



Christmas Class Assemblies

Please read the following information carefully if you are planning to attend your child's Christmas Class Assembly next week:

Tuesday 14th December

Nursery: 9:15 arrival for a 9:30 start. 10:00 finish

Reception Miss Coughlan: 10:30 arrival for a 10:45 start. 11:15 finish

Reception Mrs McClurg: 2:15 arrival for a 2:30 start. 3:00 finish

Wednesday 15th December

Green Class: 9:15 arrival for a 9:30 start. 10:00 finish

Orange Class: 10:30 arrival for a 10:45 start. 11:15 finish

Yellow Class: 2:15 arrival for a 2:30 start. 3:00 finish

Thursday 16th December

Indigo Class: 9:15 arrival for a 9:30 start. 10:00 finish

Violet Class: 10:30 arrival for a 10:45 start. 11:15 finish

Blue Class: 2:15 arrival for a 2:30 start. 3:00 finish

Friday 17th December

Nursery: 9:15 arrival for a 9:30 start. 10:00 finish

Covid Control Mitigation Measures:

Following national and local guidance, we are asking everyone attending to adhere to the following rules to keep you and your children as safe as possible:

- You must not attend if you are displaying symptoms or feeling unwell for any other reason, including other respiratory infections.
- Please take a lateral flow test on the day of your performance and only attend if your test result is negative.
- Please wear a face covering, unless exempt.
- Only **two adults** per household will be admitted. We are sorry that **no children** are allowed to attend this performance, including babies in prams/pushchairs. We would normally hold dress rehearsals for parents and children to attend but this has not been possible this year.
- Please sanitise your hands upon arrival.
- There will be a one-way system in operation. Please enter via the **office door**.
- A **NHS QR code** will be displayed for you to check-in using the COVID-19 app.
- We are sorry there will not be an opportunity for photographs with your children at the end of the performance.
- Please do not congregate before or after the performance.

We are so happy to be able to welcome you back into school and share our assemblies with you! If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr Hindess

Christmas Jumpers and a Special Guest...

On **Wednesday 15th 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 15th 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 Party Day



On **Friday 17th December**, we are inviting your children to **wear their party clothes** all day to celebrate the last day of term in style!

Thank you again to our PTFA who are organising party food for every class.

COVID-19 Risk Assessment: your child can remain with their classmates in their usual well-ventilated classroom with their teacher. Classes will have a timetable to use the hall for their party games.

Covid-19 Update

Our COVID-19 case numbers are continuing to decline across school. We are having frequent communication with Newcastle Public Health and agree that our current preventative measures are having a positive impact and should be maintained.

We will keep you updated with any additional measures that are needed as further guidance is released regarding the Omicron variant.

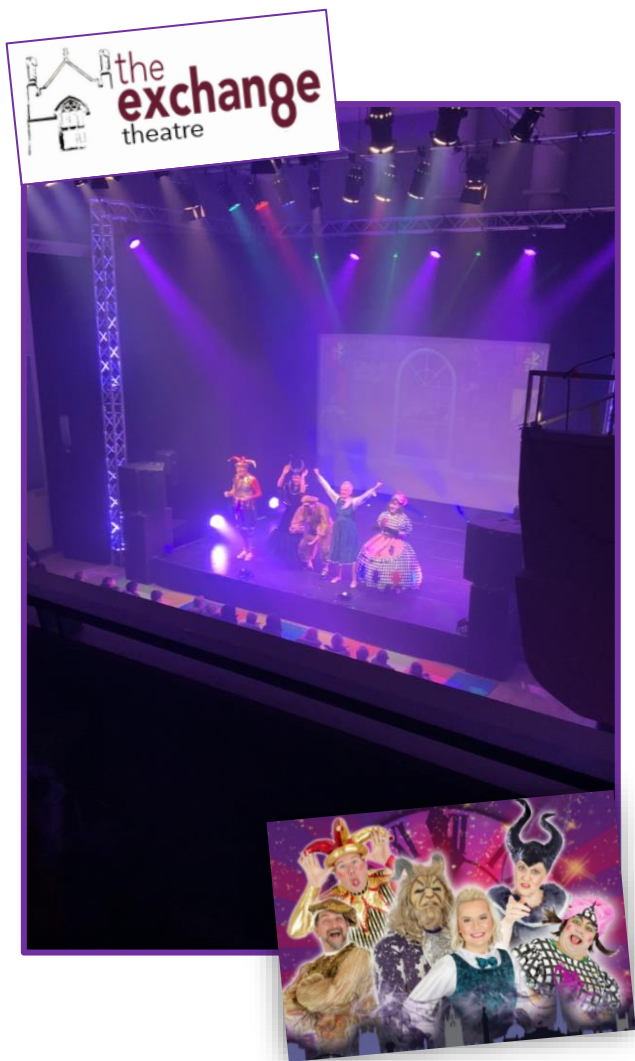
I would like to thank our school community for their response to our **'Think Covid First'** approach in the run up to Christmas.

