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Dedication!

It was so lovely to be able to invite our whole school family to enjoy our Summer BBQ last Friday. After the disruption of the last couple of years our lovely PTFA dads were able to dust off their BBQ utensils and nothing was going to stop them – not even the torrential downpour!

Huge thanks again to everyone who planned, prepared, supported helped out and came along and to our community friends at Asda and Tesco who donated goods for the event.

Sadly, for some of our families this will be their last GPFS event as children move on to new schools and the last for some of our steadfast PTFA organisers who have done an amazing job throughout the years, including during the pandemic, to continue to raise money for our children.

Thank you all so much for your support. Have a wonderful summer!

Mrs Lamb

School Closed

School will be closed to all pupils on Monday 5th September for whole school staff training. We reopen on **Tuesday 6th September**.



A message from the PTFA

Thank you so much to everyone who donated raffle prizes, cakes and helped us on the day. The time and effort you give is very much appreciated. Thank you for coming and spending money and time with your children.

We hope you all had a great time.

We made a massive **£1250** to spend on your children next year.

A lot of us from the PTFA will no longer be at your school in September so I hope you can carry on raising and supporting the PTFA charity which pays for and towards the lovely things for your children to enjoy at school.

We have raised as a PTFA £4500 this year alone. A huge achievement!

Best wishes and have a lovely summer

The PTFA

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Rainbow Challenges

Your sponsored 4C challenges raised an amazing **£592.82** for PTFA. Well done and thank you so much #confidence #creativity #challenge #community

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised

A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education



We are very excited to be starting a new phonics scheme in September - Little Wandle Letters and Sounds with Reception and Year 1. We would really like to involve our families and keep you up to date with what is happening in school. We would like to invite all New Reception parents to join us at a Reading Meeting at 9am - 10 am on Thursday 15th September and all Year 1 (current Reception) parents to join us at a Reading Meeting at 9am - 10 am on Friday 16th September. We are looking forward to sharing how we can work together to support all our children on their reading journey.

Summer Reading Challenge



<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/gadgets-intro>

We're so excited to reveal the theme for the Summer Reading Challenge 2022!

Get ready for **Gadgets**, arriving online and in your local library this summer.

Gadgets will feature amazing books, awesome rewards, and plenty of ideas for cool experiments and activities to discover the science all around you. The Challenge will be brought to life by top children's writer and illustrator Julian Beresford.

Follow the link above for more information

Mrs Lambert

Reading Update

Children have brought home their reading diaries for this year - we've really enjoyed reading your comments and sharing your child's progress with you all. New reading diaries and a reading book will come home in September.

Oxford Reading Buddy will be re-set over the summer holidays with new log ins for Years 2-4 given out in September.

If you're looking for books - there are lots of ideas on the World Book Day website (families) to keep children engaged in reading and enjoying books over the summer break. They've got resources, brilliant book lists and brand-new sizzling summer reads. Their Share A Story Corner videos have familiar characters and easy to follow stories, plus tips for reading together as well as fun activities for young children to enjoy with adults.

Enjoy a fabulous summer of reading!

Mrs Lambert

Bookbags from September

As space in school is limited, please only send children with book bags in September. We do not have space to store 30 large back packs in each cloakroom/classroom.

Thank you

Mrs Lamb

Staff Training Days

Staff Training Days for GST schools next year will be:

- Monday 5th September 2022
- Monday 31st October 2022
- Friday 23rd December 2022
- Friday 26th May 2023



Rainbow Day

We are delighted that Mr H has been able to rearrange our Rainbow Day surprise for the children to Tuesday 13th September for Reception to Year 5. We don't want our current Year 4 children to miss out so they will be able to return after GEMS from 3:40 – 4:10 on the day.



Our friends at Nexus have given us a link for children to travel free with a paying adult on buses across the north east this summer. The catch? Please remind children to **Play safe - stay safe**, keep off the metro tracks and be particularly cautious at bus interchanges where vehicles may be reversing.

<https://www.nexus.org.uk/news/item/take-kids-free-offer-all-buses-north-east-england-summer>

Parent Governor Elections

Congratulations to Christopher Brindle and Jim Wotherspoon who were successful in our parent governor elections. We are very much looking forward to welcoming them to the team. Thank you to parents for voting.

Mrs Lamb



There are a wealth of activities for children taking place across our region this summer. Don't forget to consult the free Primary Times for what's on! There are also several links online for further information. These include <https://www.informationnow.org.uk/article/summer-activities/> which has a lot of general information and

<https://www.newcastlesupportdirectory.org.uk/summer-holiday-activities>

This has a list of activities on each day of the holidays with direct links to the various venues or activities or you can search by postcode area. It also has a link to a specific program of free events at venues across the city targeted at children on free school meals.

