



# Gosforth Park First School

**Together we make a difference**

As part of last term's topic '**Together we make a difference**', the children designed a new school logo. We will be testing some of these out in the newsletter in the next few weeks.

This week's was designed by Millie in Blue Class.

[www.gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk](http://www.gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk)

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There was such a buzz of excitement on the yard this morning as KS2 eagerly awaited the start of their Victorian Day. It was difficult to tell who was more excited about dressing up – the children or the staff?



The children have been working on their arithmetic, chanting their 7 times tables, picking oakum to fill holes in ships and tasting gruel. The children have also been making thaumatropes and zoetropes - they will tell you all about it!

**Next terms topics are**

**EYFS - Space**

**KS1 - Pirates**

**KS2 - Tale of the Tyne**

**Look out for topic webs in next week's newsletter.**

## COVID-19

Thank you so much for your support this term in helping with self-isolation and bubble closures.

**If your child becomes symptomatic on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec or Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December, please let us know by emailing the admin inbox immediately.**

Anyone showing symptoms during this time may have had close contacts with others in school in the 48 hours prior to this (when contagious) and therefore there are actions that school will need to take.

If your child becomes symptomatic/accesses a test after this, please continue to update us for information via the admin email address.

Please see attached the **Christmas Bubble Guidance** from Newcastle City Council.

## Term Dates

School closes on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December and reopens on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.



Remember, if you have any online shopping to do over the next few weeks, if you shop through

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gosforthparkpta/> you can help the PTA to raise extra funds for school at the same time.



Music will be heard far and wide on Wednesday 16th December at 7pm through a **FREE** online concert.

Children and young people from across the region who sing or play an instrument will unite through music this December.

Covid-19 restrictions meant that the usual concert which would be hosted by Music Partnership North, showcasing the broad musical talent of students from across Northumberland and Newcastle cannot take place for Christmas 2020, but through the determination of Music Partnership North, students, and parents the show will go on, albeit slightly differently



So get the popcorn ready, settle back in your favourite chair, turn up the heating, join us at 7pm on the MPN YouTube page, oh and please hit SUBSCRIBE!

Make sure to save this link [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UClKfjg6wcH3xoNYHRsTn\\_Sg?app=desktop](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UClKfjg6wcH3xoNYHRsTn_Sg?app=desktop) and have a look at the poster attached, you may just see a familiar face or two.

See the poster attached for more details.

## Dates for your diary

### Christmas Lunch

- **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Children can also wear their Christmas jumpers, hats and boppers on this day.

### Santa's Grotto

- **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

We will be asking for a donation of £2 per child to PTA via Parent Pay, however this is voluntary donation and no one will be left out.

Nursery will visit the grotto on Wednesday or Thursday.

### Christmas Parties

Children can come dressed in party clothes on the day (please remember appropriate shoes and coats for outside). PTA will be providing drinks and snacks.

**Nursery** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

**Rec SW** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

**Rec SC** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December

**Green** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

**Orange** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

**Yellow** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

**Indigo** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

**Violet** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Blue** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

### Healthy Schools

Maintaining an active lifestyle is vital for our children's health and well-being. Many of our families have been amazing getting active indoors when they haven't been able to get out, and there are still plenty of resources available to help with this. Two websites produced by the BBC that your child may also have enjoyed in school are Supermovers <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers> and

#### **Boogie Beebies:**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006mvsc>  
They both promote movement and dance and Supermovers also incorporates other subjects within the physical activity.

Mrs Wells.



Thanks once again to all parents and staff who donated to school's annual Christmas food appeal for Newcastle West Foodbank. Just look at how much you donated!

First load



Second load



Well done to Yellow Class again for being our top participants.

Hania Pervez and Sahib Singh Dhaliwal both have the most points this week.



Well done to Millie Anderson, Leo Tomlinson and Elizabeth Muldoon-Smith for achieving our fastest speeds. Well done to Esme Coles too, you've almost made it into our top three!

Ms Gasper

## COVID

Remember if you or your child are self-isolating the guidelines are as follows...

*Self-isolation is when you do not leave your home because you have or might have coronavirus (COVID-19).*

*This helps stop the virus spreading to other people.*

### **How to self-isolate**

*You must not leave your home if you're self-isolating.*

### **Don't**

- do not go to work, school or public places – work from home if you can
- do not go on public transport or use taxis
- do not go out to get food and medicine – order it online or by phone, or ask someone to bring it to your home
- do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for people providing essential care
- do not go out to exercise – exercise at home or in your garden, if you have one

For more information visit

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-isolate-and-what-to-do/>



## Oxford Reading Buddy

Our Oxford reading buddy this week is **Maisie Rivett**, well done! All the logins are in the reading diaries, how many books and quizzes can you do by next week?

Reading



Whole school attendance was 98.2% this week.

**Please see our Covid Related Pupil Absence Guide below.**

## Covid Related Pupil Absence Guide

	Scenario	Action required
1	<p>My child has COVID-19 symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>High temperature</b></li> <li>• <b>New continuous Cough</b></li> <li>• <b>Loss or change to sense of smell or taste</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>Book a test <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/</a></p> <p>Self-isolate everyone in your household while you wait for the test result.</p>
2	The test result is negative	<p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>If well enough, your child can return to school on the following day (or the same day if possible).</p>
3	The test result is positive	<p><b>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Everyone in your household must self-isolate for 14 days. The person who has a positive test must self-isolate for 10 days or until they are well (we will authorise 14 days self-isolation absence as we understand the practical difficulties in getting your children to school if you are self-isolating for 14 days)</p>
4	My child is unwell with non COVID-19 related symptoms	Follow the usual school absence procedures.
5	Someone in my household has COVID symptoms	<p><b>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>Book a test <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/</a></p> <p>Self-isolate everyone in your household while you wait for the test result.</p>
6	Someone in my household has tested positive for COVID-19	<p><b>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>Self-isolate everyone in your household for 14 days.</p> <p>The person who has tested positive must self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms.</p>
7	NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as being in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 <b>or</b> I know that my child has had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19	<p><b>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>Your child will have to self-isolate for 14 days. Other members of your household do not need to self-isolate. If your child develops symptoms in the self-isolation period, follow the advice for scenario 1. If another member of the household develops symptoms, follow the advice for scenario 5.</p>

8	We are returning from travel to a country where a period of quarantine is necessary.	<p><b>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Follow advice regarding the need to quarantine <a href="https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice">https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice</a> and how to quarantine <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate-when-you-travel-to-the-uk/coronavirus-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate-when-you-travel-to-the-uk">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate-when-you-travel-to-the-uk/coronavirus-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate-when-you-travel-to-the-uk</a></p> <p>Ring school immediately so that we are aware and so that we can agree a return to school date.</p>
9	We have received medical advice that my child needs to resume shielding	<p><b>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.</p>
10	My child's school bubble has been told to self-isolate.	<p><b>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</b></p> <p>School will contact you to share the advice from Public Health England and to inform you of a return to school date and arrangements for remote learning.</p>