Mr Hindess

Beauty and the Beast

Oh yes we did!

What a brilliant morning we had on Thursday at the Exchange Theatre in North Shields watching Beauty and the Beast! Thank you to all of our amazing Gosforth Park staff for making this trip a huge success.



Also, a massive GPFS thank you to the Exchange Theatre staff and JH Coaches for being understanding and allowing us to make the necessary adaptations for our COVID-19 risk assessment. We cannot wait to come back next year!

Mr Hindess

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

Emergency Christmas Bags

If you have not yet collected your Emergency Christmas Bag but have made a payment via ParentPay, these are available to collect at any time from the school office or Rainbow Wraparound club.



Thank you so much to everyone who has purchased a bag. We hope you enjoy some family fun this Christmas Eve!
PTFA

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 **£655** for our school.



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

Bring a Decoration

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Christmas tree look so beautiful this year! Can you spot yours?



There is still time (and plenty of branches) to bring in a named decoration if you missed the fun last week!

Miss Coughlan

Rainbow Wraparound

Bookings for January Rainbow Wraparound sessions are now open. Please book any sessions you require before the booking window closes, on Tuesday 14th December at 2pm.

Thanks
Mrs Carrick



Healthy School

Hopefully the weather over the Christmas period will allow us to get out and about but on those cosy days in, how about making some festive treats. There are plenty of websites and blogs with healthy Christmas or winter recipes that you can make as a fun holiday activity with your child. Here are some that I have found:

<https://www.tinytummytales.com/healthy-christmas-recipes-for-kids/>

<https://www.sneakyveg.com/25-healthy-christmas-treats-kids/>

<https://www.superhealthykids.com/recipes/25-healthy-christmas-snacks-party-foods/>

Mrs Wells



Huge congratulations to **Phoebe**, **Amara**, **Brooke**, **Seva** and **Gian** for successfully taking part in the Summer Reading challenge. They have received their Wild World Heroes certificates and medals from Newcastle Libraries, well done!

Mrs Lambert

Mathletics

Mathletes of the week – well done to **Orange class** for being our highest scorers this week.

Amazing work from **Sahib Singh D**, **Mais E** and **Elsie G**, you've scored lots of points this week!



This week I decided to look at our top coin-earners from each class, well done to all of you for your hard work and perseverance.

Here they are:

Blue class – Leo T

Indigo class – Muhammed H

Violet class – Hania P

Yellow class – Alexander T

Orange class – Alexander G

Green class – Evie T



Oxford Reading Buddy

Our Oxford reading buddies this week are **Jacob M** and **Ava U**, well done!

Attendance

Our class of the week this week with **95.4%** attendance is **Blue Class!**

Our whole school attendance for the week is **83.7%**

Updated COVID Guidance

When to self-isolate

Self-isolate straight away and get a [PCR test \(a test that is sent to the lab\) on GOV.UK](#) as soon as possible if you have any of these 3 symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

You should also self-isolate straight away if:

- you've tested positive for COVID-19 – this means you have the virus
- someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive (unless you are not required to self-isolate – check below if this applies to you)
- you've been told to self-isolate following contact with someone who tested positive – [find out what to do if you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app](#)

Information:

You may need to quarantine when you arrive in England from abroad. [Check the quarantine rules when entering England on GOV.UK](#)

When you do not need to self-isolate

If someone you live with has symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

- you're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS
- you're under 18 years, 6 months old
- you're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Even if you do not have symptoms, you should still:

- get a [PCR test on GOV.UK](#) to check if you have COVID-19
- follow advice on [how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19](#)
- consider limiting contact with [people who are at higher risk from COVID-19](#)

Tell people you've been in close contact with that you have symptoms

Tell people you've been in close contact with in the past 48 hours that you might have COVID-19.

You should tell them to follow advice on [how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19](#).

They do not need to self-isolate unless they're contacted by the NHS Test and Trace service.

If they get any symptoms of COVID-19, they should self-isolate and get a test as soon as possible.

How to self-isolate

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

- 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
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How long to self-isolate

If you test positive, your self-isolation period includes the day your symptoms started (or the day you had the test, if you did not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days.

You may need to self-isolate for longer if you get symptoms while self-isolating or your symptoms do not go away.



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**email
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to book your free place**