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Theatre Trip



Reception - Year 4

Thursday 15th December

On **Thursday 15th December**, we will be taking all of our children from Reception to Year 4 to the Exchange Theatre in North Shields to watch the pantomime Dick Whittington!

If you have not yet given consent for your child to attend, please do so via ParentPay.

Children who are not attending will remain at school.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to give up their time to help on our trip- we have been in touch with parents to confirm volunteers. Sorry that we could not take more of you!

Volunteers, please head to main reception on the morning of the trip and we will let you know which coach you are on, and which year group you will be with once we get to the theatre.

Many thanks
Mrs Lamb

Sensory Garden

We are delighted that our new sensory garden installation will begin next Wednesday and should be completed by the weekend. This will be installed between the outdoor stage and outdoor classroom and will include two covered seating areas, a sound station and several planters.

We look forward to being able to plant up the sensory garden with the children in the spring term.

If you have any questions about the sensory garden, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

Mrs Lamb



On **Thursday 22nd December**, we are inviting your children to **wear their party clothes** all day to celebrate the last day of term in style!



Christmas Jumpers and a Special Guest...

On **Wednesday 21st December**, we will be inviting all of our children to wear their Christmas jumpers and other festive clothing



Our well-connected PTFA members have arranged a **special guest visitor** who will be making an important stop at our Gosforth Park Grotto on his way to the North Pole!

We will be asking for a voluntary donation of £2 on ParentPay.

Santa Dash Daily Mile



Also on **Wednesday 21st December**, we will be holding a festive version of our much-loved daily mile. We invite all of our children to wear Santa hats, reindeer antlers or any other funky headgear (don't forget your trainers!)

We cannot wait to share the photos on our school twitter page! @GosforthPark1st

Miss Walsh



Christmas Crafts Market

Friday 16th December 3:00-3:30pm

New for 2022: This year, all of our children will be putting their entrepreneurial skills to the test. Each class has been given £50 to make Christmas crafts to be sold at our Christmas Crafts Market on **Friday 16th December**. The class that raises the most money will receive a special prize!

Every classroom, from Nursery to Year 4, will be opening their doors and inviting you to purchase their crafts and sweet treats.

Please remember to bring plenty of change.

We will be inviting parents/carers into classrooms from 3pm. Parents/carers will be able to collect their children from their usual class before visiting any other classrooms.

All money raised will go towards our school PTFA to be reinvested in school for your children.

Children who are being collected from Wraparound will have a stall at the school office and items can be bought on collection.

We look forward to welcoming you into school!

Mrs Lamb



As the weather turns colder we have revisited our winter weather plans in school.

In the event of icy conditions, Mr Brown will grit the pathway leading from the school gate down the main path, through the gate onto the main playground to the KS1, KS2, Reception and Nursery doors.

In the event of extreme ice or snow, Mr Brown will grit a pathway leading from the school gate down the main path into the main entrance which will be used by all Key Stages. In the event of extreme ice or snow we will alert you via Parent Pay as early as possible.

Please remember the following

- stick to the designated, gritted pathways in school.
- be prepared to collect your child during the day should conditions worsen.
- Ensure that the school has your up to date telephone numbers in order for telephone calls to be received.
- wear suitable footwear for the conditions when bringing and collecting children from school.
- ensure your child is wearing sensible footwear and warm coats according to the conditions.
- supervise your child before and after school, ensuring that children do not play on any ungritted areas outside of the school day (before 8.55am and after 3.30pm).

Our full gritting policy can be found on the school website.

Thanks

Mrs Lamb

Christmas Movie Nights

Thank you to our wonderful teachers and PTFA for arranging successful and enjoyable Christmas Movie Nights for our children! We raised an incredible **£616** for our school.



A massive GPFS thank you to ASDA and Tesco who generously donated drinks, chocolate coins and popcorn for our children to enjoy at movie night!

Thank you to everyone who has placed an order with PTFA for an Emergency Christmas Eve bag this year.

You will be able to collect your bags after your child's Christmas show or from school on the final week of this term (19th – 22nd December)

Many thanks

PTFA

Christmas Shows

Wednesday 14th December

Nursery: doors open at 9:15 for a 9:30 – 10:00 performance

Monday 19th December

Indigo: doors open at 9:15 for a 9:30 – 10:00 performance

Monday 19th December

Violet: doors open at 10:30 for a 10:45 – 11:15 performance

Monday 19th December

Blue: doors open at 2:15 for a 2:30 – 3:00 performance

Tuesday 20th December

Reception Miss Coughlan: doors open at 10:30 for a 10:45 – 11:15 performance

Tuesday 20th December

Reception Mrs McClurg: doors open at 2:15 for a 2:30 – 3:00 performance

Wednesday 21st December

Green: doors open at 9:15 for a 9:30 – 10:00 performance

Wednesday 21st December

Orange: doors open at 10:30 for a 10:45 – 11:15 performance

Wednesday 21st December

Yellow: doors open at 2:15 for a 2:30 – 3:00 performance

Teas/coffees and biscuits will be available at the performance and raffles tickets will be on sale. The raffle will be drawn at the end of each performance.

