 Team

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.



Did you know that on average, in the UK, no age group is currently consuming the recommended amount of dietary fibre? The recommended amounts for our children are 15g per day for 2-5 year olds and 20g per day for children aged 5 to 11 years. Fibre is found in a range of foods, including fruit, vegetables, pulses (beans, lentils and peas), nuts and seeds, starchy food (such as potatoes), oats and grains. You could try to build in some simple swaps such as having wholegrain pasta, bread and cereals instead of white. For fussier children, this change could be attempted gradually for example, by swapping only a small amount of whole grain pasta at first.

Mrs Wells



PTFA Meeting

Next mtg which will be the AGM: Monday 4th March from 6:15 - 7:15pm in the school hall.

Check out details below about our next event for grown-ups! Join us on an evening of pottery painting at Canny Crafty.



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.

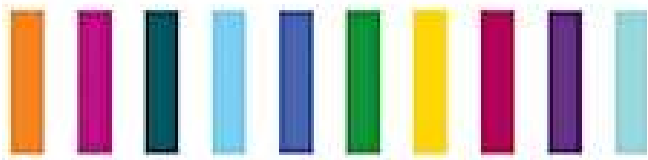
This year there is a new feature that allows our school to have an online team fundraising page with a shared school total. We have been advised on the following: **Once your pupils have registered, that on their fundraising page they go to 'edit display name' and change their display name so that it 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

Turn a new page



Newcastle Libraries



I know how much we love to read at our school – so if you're at a loose end this half term – there's lots on offer at our amazing City libraries. If you haven't already – then sign up for a library card and enjoy what they have to offer to support reading for pleasure.

We'd like you all to enjoy **Reading for Pleasure**, helping young people grow into productive adults. There are no age categories on our book stock, we just use "Stories" as our headers. Reading for Pleasure is about children and young people themselves choosing a book they would like to read, regardless of age or ability (for example, some children prefer a book with lots of images). You can borrow:

- Board books
- Story sacks
- Picture books
- Read Alone books
- Junior Fiction

My Voice Matters: Gosforth Library is celebrating Children's Mental Health Week with simple mindfulness and affirmation activities available throughout half term. You can also drop in to make Elmer sun-catchers between 2pm and 3pm on Friday 23rd February.

Happy half term reading everyone!

Mrs Lambert



Nursery Mother's Day Assembly – Wednesday 6th March

Nursery are so excited to welcome parents to our Mother's Day Assembly.

Assembly will start at 9.15 am in the hall. Children will share with you the things they love about their Mummy's. They'll sing lots of songs, and you may receive some special gifts too!

We really hope that all of our Nursery can attend that morning, even if it is not normally their session.

Thank you, hope you can all make it!

Ms Gasper

Super Heroes – Request

Our topic in Reception next half term is Superheroes! If you are having a spring clean and have any of the following, which you would be willing to donate, they would be gratefully received:

- Small super hero figures/toys
- Super hero themed dressing up costumes
- Real-life super hero themed dressing up costumes (e.g. Doctor/nurse/firefighter)
- Super hero vehicles (small world)

We are also looking for any **real-life superheroes** to talk to our children about their job and how they help our community. If you are a firefighter, police officer, doctor/nurse, lifeguard, etc and would be happy to volunteer your time to talk to our children please get in touch!

Many thanks

The Reception Team

Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **95.7%** up on **95.6%** last year.

Our class of the week is **Blue Class** with **95%**

I think you will all agree that the holiday has come at the right time. A lot of our children have been hit with illness this week.

We hope you're all feeling better soon!

Mrs Lamb

Topics and Holiday Research Projects

Our topics for next half term are:

Early Years – Super Heroes

Super Heroes inspires, excites and engages all of our young learners. Children are now enjoying achieving what they set out to do and learning to persevere to complete more complex teacher-led challenges. Links to this topic across all areas of provision provide opportunities for creative and critical thinking. We also learn about the lives of **real life superheroes** and their important roles within our society.



