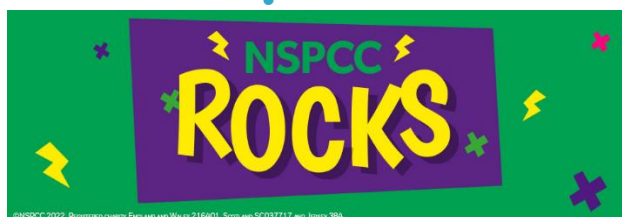




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Number Day 2023



We're taking part in NSPCC Number Day!

Dear Parents/Carers,
We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in their Number Day on **Friday 3 February 2023**.

This year the NSPCC are also celebrating Number Day in conjunction with Times Table Rockstars, with special events and games taking part on their website. In KS2 we'll definitely be joining in with some of those!

Children deserve an equal start in life

The NSPCC believes that all children deserve a childhood free from harm but, sadly, that's not the case for many children. That's why the NSPCC is fighting for every childhood and working to help keep children safe from abuse. The NSPCC needs our support. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern and the NSPCC Speak out Stay safe Programme which aims to equip a generation of children with the knowledge and understanding they need to

stay safe from abuse and neglect through delivery of assemblies and workshops in schools.

Making maths meaningful

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it.

We will be taking part in *Dress up for Digits* and pupils will be invited to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a **onesie!**). To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £2, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

It all adds up

We're looking forward to all the fun of Number Day, and we really appreciate your support. All the money we raise at Gosforth Park First School will make an enormous difference to children today and help change the lives of children tomorrow.

Thank you.

Best wishes,

Miss Gasper

You can find out more about the NSPCC's work at nspcc.org.uk

To find out more about keeping children safe online, visit nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety



Eating fruit and veg in season ensures that fruit and veg taste their best for our children to want to eat them. Have you ever sniffed a pack of strawberries?! If you can't smell them, they really won't taste as good, with little juice and flavour. Frozen fruit is a good swap which is lovely defrosted and mixed with low fat plain yoghurt for a pudding. Or the yoghurt mix can be topped with plain cereal for a delicious healthy breakfast or blended with some ripe bananas for a smoothie. Frozen fruit can also be used as a crumble base or used to make muffins.

Applying for Nursery Places

Nursery Application forms for places in September 2023 are now available on the school website and from the office.

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.

We will be holding visits for parents on the following dates and times

- Tuesday 24th January 4:00 – 4:30pm
- Wednesday 25th January 4:00 – 4:30pm
- Thursday 26th January 10:00 – 10:30 am
- Tuesday 31st January 4:00 – 4:30pm
- Wednesday 1st February 4:00 – 4:30pm
- Thursday 2nd February 10:00 – 10:30 am

Please contact the school office to book a place.



Huge well done to Dax, pictured with his trophy below, for coming 4th in the Hooton Park Karting Championship in the cadet category racing against children as old as 12!



Congratulations to Teddy who had his first swimming lesson last week and has already been awarded his 5m badge!



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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

Staff Training Days

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

- Friday 26th May 2023

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

In light of the announcement of His Majesty's coronation on Saturday 6 May 2023, an additional bank holiday has been announced on Monday 8 May and school will be closed on this day.



We now have 12 children in school that are Rock Heroes or Rock Legends, which means they can answer times table questions in under 2 seconds, on average. I'm sure you'll agree, that is absolutely incredible – and completely down to hard work and lots of effort!

Spencer F and Lara T, you are so close to Rock Star status too – amazing efforts from you.

TTRS is participating in NSPCC number day this year – see details on the front page.



Green class are our 'Mathletes of the Week' – you have been working so hard and have amazing points scores this week!

Well done to Sahib S-D, Iris E and Ava U for all your fantastic efforts on Mathletics too!



Rainbow Wraparound

Please contact us via

wraparound@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk

or for any ad hoc bookings

Rainbow Wraparound: 07926 946 565.



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

Our school account is @GosforthPark1st

Attendance

Next week, we will be sharing your child's individual attendance data with you. We know that attendance has been impacted by both COVID absences and other genuine illnesses, however, it is important for us to share this information with you as we are required by the LA to monitor attendance below 90%.

Attendance should be 97% or above.

We use a traffic light system for attendance

- Attendance **above 97% - Green** (Safety Zone)
- Attendance **between 91% and 96% - Amber** (At Risk Zone)
- Attendance **below 90% - Red** (Danger Zone)

The report will show how many sessions (not days) of absence your child has had. There are two sessions per day.

If we can support with attendance in any way, please get in touch. Our attendance officer, Clare Gardner, will be happy to help.

Please remember, I cannot authorise any absence due to family holidays. I can only authorise leave in exceptional circumstances.

Many thanks

Mrs Lamb

Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **96.5%** which is above this time last year (94.8%)

Our classes of the week last week were **Reception SC** with **98.6%** attendance and **Orange Class** with **98.9%** attendance.

Well done!

Mrs Lamb



ROBINWOOD 22/3/23 – 24/3/23

Just a quick reminder that the final payment for all year 4 children attending Robinwood is due by **2nd Feb 2023**. Thank you if this has already been paid.

A meeting will be held in the school hall on **Wednesday 15th Feb at 6:15pm** for all parents. This is to go over some valuable information and forms will be handed out to be completed. Please try to attend even if you have had another child who has already attended Robinwood in the past, as things will have changed.

Best wishes

Mrs Wilson

National Storytelling Week

Saturday 4th February, 11am and 2pm - City Library

Come and join the Big Bad Wolf for a storytime with a difference. Make your own fairytale mask and then search the library for the little pig's houses. Can you help the Big Bad Wolf blow their house down? Suitable for children 8 and under and their grownups.



There are lots of fun activities coming up at Newcastle Libraries this term (especially at Half Term!) Some are at City Library and some at Gosforth, check out their website for more details.

Mrs Lambert

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Advanced Notice of Dates 2023

Updates will be added in red

Tuesday 24th January 4:00 – 4:30pm	Nursery Parent Visit
Tuesday 24th January	Reception Balance Bikes
Wednesday 25th January 4:00 – 4:30pm	Nursery Parent Visit
Wednesday 25th January	Reception School Trip to Great North Museum
Wednesday 25 th January	KS1 and KS2 Kielder Observatory Workshops (in school)
Thursday 26th January 10:00 – 10:30 am	Nursery Parent Visit
Tuesday 31st January 4:00 – 4:30pm	Nursery Parent Visit
Wednesday 1st February 4:00 – 4:30pm	Nursery Parent Visit
Thursday 2nd February 10:00 – 10:30 am	Nursery Parent Visit
Friday 3 rd February	NSPCC Number Day
Wednesday 15 th Feb 6:15pm	Robinwood Parents' Meeting (Current Year 4)
Friday 17 th February	Last Day of Term
February Half Term	
Monday 27 th February	School reopens
Friday 17 th March	Nursery Applications Deadline (Nursery September 2023)
Wednesday 22 nd – Friday 24 th March	Year 4 Robinwood
Friday 31 st March	Last 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
Monday 8 th 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
Tuesday 27 th June	KS1 Sports Day – parents arrive from 2pm
Wednesday 28 th June	Reception Sports Day – parents arrive from 2pm
Thursday 29 th June	KS2 Sports Day – parents arrive from 2pm
Thursday 13 th – Friday 14 th July	Year 3 On-site Residential
Friday 21 st July	Last Day of Term