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Plans for September

We are delighted that the latest guidance from the DfE (Thursday 2nd June) supports a full time return to school for all pupils from September. Children will still be in bubbles but these can be much larger than before. There will be a staggered start and finish to the school day but the children will still have the same amount of teaching time each day. We will be working in the summer to formulate plans which we will share with you as soon as we are able to. Given the number of changes to all of the previous guidance, we anticipate some adjustments before September. We are looking forward to September, seeing all of our children return and reuniting our GPFS family. Mrs Lamb

Autumn Term begins on Tuesday 8th September for pupils from Reception to Year 4

Miss Gasper has already sent out information regarding new Nursery visits in September.
Please see attached school calendar for the 2020 - 2021 academic year.

Together we make a difference

Staff News

Next week is Miss Bulloch (Orange Class) and Mrs Boon's (office) last week in school. They have both been working in school this year on a supply basis and have been a real asset to the team. We thank them both for their hard work and dedication.

Mrs Lamb

School Bubbles WC 13th July

Please remember to socially distance when dropping off and collecting, keep to the left of the white line when entering and leaving the site and do not gather at the gates.

Bubble	Staff	Room	Toilet	Drop off/Pick up
Nur	Mrs Dunn Mrs Wells	Nursery	Nursery Toilets	Nursery Gate (EYFS) Arrival: 8:45-9am Departure: 3.15- 3.30pm
Key Rec	Miss Coughlan Mrs Dodds	SW Class	Reception Toilets	Red Doors (EYFS) Arrival: 8:45-9am Departure: 3.15- 3.30pm
Rec	Mrs Gasper Mrs Matthewson	SC Class	Reception Toilets	Red Doors (EYFS) Arrival: 9:30am Departure:2:30pm
Y1	Miss Bulloch Mrs Wilson Mrs Loftus	Orange Class Green Class	Year 1 Cubical in Girls and Boys toilets	Girls toilet door Arrival: 8:45-8:55am Departure: 3:10- 3:30pm
Y2	Mrs Lambert Mrs Wells Miss Smith	Blue Classroom	Year 2 Cubical in Girls and Boys toilets	Boys toilet door Arrival: 8:45-8:55am Departure: 3:10- 3:30pm
	Mrs Hall Mrs Lucas Mrs McKendrick	Indigo and Violet Classrooms	Year 3 Cubical in Girls and Boys toilets	Girls toilet door Arrival: 8:55-9:05am Departure: 3:20- 3:30pm

We are delighted that we will be seeing some of our pupils who have not yet been in school next week. These children will be meeting with staff in bubbles of 15. They will not be mixing with other bubbles or groups in school. Parents should have received an email inviting them to one of the sessions below. Please make sure your only attends the session they were invited for. Children do not need to wear uniform for this session.

Thanks

Mrs Lamb

Wednesday 15th July, Mr Hindess Year 3

10:00 – 12:00 *by invitation only

1:00 - 3:00 *by invitation only

Thursday 16th July, Mrs Lambert Year 2

10:00 – 12:00 *by invitation only

1:00 - 3:00 *by invitation only

Friday 17th July, Miss Pope and Mrs Tudor Year 1

10:00 - 12:00 *by invitation only 1:00 - 3:00 *by invitation only

End of Year Reports

Reports have been handed out to pupils on site today and posted out to parents of children not in school. If you require an extra copy for different households, please let the school office know.

This year, after carefully considering parental feedback, we have redesigned our end of year report format. We have attempted to make our reports more informative as well as giving parents a clear indication of your child's attainment and attitude to learning for each subject.

Reports will still include an overall comment from your child's class teacher, some specific next steps for them to work on and a message from Mrs Lamb.

We hope that you will welcome these changes and can see the benefits that our new reports will have on your child's progress as they continue their journey through Gosforth Park.

If you would like to discuss reports with your child's class teacher over the phone during the final week of term, please email or phone the school office.

Mr Hindess



Summer Holiday

School is closed during the summer holiday. School staff will be here for much of the time as we have a lot of planning to do for September and we will need to reorganise and resource the physical environment so that classes are ready for the return of 30 children. Teachers will be planning the curriculum and working together to ensure that we are ready for whatever September brings.

Holiday Activities and Childcare

If you need childcare for the summer holidays, the Gosforth out of School Club will be operating on site. We have spoken to the owners (Jo Price and Margaret Higgins) who are keen for us to let you know that they can accommodate the children of key workers who have been attending school since March, as well as other children.

Please visit their website if you would like to book places

https://www.gosforthparkoutofschoolclub.co.uk

We will share information about activities across the city for sport and holiday activities through the newsletter and twitter as this becomes available.