KS1 – Wonder Women

Children in Key Stage One are introduced to the concept of **historical significance** by learning about some of the amazing achievements of Women throughout history. This inspiring topic broadens our understanding of past human achievements and enables us to compare aspects of life in different periods of time. This is definitely one of our favourite topics!



KS2 – Romans

Key Stage Two are transported back in time to Roman Britain to learn about this significant empire and its global impact. Children will be **interpreting historical evidence**, learning about the reliability of sources and also visiting Vindolanda Roman Fort!



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

Mr Hindess

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.



Well done to **Violet class** again for being our top class on TTRS. We now have 2 Rock Heroes, 15 Rock Legends and 10 Rock Stars at GPFS, so well done all of you! Our top coin earners this week are: Alex T, Phoebe E, Francesca D and Lauren S.



Miss Coughlan's class is our top class this week! Green Class and Orange Class were close behind. We have lots of returning top coin earners this week so great job all of you!

Our top coin earners this week are:

Blue – Jazmine I

Violet – Ava U

Indigo – Toby S

Yellow – Joshua M

Orange – Issam H

Green – George K

Reception (Miss Parsons Munn) – Hugo D-H

Reception (Miss Coughlan) – Isaac C

Have a super half-term

Miss Pope.

Advanced Notice of Dates 2023-2024

Updates will be added in red

Friday 16 th February	Last day of term
	February Half Term Holiday
Monday 26 th February	School reopens
Monday 4 th March	PTFA AGM 6:15 – 7:15 pm in the school hall
Tuesday 5th 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
Wednesday 13 th March PM	Reception Classes 'Brush Up' tooth brushing workshop
Thursday 14th March	KS2 Trip to Vindolanda/Roman Army Museum (Info to be sent via ParentPay)
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 20 th March – Friday 22 nd March	Year 4 Robinwood
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term
	Easter Holiday
Monday 15 th April	School reopens
Monday 6 th May	May Bank Holiday
Friday 24 th May	Daft Day
Friday 24 th May	Last Day of Term
	May Half term Holiday
Monday 3 rd June	Training Day
Thursday 11 th – Friday 12 th July	Mr H Onsite Residential for Year 3 children
Friday 19 th July	Last day of term

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

9TH MARCH 2024 / 1-4PM



HANDBALL

CHILDRENS TOURNAMENT

YEAR 2-YEAR 11



FUN, FRIENDLY, INCLUSIVE

BENFIELD CENTRE FOR
SPORTING EXCELLENCE, NE6 4NU

CAKE SALE + CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA

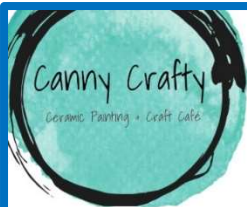
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Hay & Kilner

£5 PER CHILD,

SIGN UP TODAY BY SCANNING THIS QR CODE OR EMAIL
NEWCASTLEVIKINGS@GMAIL.COM





Friday Night Pottery Painting

If you want to have a night out with a difference, in a relaxing, creative and child-free space, then this is the event for you!! Choose your own pottery to paint. Once painted, leave your masterpiece to be glazed and fired and it will be ready to collect in 7-10 days.

Items cost between £14 – £40 depending upon the item(s) you choose to paint.

Family and friends are very welcome.

The PTFA will provide a tasty treat but feel free to bring your own refreshments, nibbles or even order in a takeaway. Pre-booking is essential as places are limited to 32 people..

Your £10 deposit will be deducted from your final bill on the night.

Friday 8th March

6-9pm

Canny Crafty
Salters Road

£15

This includes £10 towards the pottery you choose to paint and a kind £5 donation to our GPFS PTFA



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

RECEPTION, YR 1 & YR 2

TUESDAYS 15:25-16:25

THURSDAYS 15:25-16:25



TEAM FUN



SKILLS



CHALLENGES



GAMES

www.rugbyminis.co.uk/gosforthparkfirst