Only **three** guests per household will be admitted. Babies in prams/pushchairs and toddlers will be admitted but will be counted as one of the three guests.

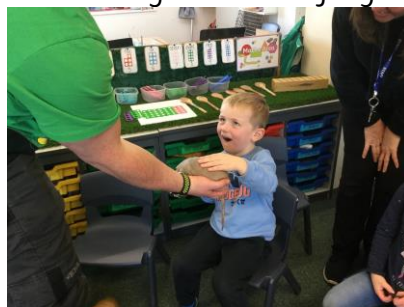
All guests must be seated during the performance.

Please queue from the bottom of the ramp so visitors and staff can still enter/exit via the main office.

Thanks

Nursery's Zoolab Visit

On Wednesday morning, our brave Nursery children had a fantastic time touching and handling some exotic animals. It was lovely to see their confidence grow throughout the session. I am sure that this will be an experience that they will never forget!



Thank you to Zoolab for being so great with our Nursery children!

Ms Gasper

Scarlet Fever and Group Strep A Infections

Information and Advice from the DfE

The Department for Education is closely monitoring the increased cases of Group A streptococcus (Strep A) and scarlet fever and are working closely with the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), who are leading on the response. UKHSA is reporting an increased number of cases of Group A streptococcus (Strep A) compared to normal at this time of year. There is no evidence that a new strain is circulating and the increase is most likely related to high amounts of circulating bacteria and social mixing.

What are scarlet fever and Strep A?

Scarlet fever is caused by bacteria called Group A streptococci (Strep A). The bacteria usually cause a mild infection that can be easily treated with antibiotics. In very rare occasions, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS).

What are the symptoms of Strep A/scarlet fever?

Strep A infections can cause a range of symptoms that parents should be aware of, including:

- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fever
- A fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel
- On darker skin the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel

If your child becomes unwell with these symptoms, please contact your GP practice or contact NHS 111 (which operates a 24/7 service) to seek advice.

If a child has scarlet fever, they should stay at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

Trust your own judgement and if your child seems seriously unwell call 999 or go to A&E if:

- a child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when a child breathes
- a child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- a child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake.

How to help prevent Strep A?

To prevent the spread of Strep A, UKHSA advises children, young people and staff to implement good hand and respiratory hygiene practices.

For more information visit the UKHSA [website](#) or the [Education Hub](#).

In school we are continuing to wash and sanitise hands regularly and to encourage children to 'catch it, bin it, kill it'.

We know there are lots of illnesses doing the rounds at the moment, however, staff are being vigilant for the symptoms described and we will contact you if we think your child has Strep A or scarlet fever.

Please see that attached document for further information.

Many thanks

Mrs Lamb

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

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.

In light of the announcement of His Majesty's coronation on Saturday 6 May 2023, an additional bank holiday has been announced on Monday 8 May and school will be closed on this day.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **97%** which is above this time last year (95.1%)

Our classes of the week this week are

Reception Miss Coughlan with **99.3%** attendance and **Yellow Class** with **97.5%** attendance.

Well done!

Mrs Lamb



I can't actually believe how quickly some of you are solving these times table questions – it's incredible! We have two new Rockstars this week – well done to Dax F and Joe W – you're doing fantastically well boys – you can join our GPFS band! Well done to Mr Patterson and Mr Hindess – you have now achieved Rock Legend status too – it's getting very competitive around school!



Wow, Yellow class – you have all worked so hard on Mathletics this week – you are our 'Mathletes of the Week'. Amazing efforts from Sahib S-D, Ava U and Mais E – you have all earned loads of points this week – so impressive!

Ms Gasper

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>



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



Healthy School

Eating your Greens!

Last week we shared a resource linked to getting our youngest children to become more familiar with a variety of vegetables in order to encourage them to want to try them. Regardless of age, children can be very picky so we need to think of lots of ways to encourage them. Coercion can lead to stressful mealtimes and a child digging their heels in to even try something. Using treat foods as a reward or sanction, such as getting or not getting pudding, labels the less healthy food as the most desirable thing to eat and places eating the vegetables as an unwanted obstacle to get over, leading them to be liked even less! Giving children a choice when it comes to which vegetables to eat is a more positive approach. It makes sense to have a conversation about why they need a varied diet and involve them in coming up with a solution of how to ensure that this happens. You could use the resource from last week on <https://www.seeandeat.org/> just to have a look together at how many vegetables there are out there to try. Challenge each other to try new vegetables but let your child choose, and talk about how vegetables can vary considerably in taste depending on how they are cooked/served and try the different ways out. You never know, they might just surprise you!

Mrs Wells

Festive dates for your diary, all in one place

Christmas Movie Nights

3pm - 4.30pm

5.12.22 - KS1

6.12.22 - KS2

7.12.22 - Reception

Tickets for this event are available via Parent Pay for £3.50 and this will include a drink and movie snack.