Most children love to eat with their hands and so barbecues are a great option to include some healthy, tasty bites in their diets and possibly try something new. You could let them help to create chicken and veg kebabs or substitute some chicken for salmon. Do you always have beef burgers and pork sausages? Have a try of turkey or vegetable burgers or chicken sausages too. Corn on the cob is delicious cooked or finished off on the barbecue. There's such a good variety of barbecue food in the shops, and the supermarkets have lots of recipes to try on their websites at the moment too.

Mrs Wells

FSM vouchers for the summer holiday.

Summer holiday with payments should have been received by families now. If you have not received your summer voucher, please email the school admin address. We will be monitoring this inbox at least weekly and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

If your circumstances have changed and you think you may be eligible, just call 0845 6006400 to apply immediately over the phone.

Alternatively you can log on

to www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/help-school-and-learning-costs/apply-free-school-meals

We would encourage anyone who is unsure whether they qualify to apply anyway.



We know that coronavirus has put extra pressure on families, so Action for Children are offering online parenting support. From where to go for help to how to keep your children entertained at home - explore our advice and find useful resources

here: https://www.parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/ covid-19-advice-support

Have a question about parenting? Our online coaches are available for free, confidential 1-1 live chat. We're here to listen and support you. Visit https://talk.actionforchildren.org.uk/
Our school nurse is available to support with various childcare queries. Support is still available to both parents/carers and children too through the single point of access number below. 0191 282 3319



Uniform September 2020

As we look forward to September with the hope that all of our children will be returning, we want to remind you about our fantastic pre-loved uniform service. Mrs Watkins, one of our lovely parents and PTFA members, takes in items which are no longer needed and re-sells at a very reasonable price. All funds come back to school to be spent on playground equipment for the children. This is a brilliant way to reduce, reuse, recycle and to save money to spend on other things over the summer. Text Kate on 07947846974 to arrange drop off or collection.

Currently there is no stock available for nursery items. However, items can be dropped off in bags to the door of 6 Burnside road NE3 2DU

- Jumpers/cardigans £2.50
- Polo shirts £1.50
- Pinafores £1.50
- Checked dressed £1.50
- Skirts/short/trousers 50p

When dropping off pre-loved clothes, please note that we are unable to take red items that are marked with pen.

Bookbags from September

As space in school is limited, please only send children with book bags in September. We do not have space to store 30 large back packs in each cloakroom/classroom.

Thank you

Mrs Lamb

In celebration of Metro's 40th anniversary which takes place on Tuesday 11 August, we would love your pupils to be involved as part of our Birthday celebrations.

Metro's Birthday

What is a birthday without a very special birthday cake? We would love your pupils to design and make a birthday cake, any cake and the best bit is they get to eat it.

If they could send their photos or videos of their cakes to myself, so that we can share all of their lovely designs on social media, as part of our birthday celebrations.

Deborah Rodenby

<u>communityrelations@nexus.org.uk</u> closing date 31st July.

Happy baking!



The Summer Reading Challenge presented by The Reading Agency and Newcastle Libraries has gone digital! The scheme encourages children aged 4 – 11 to set themselves a reading challenge to help prevent the summer reading 'dip'. This year this support is needed more than ever. The Summer Reading Challenge encourages and supports children to enjoy a summer of amazing books. This year's theme is Silly Squad - a celebration of funny books, happiness and laughter. The aim is to encourage children to read whatever makes them happy.

Throughout the summer there is a range of digital events on the Summer Reading Challenge website

https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/ including crafts, quizzes and creative writing tasks.

Sign up to the new digital Summer Reading Challenge platform at www.sillysquad.org.uk

Have fun, get reading and don't forget to share with school on twitter!

School Meals

From September school meals will cost £2.20 per day for KS2 pupils (£11 per week). Please pay in advance via Parent Pay.

Many thanks

Mrs Carrick



Newcastle Libraries has developed a great programme of online events and activities including Big Bang Science sessions and Craig Bradley, That Poetry Bloke. You will also find activities every day of the week, watch out for daily updates on social media.

BorrowBox offers library card holders the chance to borrow digital books and audio books for free on their computer or smart device. Children can choose from a range of books, featuring some popular children's authors, including JK Rowling, Roald Dahl and David Walliams. Select 'BorrowBox Library' from the Apple App store or Google Play to download the BorrowBox app to your device. When logging into App for the first time you need to select Newcastle Libraries - UK. Find us on Twitter @ToonLibraries Facebook @NewcastleLibraries Help us spread the word with children, families and friends to get everyone reading!



