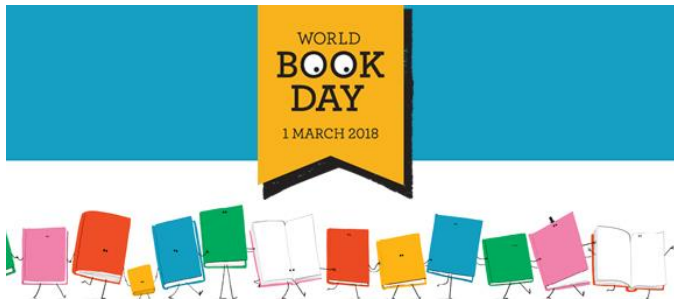




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WORLD BOOK DAY 2018

Thursday 1st March

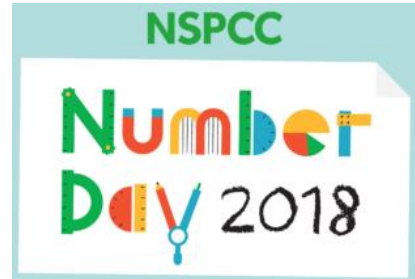
Children can come dressed as a character from a book to celebrate this special day. They must be able to say which character they are and the name of the book!

They will receive a £1 voucher. They can spend this at our School Book Fair- 5th-9th March.

Thank you
Mrs Renwick



If you have passed the Daft as a Brush offices recently you would have noticed a rather large double decker blue bus sitting in the car park. The bus is called "Bluebell" and Brian Burnie is using the bus to embark on a 7,000 mile journey around Great Britain, to promote the Daft as a Brush service to cancer patients all over the UK. The walk will take him about 2 years and he will travel the length of the coastal footpath of both Great Britain and Ireland. As supporters of Daft as a Brush, Brian has invited some pupils along. Our Young Journalist Clubmembers will be popping over on Monday morning to take a sneak peek inside the bus, to see how it has been newly fitted out for its epic journey!!! Look out in next week's newsletter for the scoop from our Young Journalists!



What a fantastic day! The children looked fabulous and have had great fun. Thank you so much for your generous contributions for NSPCC Number Day. We will let you know the total amount raised in next week's newsletter.



We're Listening

Following feedback from parents who have been telling us they are unsure of what homework the children have and when,, here is list for each class this week. This will be put in the newsletter every Friday. Please remember that reading is part of homework too and we encourage reading little and often, even with our most advanced readers in KS2. Remember to check for the maths homework of your childs maths group.

Class	Homework
Green Mrs Gordon	Maths Money – change from 10p/20p Mathletics – Subtracting from 18/Number balances to 20
Orange Mr Phipps	Fractions
Yellow Miss Young	Fractions - shading $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ worksheet
Indigo Mrs Thorpe	Pictograms – Pet survey – double sided sheet to complete Please name sheets!
Violet Miss Cogdon	Mathletics – fractions Spellings
Blue Mrs McClurg	Spellings – words with the /s/ sound spelt with 'sc' Maths – Mathletics

Advance Notice of Dates

World Book Day – Thursday 1st March
Book Fair – 5th – 9th March
Science Week – 12th – 16th March
Viewing of children's work – the morning of Friday 23rd March
Parent Consultations – after school on Monday 26th and Wednesday 28th March
Open Day – the afternoon of Friday 22nd June



Knowing and being able to use times tables is extremely important. In Blue Class I have been trying out some fun ways of teaching and learning the tables so that children can then use their knowledge to problem solve. Last term Key Stage 2 completed a trial on Times Table Rock Stars. The trial not only improved the speed at which the children were able to answer multiplication and division questions but also developed confidence and made learning the tables more fun! Key Stage 2 loved creating their avatar and playing games to earn coins which can be spent in the virtual shop.

We are excited to announce that as a result of the trial Times Table Rock Stars has been introduced in KS1 too!

Nursery

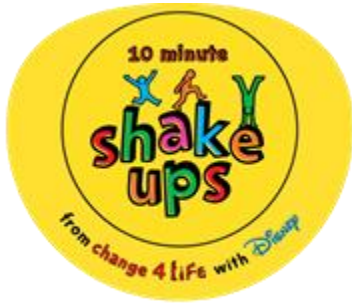
The deadline for Nursery applications is Friday 16th March. If you would like an application form, or to arrange a visit, please contact the school office.

