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Dear Parents

Thank you so much for your support during lockdown. This has certainly been the most challenging term any of us have ever faced. Many thanks for the kind emails, messages and goody selections that have been sent in for staff. They really have kept us all going in these difficult times.

We know that there are still many challenges which lay ahead of us but we know that we can get through these together.

To all of our wonderful children, those who have spent some time in school and those who have been at home, YOU ARE ALL AMAZING. None of us grown-ups have ever faced challenges like these before and you are doing a great job of being safe superheroes.

Your teachers and I are all missing you lots. We love seeing the work and photos you are sharing and look forward to seeing you as soon as it is safe to do so.

Have a well-deserved half term holiday – we know how hard you and your grown-ups have been working. I hope that the sun continues to shine for you over the bank holiday weekend.

Take care

Mrs Lamb

School is closed next week. Key Workers please refer to information already sent out regarding support next week if needed.

Monday 1st June is a training day. If you are a key worker and have no alternative provision on this day, please let me know as soon as possible.

School remains closed until further notice (with the exception of key worker children).

Please take the time to read the letter that was sent to all parents regarding next term.

Can we ask all parents who are critical workers and require a place in the first week back to email or leave a message on the absence line as soon as possible stating which days your child will be attending to support us in our planning.



Thank you so much for supporting our local charity Daft as a Brush. As one of our lovely parents said "A pandemic will not stop daft day!"

Please see the end of the newsletter for our GPFS dafties!

Family Support

We have a number of books in school to support families who have suffered a loss and a selection of books to support children with worries and anxiety. If you'd like to borrow one of these, please get in touch.



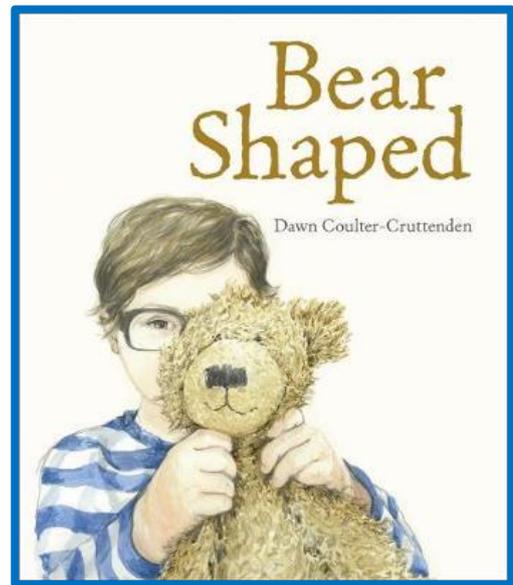
We have been asked by the government not to provide free school meal vouchers to cover the half term period. For families who are eligible, I have requested next term's voucher to be paid in one instalment to cover the 7 week term. Families should be receiving a voucher next week or the week after for the value of £105. For families with two children, they will receive one voucher for the value of £210.

This is funded by central government. Please do activate your voucher, you are entitled to this support.

If you are in receipt of Child Tax Credit, with no Working Tax Credit (income below £16,190), Income Support, Income Based Jobseekers Allowance, Income Based Employment and Support Allowance, Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit or fall under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 you may be entitled to qualify for free school meals.

Just call 0845 6006400 to apply immediately over the phone. Alternatively you can log on to www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/help-school-and-learning-costs/apply-free-school-meals

We would encourage anyone who is unsure whether they qualify to apply anyway.



Lots of you have collected your new book, it's just been published and is already getting fantastic 5*reviews. It's a beautiful story inspired by the true story of Jack and his beloved Bear and tells the story of loving and losing something precious. We hope you enjoy it and we'd love to know what you think about it – can you write a book review and send it in?

You can include – a brief summary of what the book is about, your favourite picture and why – your favourite part and why and would you recommend it to a friend? You could also tell us about your favourite bear.

Happy reading!



We know that coronavirus has put extra pressure on families, so Action for Children are offering online parenting support. From where to go for help to how to keep your children entertained at home - explore our advice and find useful resources here: <https://www.parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/covid-19-advice-support> Have a question about parenting? Our online coaches are available for free, confidential 1-1 live chat. We're here to listen and support you. Visit <https://talk.actionforchildren.org.uk/>