If anyone has any reading or library books belonging to school, please could you drop them in the box by the school office.

There will also be boxes placed at each entrance for children attending over the next two weeks to drop off any books.

Many thanks

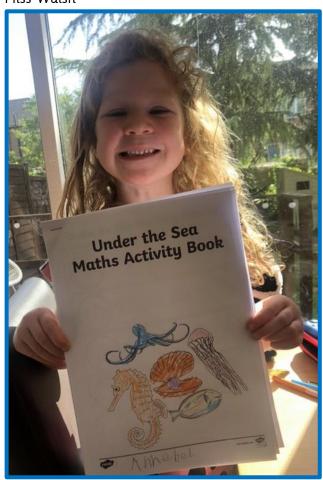
Mrs Lambert

STARS OF THE WEEK

EYFS

Well done to Annabel from Miss Walsh's class in Reception. Annabel has been working very hard on a range of topics including maths activities, phonics activities, learning about the weather, creating story maps for our Literacy focus books and exploring textures. Here Annabel completed an under the sea maths booklet. She has really impressed me with her mathematical skills by counting to 100, counting in 10s, identifying 3D shapes and finding ½ and ¼. Very well done Annabel!

Miss Walsh



STARS OF THE WEEK

EYFS

Well done to Joey from Miss Walsh's class in Reception. Joey has been working very hard on a range of topics including Mathletics, phonics and spelling activities. Here Joey was helping to plant trees in his garden. Joey understood that the plants needed water to grow. Well done Joey! Miss Walsh



Well done to Lola from Miss Walsh's class in Reception. Lola has been working very hard on a range of topics including drawing and writing sentences relating to our Literacy focus books, reading, creating characters from our Literacy focus books, including making a Play-doh Rainbow Fish. She also completed lots of maths activities including learning to tell the time and identifying odd and even numbers. Lola has really impressed me with her phonics skills. Here she is creating sentences using her phonics knowledge! Well done Lola!

Miss Walsh



STARS OF THE WEEK

KS1

Lily has finished reading Awful Auntie, her favourite David Walliams book so far! She also made a pineapple upside down cake which looks delicious.



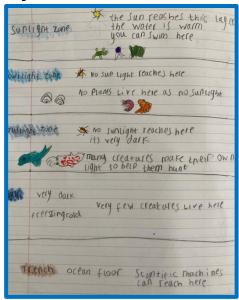


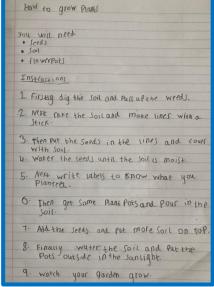


STARS OF THE WEEK

KS1

Rosie has done some great Oak Academy pieces of work. She wrote some great instructions for how to grow plants. Rosie and her little sister Poppy also made some brilliant fairy jars, they look lovely!









It has been lovely to see all of the messages and transition work that the children have been sending to their new teachers. There will be a new activity posted on Monday. Remember that home learning and class messages from your current teacher are on the class pages section of the website. Send your home learning and work for the newsletter to

<u>home.learning@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk</u> Thanks

Miss Coughlan



Oxford Reading Buddy

Top Class again this week is Green Class with Reception Miss Coughlan second.

Our Reading buddies this week are — Anna Gillot from Green class and Joseph Walker in Reception Miss Coughlan. Well done!



Wow **Millie Anderson**, you've been working so hard on your times tables and have achieved Rock Star status with your amazing 'studio speed'. Straight into second place, with only Blake Fahy ahead of you. Well done!

Ms Gasper



Well done to **Jemima Bond** and **Isabel Gent** who have been working really hard on Mathletics, and have gained most points. It was really close this week between Indigo class and Yellow class, however Yellow are still our winners with a class total of 23171 points in just one week! Amazing!

White Rose Maths



White Rose Maths have let us know about a brand-new resource that they've produced for Year 1 and up. They've created 'Parent Workbooks' that can be downloaded onto an iPad, Kindle, some smartphones etc. They cover all the maths topics that the children cover through the year. They would be a fantastic resource if you wanted to keep your children occupied with some short maths activities through the summer — little and often works well! The workbooks are completely free too, hope you find them useful.

https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/primary-resources/parent-workbooks/

Ms Gasper













anniversary Can you help us celebrate?

It's not a celebration without a cake!

We'd love you to get involved and bake us a birthday cake. We like all kinds of cakes so why not make us your favourite and enjoy it at home?

Just remember to send us a photo or video before you eat it!



Send pictures or videos of your baking creations to Community.relations@nexus.org.uk, for the attention of Deborah Rodenby, by 31st July.