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Meet the Teacher

Thank you so much for attending our meet the teacher events this week. It was lovely to see so many of you. We hope the sessions were useful and that you enjoyed the opportunity to look around your child's class. For those of you who were unable to attend, teachers will be sending out information on Tapestry or SeeSaw.

Mrs Lamb



Swim Safety

We had an exciting visit from Olympic Swimmer Adam Whitehead on Wednesday. He spoke to the children about where to swim safely. Leaflets have gone home offering a free swimming session. You can find the one for our area by going to <https://www.beckyadlingtonsswimstars.com/ta-ster-sessions> and choosing the correct location. You can then choose the time and date that suits you.



If you don't already, please give us a follow on Twitter.

Our school account is @GosforthPark1st



We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on **Tuesday 17th October**. As always, we will welcome donations for the People's Kitchen which provides hot meals and support for anyone who, for many different reasons, finds themselves struggling. This is a critical time for this excellent charity, which is based near St James' Park, because it is when the warehouse is replenished with goods to sustain it through the year to come.

The charity provides a 'Harvest Wish List' for all who are willing to give. This includes **tinned meals, vegetables, fruit and soups, cooking ingredients; tea, coffee and instant drinking chocolate; household items such as dishwashing cloths, pan scrubs, freezer bags, laundry wash tablets and general toiletries are also welcome**. Please note that fresh fruit and vegetables are not required because it is not necessarily possible to use them immediately.

Please send any donations in with your child on or before Friday 14th October.

Thank you again for your support.

Mrs McClurg

Applying for Places

Please apply on time to avoid disappointment. We are currently full with waiting lists in all year groups.

Nursery Application forms for places in September 2023 will be available on the school website and from the office from Friday 13th January 2023

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.

Reception Applications for September 2023

Applications open: 1 September 2022

Applications close: 15 January 2023

National offer day: 17 April 2023

Further information can be found at

<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place/applying-reception-places>

Parents are able to visit the school on the following dates. Please phone the school office to book a place.

Monday 10th October 9:30 – 10:30am

Monday 17th October 9:30 – 10:30am

Wednesday 19th October 2:00 – 3:00pm

Wednesday 2nd November 5:00 – 6:00am

Wednesday 9th November 2:00 – 3:00am

Wednesday 16th November 5:00 – 6:00am

Middle School Applications for September 2023

Applications open: 1 September 2022

Applications close: 31 October 2022

National Offer Day: 01 March 2023

Further information can be found at

<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place/applying-transfer-places>

Year 4 parents should have all received a letter via Parent Pay from Mr Stout on Thursday inviting you to an open evening at GEMS on Wednesday 12th October 2022 at 6.00pm.

Mrs Lamb



ROBINWOOD 2023

There are still some Year 4 spaces for our Year 4 residential to Robinwood. If you have forgotten to sign up, don't worry there is still time. Please get in touch with the office ASAP to reserve your place.

Many thanks

Mrs Wilson



The school photographer will be in on Wednesday 2nd November to take photos of individuals and siblings. These make lovely Christmas gifts for relatives. Class photos will be taken in the Summer Term.



Rainbow Wraparound

Please contact us via

wraparound@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk

or for any ad hoc bookings

Rainbow Wraparound: 07926 946 565.




PTFA Meeting

Our next PTFA meeting is on Tuesday 27th September from 6:15 – 7:15pm in the school hall. Everyone is welcome.

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MINI-FLIPPERS

Our Mini Flippers programme is a structured child and adult class where your child will take part in a gymnastics class accompanied by yourself. The session structure will include a warm up with music and the use of hand apparatus, multiple apparatus circuits concluding with a cool down and stickers. All gymnasts will work towards our bespoke badge system accompanied with certificates, they will also participate in imaginative/creative activities to increase their fine motor skills.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SUNDAY
9:45am - 10:30am	1:30pm - 2:15pm	1:30pm - 2:15pm	1:30pm - 2:15pm	12:15pm - 1:00pm
10:45am - 11:30am				

Children aged 18 Months can participate if they are ready to follow instructions


STAY & PLAY


Stay and Play is a fun interactive free play session. During the 1 hour session the children will have access of a wide range of soft play equipment and gymnastics apparatus. We have a baby corner for the young children to enjoy sensory play. We also have lots of jigsaws, puzzles and educational toys. All children **MUST** be supervised by their parent or guardian. All sessions will finish with songs and bubble time. This session is a free play session for the whole family to enjoy.

£4.50 per child - Under 1s go free with a paying sibling

MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
12:00pm - 1:00pm	9:30am - 10:30am	9:30am - 10:30am	9:30am - 10:30am
	10:45am - 11:45am	10:45am - 11:45am	10:45am - 11:45am

<https://north-east-gymnastics-academy.class4kids.co.uk>
NEWBURN ACTIVITY CENTRE
Grange Road
NE15 8ND

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National Bike to School Week begins on the 3rd of October this year. The benefits of heading to school under our own steam when we can, far outweigh any negatives. As the volume of traffic peaks during the school run, so do pollution levels; not only in the air in our streets, but also concentrating within our own cars where it cannot disperse. Getting to and from school without using the car increases our daily activity levels and it is far safer to have fewer cars driving around the vicinity.

The cycle organisation Sustrans have teamed up with Bikeability this year and they are running a competition to win a Frog City 61 Bike. All you have to do is make your pledge to come under your own steam, and enter your details in the online form. Find out more on

<https://www.bikeability.org.uk/cycletooschoolweek/>

Mrs Wells

Pre-Loved Uniform

Thank you to all those who donated items to be sold and also those who purchased items over the summer a total of £195 has been handed over to Mrs Hall this week to be spent on playground equipment etc.

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 taylorred 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 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

PLEASE NOTE: My daughter will be moving on to GEMS in September 2023, if anyone should like to continue the pre-loved uniform sales from Easter 2023, please can you approach me or Mrs Lamb.

Staff Training Days

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

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

Please see the dates for your diary below and the school calendar for 2022_2023 attached.



Huge congratulations to Amelia who took part in a gymnastics competition at the weekend in Liverpool. She won 1 gold, 1 silver, 2 bronze and 2 judges' spot awards!



Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **98.6%** which is up on this time last year (97.6%)

Our classes of the week this week are **Orange Class** with **99.7%** and **Green Class** with **99%** attendance. Well done!

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

Thanks
Mrs Lamb

Advanced Notice of Dates 2022-2023

Updates will be added in red

Summer Holiday	
Tuesday 17th October	Harvest Festival Donations to school on or before this date please.
Friday 21 st October	Reception Halloween Fun Morning 9:00 – 10:30 for parents
Friday 21 st October	Last Day of Term
October Half Term	
Monday 31 st October	Training Day
Wednesday 2nd November	School Photographer – individuals and sibling groups
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
Friday 16th December	Reception Christmas Fun morning 9:00 – 10:30 for parents
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
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