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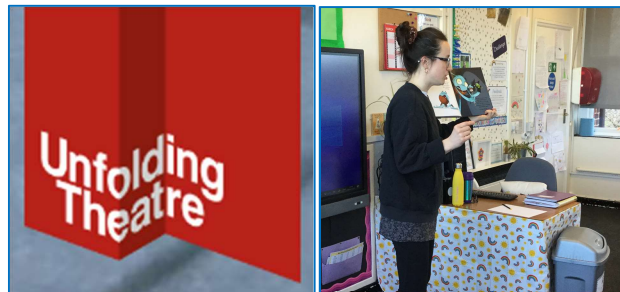
FRIDAY 17 MARCH

On Friday 17 March we will join thousands of schools up and down the country coming together to spread joy, have fun and raise money for those who need it most. Because there's nothing like Red Nose Day.

So, let's come together and do something amazing. Let's make Red Nose Day the best day ever. Here's what we've got planned:

Dress up – anything to put a smile on your face or make us laugh and bring your best joke to school!

We know there's a lot going on right now and for many people things are really tough. But if you can donate, every penny will add up to a life changing difference. You can donate £1 via ParentPay.



No Voice Too Small Project

KS2 classes had their first session with Luca from Unfolding Theatre this week. Luca will be working with KS2 over the next 7 weeks delivering workshops covering vocal skills, structuring persuasive speech and looking at how different people use their voices in their jobs. The first session was based around storytelling and Luca read 2 fantastic books with the children including Do Not Open This Book by Andy Lee. The children really enjoyed the session and were really engaged using their imaginations to think up alternate worlds!

Mrs Easdon



We're very much looking forward to British Science Week next week. We have some special visitors coming in to see us on Monday afternoon to inspire our budding young scientists!

Miss Pope
Science Lead



Community Champion Awards

NORTHERN LEADERS TRUST COMMUNITY CHAMPION AWARDS

Do you know a young person who makes their community a better place?

The Northern Leaders Trust Community Champion Awards showcase excellent examples of community achievements by students across Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

A highlight of the school year in the North East, the awards provide students with an opportunity to stand out and shine for their contribution to the community.

Nominations are now open for students at primary and secondary schools in Newcastle-upon-Tyne!

<https://northernleaderstrust.org/about-us/community-champion-awards/>

Parent Consultations

We will be holding our parent consultation meetings from Nursery to Year 4 during the week beginning 27th March. **Bookings are open** and are to be made via School Cloud **by Friday 17th March at 4pm.**

Please visit

<https://gosforthparkfirst.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

to book your appointment.

Thanks

Mrs Lamb



Healthy School



Get ready for this year's Big Walk and Wheel which begins on the 20th March, running for a fortnight. We can really demonstrate how we can all pull together to make healthier, car free journeys to school and be mindful of pollution and road safety in and around our local area. A great way to save money on fuel too! We would love for as many families as possible to get involved!

Many thanks,

Mrs Wells

Applying for Nursery Places

Nursery Application forms for places in September 2023 are now available on the school website and from the office.

- **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.**

Based on the number of applications so far, we anticipate being full in September so if you haven't yet applied, please make sure you get your application in on time.

KS2 Reminder:

Please remember to give consent for your child to attend our visit to the Great North Museum and Laing Art Gallery via **ParentPay.**

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

As of the 20th of March Natasha Davy will be taking over uniform sales. Natasha's details will follow nearer this time.

Staff Training Days

Staff Training Days for GST schools this academic year will be:

- 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.



Hi Rockstars,

Well done to **Madeleine L** and **Ruan C** you are both Rockstars, and can join our GPFS Rock band – well done!

Amazing efforts from **Hamodi** and **Zoe M** too, your studio speeds have improved so much, fantastic work!



'Matheletes of the Week'

Yellow class have been working super hard this week on Mathletics – you have earned so many points than the other classes this week! **Sahib S-D**, **Luke P** and **Alice P** are our top points scorers – amazing efforts everyone!

Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **96.4%** which is above this time last year (95.5%)

Our classes of the week this week are **Indigo Class** with **98.3%** attendance and **Reception SC** with **97.9%** attendance.

Well done!

Mrs Lamb

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device ... and how long they spend on it.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHYSICAL DAMAGE

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids editions) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to visit the built-in screen time settings and ensure you limit how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

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CENSORED

Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilise the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings; once there, you'll be able to add an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.

APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process) you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.

SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been mislaid, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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Advanced Notice of Dates 2023

Updates will be added in red

February Half Term	
Monday 13 th March	British Science Week (theme - Connections)
Friday 17 th March	Nursery Applications Deadline (Nursery September 2023)
Monday 20 th March	Indigo Class Trip to Laing Art Gallery and GNM
Monday 20th-31st March	Big Walk and Wheel
Wednesday 22 nd – Friday 24 th March	Year 4 Robinwood
WB 27 th March	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 29 th March	Violet Class Trip to Laing Art Gallery and GNM
Thursday 30 th March	Blue Class Trip to Laing Art Gallery and GNM
Friday 31 st March	Reception Easter fun afternoon 2:00 – 3:00 pm
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
Wednesday 3 rd May	Class Photograph Day
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday
Sunday 14 th May	Children's Cancer Run
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
Thursday 13 th – Friday 14 th July	Year 3 On-site Residential
Friday 21 st July	Last Day of Term



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



HOLIDAY CAMPS

4 DAY CAMPS

DETAILS

VENUE: BLUE FLAMES, BENTON. NE12 9SF

AGES 4 TO 12

9.15am - 3.30pm - (Half Days Available upon request)

MON 3RD APRIL - THURS 6TH APRIL

TUES 11TH APRIL - FRIDAY 14TH APRIL

TUES 30TH MAY - FRIDAY 2ND JUNE

COST:

1 DAY - £15.00

2 DAYS - £30.00

3 DAYS - £40.00

4 DAYS - £50.00

Please note discount prices can't be spread over two camps.

Contact Graeme Doyle for Details
or register your child on 07887 766 460

info@starstrikesoccer.co.uk

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TO BOOK A PLACE TEXT CHILD'S NAME TO 07887 766 460