DINNER MONEY

Dinner Money payable fopr Year 3 and 4 children from Monday 19th February to Thursday 29th March 2018 is as follows:
Usual weekly amount £10.00 (£8.00 in last week)

Amount for half term: £58.00

Please make cheques payable to Newcastle City Council



'Change 4 Life' 10 Minute Shake Up!

Here at Gosforth Park First School we encourage the Government's initiative of encouraging every child to be active for at least **60 minutes** every day. Here is an activity endorsed by the 'Change 4 Life' campaign which you and your family may enjoy playing.

Pterodactyl Chase -

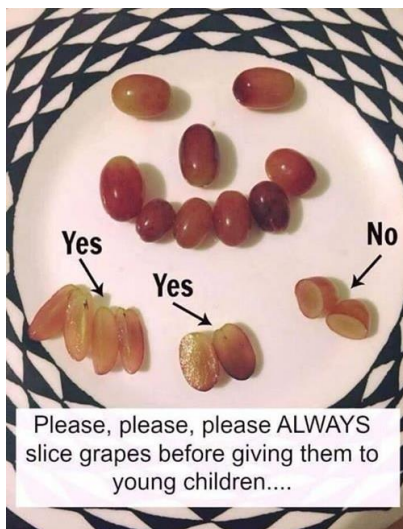
<https://www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up/shake-ups/pterodactyl-chase#28ez1TIKj34hgQeV.97>

Watch out for next week's game!

Miss Walsh

Alert - Keeping Safe

Fruit and vegetables from the school kitchen are always appropriately sliced. Parents, please make sure grapes and cherry tomatoes in lunchboxes are sliced too, to reduce the risk of choking. Thanks



Class Assemblies

Class Assemblies – Special Class Assemblies will be taking place over the term. The children will showcase some of their learning and this will enable parents to see what they have been doing. The Special Assemblies will take place on a Friday afternoon. Parents and carers will be invited to the School hall for 2.30pm to have a chat and a cup of tea or coffee. Fundraising will take place with the sale of cakes (nut free please), raffle etc. This will be to support the class with buying some little extras. The children will come in at 2.50pm to showcase their talents. We do need some parents or family volunteers to help on the afternoons to do the teas and coffees, sell donated cakes (nut free please which need to come in on the morning of the class assembly). Donations of raffle prizes would be appreciated. Please see your child's teacher or contact the school office to say if you can help. Thank you in advance for your much valued help and support.

Please save the date!

Friday 2nd March - Indigo Class

Friday 9th March Nursery am and pm

Nursery Mother's Day Assembly

Friday 16th March – Blue Class

Friday 23rd March – Green Class

Friday 4th May – Orange Class

Friday 11th May – Reception 1 and 2

Friday 18th May – Yellow

Remember

Indigo Class Special Assembly

Friday 2nd March

Attendance News

Our attendance this week is 96.6% which is down on this time last year (97.2%).

We have had 29 late marks this week (13 families).



Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Indigo** and **Orange** classes!

Don't forget to send or email in your wonderful achievements so we can congratulate you in the newsletter!



The Mathletics trophy was awarded to both **Reception Classes** this week. A special mention goes out to **Layla Chard** and **Layla Higgins** who were our Mathletes of the week.

Thanks

Mrs Lamb

Huge thanks to the Friends of Gosforth Park First School who have very kindly agreed to pay for our Mathletics Subscription.

Curriculum Update

You may have heard in the media reference to a 'Mastery Curriculum' or 'Mastery Approach' to learning.

What is mastery?

Mastery is

- Children being able to apply their skills, knowledge in relation to their age and year group across the curriculum in meaningful and authentic contexts.
- About breadth and depth of learning and not just discrete skills and knowledge.

For example, it is about children's ability to talk for different purposes and in different contexts to think critically, reason, problem solve, develop positive attitudes to learning.

Teachers here at Gosforth Park First School plan creatively to structure opportunities which are fun and enable pupils to demonstrate their learning.

In maths we are using our knowledge of numbers and the number system to solve real life problems, reasoning about how and why to apply different strategies.

In Literacy the children talk about, compare and contrast texts and enjoy their reading.