Keep an eye out for details of a pop up festival at Red House Farm on Monday 15th August from 11-2pm and the Gosforth Pool usually host inflatable sessions.

In addition, under 11s can travel free on the metro and Shields Ferry with a fare paying adult <https://www.nexus.org.uk/metro/take-kids-free>

Stay active and have fun!

Mrs Wells



Huge congratulations and well done to all of our wonderful Nursery and Year 4 children who are moving on to their new schools in September. You will always be part of our GPFS family!

Mrs Lamb

Pre-Loved Uniform

Here is a reminder of the items I hold and sell – All funds are returned back to the school for playground equipment.

Pre-loved items we can sell		Pre-loved items we cannot 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	

Items are sold from 6 Burnside Road NE3 2DU – A drop off box is at the front door so anytime uniform can be donated there is no need to knock. 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**



Thank you to all the KS1 Gardening Club children for all your help with our allotment. The sunflowers we planted from seed are now taller than you (and me!) We've had a great crop of beetroot - thank you to the lovely parent for the seedlings - and our strawberries tasted amazing! Well done, and I hope some of you have caught the gardening bug!
Mrs Lambert

Expansion and Refurbishment of GPFS

The statutory consultation on the proposed expansion and refurbishment of GPFS ended on 3rd June. A decision by the Local Authority will be made within 2 months of this end date. As we haven't heard anything yet, we are likely to have news over the Summer Holiday. As soon as I have news that I can share with you I will.

Many thanks
Mrs Lamb

Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **95.2%**

Our classes of the week this week are **Reception Miss Coughlan** with **98.5%** and **Blue Class** with **98.1%** attendance. Well done!

Our exceptional circumstance request forms are being added to from September. For anyone requesting a leave of absence there is a new form to be filled in by school and at the office. As well as returning the form you will be required to meet with me or Mr Hindess. Please make sure any requests from September are on the correct form which can be obtained as a hard or electronic copy from the office.

Thanks

Mrs Lamb

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POP UP FESTIVAL

Wednesday 17 August, 2022
Galafield Centre, Nwbiggin Lane,
Newcastle upon Tyne, NE5 1LZ

To book a space please contact The Galafield Centre on: 0191 277 7800

Join us and have fun!

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FAMILY FUN DAY

Wednesday 27 July, 2022
Galafield Centre, Newbiggin Lane,
Newcastle upon Tyne, NE5 1LZ

To book a space please contact The Galafield Centre on: 0191 277 7800

Join us from 11am-2pm

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FAMILY FUN DAY

The Lemington Centre
The Lemington Centre, Tyne View,
Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 8RZ

Thursday 28 July 2022
Thursday 11 August 2022
Join us from 11am - 2pm!

To book a space please contact The Galafield Centre: 0191 277 7800

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JOIN US FOR OUR
Family Fun Day
JOIN US FROM 11AM - 2PM!

FREE ENTRY

Red House Farm Football Club
Kingston Park Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 2HY

Friday 29th July 2022
Friday 5th August 2022
Friday 12th August 2022

TO BOOK A SPACE PLEASE CONTACT THE GALAFIELD CENTRE: 0191 277 7800

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POP UP FESTIVAL

Red House Farm Football Club
WEDNESDAY 15 AUGUST, 2022

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US AND HAVE FUN!
Kingston Park Road,
Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 2HY

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Advanced Notice of Dates 2022-2023

Updates will be added in red

Summer Holiday	
Monday 5 th September	Training Day
Tuesday 6 th September	School reopens
Tuesday 6 th September	9:00 – 10:00 Coffee Morning for New Reception Parents
Tuesday 13 th September	9:00 – 10:00 Coffee Morning for New Nursery Parents
Tuesday 13th September	Rearranged Rainbow Day Rec – Year 5
Thursday 15th September	Reading Meeting for Reception Parents 9:00 – 10:00
Friday 16th September	Reading Meeting for Year 1 Parents 9:00 – 10:00
Tuesday 20 th September	Reception Classes: Meet the Teacher 3:45 – 4:15 Mrs Lamb will look after any children at this time so parents can attend
Wednesday 21 st September	Green, Orange and Yellow Class: Meet the Teacher 3:45 – 4:15 Mrs Lamb will look after any children at this time so parents can attend
Thursday 22 nd September	Indigo, Violet and Blue Class: Meet the Teacher 3:45 – 4:15 Mrs Lamb will look after any children at this time so parents can attend
Friday 21 st October	Last Day of Term
October Half Term	
Monday 31 st October	Training Day
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
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

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Updates will be added in red

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
Friday 21 st July	Last Day of Term