Children's Christmas Market
16.12.22

Christmas Dinner Day
21.12.22

PTFA CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

Christmas Performance Dates

14.12.22

Nursery 9:30 – 10:00

19.12.22

Indigo 9:30 – 10:00

Violet 10:45 – 11:15

Blue 2:30 – 3:00

20.12.22

Reception Miss Coughlan 10:45 – 11:15

Reception Mrs McClurg 2:30 – 3:00

21.12.22

Green 9:30 – 10:00

Orange 10:45 – 11:15

Yellow 2:30 – 3:00

We have also organised a special festive visitor to school on 21.12.22
More details to follow via parentpay.

Emergency Christmas Eve Bags

Everything you need for family fun this Christmas Eve.



- Reindeer food
- Hot chocolate
- Christmas biscuit provided by 'Exclusively Biscuits'
- Create your own tree decoration
- Christmas activity



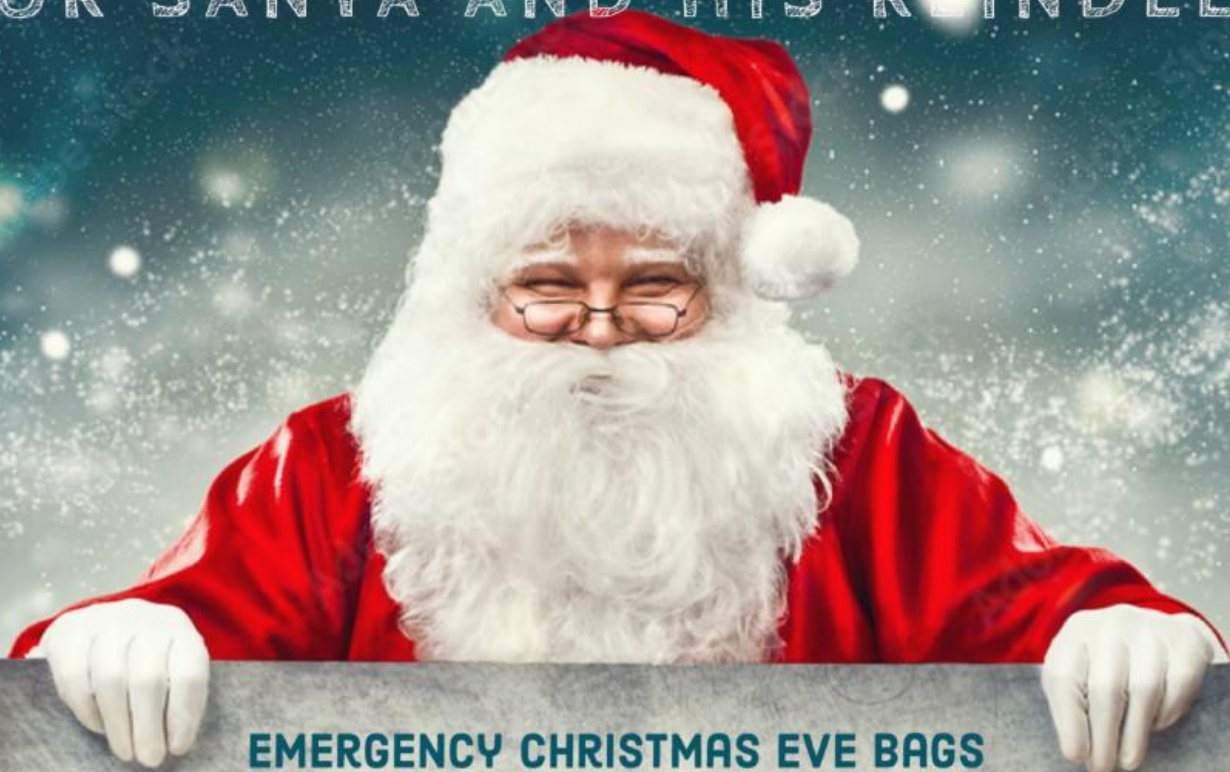
On sale via Parent Pay for £5 until 02.12.22 and available to collect before and after school from 20.12.22

Raffle tickets, tea and coffee will be available to purchase before each Christmas Show.

Thank you so much for your continued support.
Merry Christmas



EMERGENCY CHRISTMAS EVE BAG FOR SANTA AND HIS REINDEER



EMERGENCY CHRISTMAS EVE BAGS

Everything you need
for family fun this Christmas Eve.



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On sale until 2nd
December via Parent
Pay for £5.



Available to collect
before and after
school in the last week
of term (19th -22nd of
December).

Advanced Notice of Dates 2022-2023

Updates will be added in red

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
Friday 16 th December	Children's Christmas Craft Market from 3:00 - 3:30 in classes 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 21st December	Santa Dash – Daily Mile – remember your festive hats and headbands!
Wednesday 21st December	Christmas Jumper Day!
Wednesday 21 st December	Special visitor for the children. Ho, Ho, Ho!
Wednesday 21 st December	School Christmas Lunch – if your child usually has a packed lunch and would like a Christmas Lunch, please book through Parent Pay by 18 th November.
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	Last 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
Monday 8 th 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