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We have been so proud of our amazing children this week!

Our wonderful Year 4 children walked beautifully to and from the pool this week, despite a hiccup meaning our lessons were later than we had booked. Thank you so much to our parents who have helped with walking and to all parents for being so understanding and accommodating about the pool's mix up.

We were delighted to hear the wonderful tales from our KS1 children about their exciting trip to Washington Wetlands, and for some of them, their equally exciting time on the party bus on the way back to school! Again, huge thanks to parents who were able to help out on the day. Not only have we been extremely proud of how our children have behaved out of school this week but we also received this beautiful email from Washington Wetlands ...

*Good afternoon*

*Can I simply feedback on your lovely classes who visited here today?*

*The pupils were smashing, had some great questions, fully engaged with us and had super manners, a credit to their teachers and your school.*

*The staff were so helpful too.*

*We see 1000s of school children here annually and I like to report back on the awesome ones, thanks for supporting what we do at WWT.*

We were also very proud of our Reception children this week who joined us for the first time in Celebration Assembly. Well done!

Mrs Lamb



**We are very much looking forward to our Jubilee Picnics Next Week**

**Tuesday – KS1: Green, Orange, Yellow**

**Wednesday – EYFS: Nursery, Reception**

**Thursday – KS2: Indigo, Violet, Blue**

We will be welcoming you at the gate at **2:30pm**. If a family member that we do not know is coming in your place, please let your child's class teacher know so they are not refused entry.

Once on site, you can then collect your child from the field.

Please remember to bring your picnic blanket and any savoury snacks (remembering we are a nut free school).

Tea/coffee cakes and biscuits will be available to buy from the PTFA. Please remember to bring along some spare change for this and for the raffle.

We will then bring the children back into school at 3:20 and they will then leave from their usual doors at the usual time.

We will be taking in cake donations for each afternoon. Homemade or bought nut free cake donations are very welcome. These can be brought in from Monday 16th May or given to the office the day before or morning of the picnic which they're to be used for.

Keep your fingers crossed for some sunny weather next week! We look forward to seeing you there.

## Thank you!

Huge thanks for your very generous raffle donations. Look at this exciting haul! Don't forget to bring change for raffle tickets. The raffle will be drawn next Friday after all events have taken place.



Thank you so much for joining our school team for the Children's Cancer Run on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022**. I am thrilled so many of you can attend! Please arrive at Newcastle Racecourse, Gosforth Park by **11:20am** ready for our **11:40am start**. Our designated **car park is A**. Meet by our school banner at the school meeting point – Mrs Lamb and Mr Hindess will be there waiting for you. Thank you for helping our school to make a difference.  
Miss Walsh



May's edition of the DOSE Mental Health and Happiness Newsletter is now available online. Kalmer Counselling and DOSE Magazine have worked together to create a Free Newsletter with insights and tools for parents to help their children manage their happy hormones, mental health and wellness. For further information and more free resources check out [www.dosemagazine.co.uk](http://www.dosemagazine.co.uk)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

## PLEASE HELP SAVE OUR LOLLIPOP LADY

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far to safeguard the lollipop warden on the corner of Granville Road/Broadway East for next academic year.

At the time of writing, 76 people have donated £1,810. So we are currently £1,190 short of our £3,000 target.

You can donate £2, £5, £10 or more, via our justgiving page here: [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/parklandscommunitycrossing2022?utm\\_term=rJA5GEW8X](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/parklandscommunitycrossing2022?utm_term=rJA5GEW8X)

Funding this crucial role has been the sole responsibility of our community since Newcastle City Council cut the funding for it five years ago. And we are just two Mums trying to make it happen, on behalf of all our kids. But we cannot do this without more support.

It costs £5,000 per year to keep a crossing patrol warden on the blind bend. But thanks to grants and other funding, we have been able to reduce what we need to find this year to £3,000.

We are asking that every family please help us, whether you use the crossing yourself or not. No donation is too small.

If we hit the target, we will be able to keep Katie helping the children across for a sixth year!

As ever, the choice is ours.

If we do not hit the target, then there will be no crossing patrol warden in post from September. All monies donated will be given back to benefit the children via the three PTFAs.

Please donate what you can.

With thanks in advance for your support ,

Rebekah Stephenson and Keri Walker (GPFS)  
For and on behalf of Parklands Community Crossing

## KS1 – Washington Wetlands

KS1 had a brilliant trip to Washington Wetlands on Tuesday. We saw the otters and the flamingos feed, we pond-dipped and tried to track down all the huge Lego animals on the trail. We had an excellent time, thank you to all our helpers!