STARS OF THE WEEK

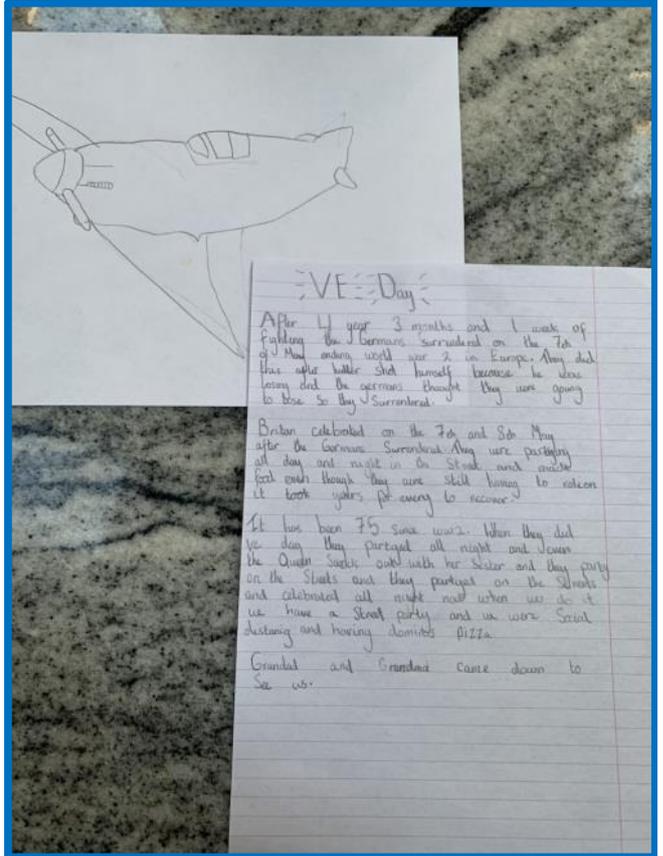


A huge well done to Matthew Lazenby who took part in the virtual Cancer Run event on Sunday morning! It made my day receiving this email Matthew! Well done to anyone else that took part!

Miss Walsh



If you haven't done so already, please follow our twitter account @GosforthPark1st.

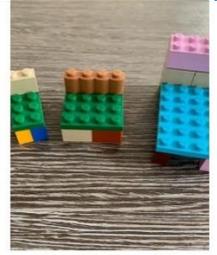


Congratulations to Serena who has wowed Mr Hindess with her beautiful writing about VE Day and become the second person to achieve their pen licence from home! Serena has been waiting a very long time for her pen licence and she has finally achieved her goal after working very hard. Well done Serena we are all very proud of you.



Rainbow class have been busy creating a lot of colourful crafts this week. They began the week by making and painting clay animals, including a very imaginative Leprechaun by William Laing. They have made beautiful butterflies with tissue paper and by using origami. Of course, with such a hot day on Wednesday, the children needed cooling off with a water fight and they drew some lovely shadow teachers and friends, with chalk on the yard. They have made African masks, Indian Squaw head bands and made some mini-muffin pizzas which went down a treat!

Huge thanks to the staff on site this week and to all of the staff working from home to ensure that when we do reopen we have the resources and plans in place to support children back into school.



Hi Nursery!

Thank you so much for the wonderful things you've done this half term based around our Fairy Tales topic. There are so many more activities I'd love to have done with you at school, and I'm so sad we didn't get to have fun with these together. Well done to all your grown-ups for doing fantastic things with you at home when they could, and I wanted to celebrate just some of the lovely creative examples I've seen on Tapestry. Miss you all lots, have a wonderful half term



Miss Gasper



STARS OF THE WEEK



'The Boy at the Back of the Class' has gone down very well with a lot of our Key Stage 2 children. Sam even stayed up past his bedtime to finish his book as he just couldn't put it down. No spoilers please Sam! P.s. We've never seen such big teddies.



Millie also stayed up past her bedtime to finish her copy of the book. She also produced a brilliant book report and encourages anyone who wants to understand more about refugees to read this story! Well done Millie.

We'd love to celebrate your @home experiences on the school website in the class pages section. Please send photos to Miss Coughlan for EYFS, Mrs Lambert for KS1 and Mr Hindess for KS2 @GosforthPark1st.

Mathletics

Our Mathletes of the week this week are James Phillips and Lucy Watkins. Well done! Our class of the week is **Yellow Class**. Well done!



Jazleen Alam and Isabel Gent have been our top scorers on Numbots this week. Well done!



Blake Fahy and Leo Tomlinson still have the fastest studio speed, but well done to Eleanor Wilcox and Lucy Scott for their fantastic Lifetime Earnings, you must have been practising hard!



Yellow - class of the week with Reception Miss Coughlan in 2nd place. Reading buddies of the week both in yellow class - Hadi with Nathan a close second. Well done!