Miss Pope



## 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 etc.

This is such an important supply of money, please support when you can!

PRE-LOVED ITEMS WE CAN SELL	
OFFICIAL SCHOOL JUMPERS	£2.50
OFFICIAL SCHOOL CARIGANS	£2.50
OFFICIAL SCHOOL POLOS	£1.50
GIRLS CHECKED DRESSES	£1.50
GREY PINAFORES	£1.50
GREY SKIRTS	£0.50
GREY GIRLS SOFT TROUSERS	£0.50
SCHOOL BAG (NEW STYLE)	£2.50
SCHOOL BAG (OLD STYLE)	£1.50
OFFICIAL PE T-SHIRT/SHORTS	£0.50
PRE-LOVED ITEMS WE CAN NOT SELL	
NON – OFFICIAL JUMPERS	
NON – OFFICIAL CARIGANS	
NON – OFFICIAL POLOS	
GREY BOYS TROUSERS	
GREY TAYLORED GIRLS TROUSERS	
GREY BOYS SHORTS	
DAMAGED OR MARKED ITEMS	

Items are sold from 6 Burnside Road NE3 2DU – A drop off box is at the front door so uniform can be donated any time, there is no need to knock. Please REMEMBER items, particularly red, must not be marked as they are unable to be sold on.

I hold a lot of smaller sized items, but I am completely out of Red 7-8 Polos, 9-10 Polos of both colours. Cardigans 7-8 and 9-10 of both colours. If you have more uniform than you need and could even manage with 3 items rather than 5 items a week due to washing, please consider even a small donation, as I have received orders that I am unable to fulfil.

You can text me **Kate Watkins (Parent)** on **07947846974** to arrange a collection.



## Do something daft to make someone smile!

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May we will be having a 'Daft Day' in school to raise money for our local charities, Daft as a Brush and Café Beam. For a contribution of £1, children can come to school in 'daft' clothes and with 'daft' hairstyles and we will be telling lots of 'daft' jokes!



## Healthy School

Seeing all of the newly sprouting vegetables around school inspired me to buy some vegetable seeds recently.

Our children in school love nurturing the plants, seeing them grow and then either selling them (like last year's success at the Grainger market) or tasting them. What better incentive to try a new fruit or vegetable than to grow your own and it's a great way to enhance your child's learning too.

If you are new to gardening it only takes a tiny bit of research and many easy vegetables can be grown in pots so you don't need a huge garden, just a sunny spot. Try starting off with 1 or 2 pots - salad veg, pea shoots and spring onions come to mind, or how about strawberries or tomatoes.

Websites with advice are easy to find – here's a couple with various articles to get you started:

<https://www.growveg.com/guides/how-to-grow-vegetables-in-containers/>

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Mrs Wells



Green class are our 'Mathletes of the Week' – well done to all of those in Green class that have been working hard at home! Sahib S-D, Jack G and Mila H are our top scorers – well done to you all!



Finn W, Harry F and Henry C have been putting in lots of effort, and have achieved our top Studio Speeds. Fantastic work!

Miss Gasper



Oxford Reading buddies this week are Christopher Lazenby in Green and James Harris in Orange, well done and keep on reading!

## Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **95%**

Our classes of the week are **Green Class with 99.4%** and **Blue Class with 98.7%** Well done!

Please remember, I cannot authorise any absence due to family holidays - not even if you take me with you! I can only authorise leave in exceptional circumstances. If you do need to request leave, please ask for one of our updated forms from the office.

Many thanks

Mrs Lamb

# Advanced Notice of Dates

Updates will be added in red

Sunday 15th May	Children's Cancer Run
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	2:30 - 3:30 KS1 Jubilee Afternoon Tea – parents invited
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	2:30 - 3:30 EYFS Jubilee Afternoon Tea – parents invited
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	2:30 - 3:30 KS2 Jubilee Afternoon Tea – parents invited
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Daft Day!</b>
Friday 27th May	Year 2 Visit to Safety Works AM
Friday 27th May	Break up for May Half Term Holiday
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	School Closed
Tuesday 7th June – Friday 10th June	Year 4 Swimming – every afternoon
Tuesday 7th June – Wednesday 8th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen Check
Friday 17th June	Dance Festival
Week Beginning 20th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Week Beginning 4th July	Schools 500 Games Competitions
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 4 Transition to GEMs</b>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 4 Transition to GEMs</b>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Whole school transition morning</b>
Wednesday 13th July	Year 3 Onsite Residential/Sleepover
Thursday 14th July	Year 4 Onsite Residential/Sleepover
Friday 15th July	Reports out to Parents