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## Christmas Crafts Market

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
**3:00-3:30pm**

**New for 2022:** This year, all of our children will be putting their entrepreneurial skills to the test. Each class has been given £50 to make Christmas crafts to be sold at our Christmas Crafts Market on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. The class that raises the most money will receive a special prize!

Every classroom, from Nursery to Year 4, will be opening their doors and inviting you to purchase their crafts and sweet treats.

**We will be inviting parents into classrooms from 3pm.** Parents will be able to collect their children from their usual class before visiting any other classrooms.

All money raised will go towards our school PTFA to be reinvested in school for your children.



## Music Partnership North Virtual Christmas Performance Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

We are delighted that KS1 and KS2 will be taking part in an **audio-visual Christmas performance** of Gareth Miller's songs *Shine Your Light this Christmas* (KS2) and *Our Christmas Party* (KS1). These performances will be **video recorded** on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** and combined with videos of other schools from across Newcastle before being shared.

This virtual performance is being coordinated by Music Partnership North and will be released in time for Christmas on MPN's YouTube channel which can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/MusicPartnershipNorth>

If you would like your child to participate in our performance, please give your consent via ParentPay. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Please be aware that children who do not have consent will not be recorded or take part in the performance.

Many thanks  
Mr Patterson



## Christmas Movie Nights

Please sign up via ParentPay if your child would like to attend their Christmas Movie Night. We are asking for a donation of £3.50 for our PTFA. Movie nights will include a snack and drink

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December**  
**KS1 Christmas Movie Night**  
3:00-4:30pm



**Tuesday 6th December**  
**KS2 Christmas Movie Night**  
3:00-4:30pm



**Wednesday 7th December**  
**Reception Christmas Movie Night**  
3:00-4:30pm



If your child is not staying until 4.30pm, please pick them up at the usual time from their normal exit doors

Thank you!  
PTFA

## Science Eco Warriors

The Green Team were out at lunchtime picking up litter across our yard and garden. We almost filled half a bag! Thank you to all our eco-warriors that helped pick up the litter. We did enjoy using the litter claws.

Miss Pope



## Theatre Trip



**Reception - Year 4**  
**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

On **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**, we will be taking all of our children from Reception to Year 4 to the Exchange Theatre in North Shields to watch the pantomime Dick Whittington!

If you have not yet given consent for your child to attend, please do so via ParentPay.

Many thanks  
Mrs Lamb



Every 2 years our year 4 children take part in an anonymous Health Related Behaviour Survey. This survey gathers information on a variety of subjects and collates their opinions as well as behaviours that relate to a typical day or week. For example, our children tell us that they have very active lifestyles where they enjoy a variety of sporting clubs both inside and outside of school. We also get to see how our data compares to that of Newcastle schools as a whole and one response that often stands out, including in our school, is how only a small percentage of children state that they had 5 or more portions of fruit or vegetables on the previous day.

We are aware that many children of this age would sometimes forget or not consider vegetables that they can't see, (as in a sauce for example) as a portion that they would have eaten. However it is still a useful reminder to be conscious about providing, and encouraging our children to eat as many portions of fruit and vegetables as we can each day.

Keep an eye on the next series of newsletters for plenty of reminders, tips and weblinks related to consuming plenty of fruit and veg.

Mrs Wells



Gosforth Park and the PTFA would like to thank Christina Mancini for arranging a football card for Year 4 which has raised nearly **£100** for the PTFA!



Congratulations to the lucky winner, **Owen!**

## KS2 William Morris

Key Stage 2 classes enjoyed learning about Victorian artist William Morris this week. We looked at Morris' distinctive wallpaper designs before creating our own versions!





## Pre-Loved Uniform

PRE-LOVED ITEMS WE CAN SELL		PRE-LOVED ITEMS WE CAN NOT 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 TAYLORED 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	
OFFICIAL PE T-SHIRT/SHORTS	£0.50	

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

## 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.

**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.**

## Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **97.2%** which is well above this time last year (95.4%)

Our class of the week this week is **Rec Miss Coughlan** with **97.6%** attendance.

Well done!

Mrs Lamb



We have four more amazing Rockstars this week – you are all completing your tables so fast, it's amazing! Well done to **Lonn F-G**, **Bruce R**, **William G** and **Jude M** on achieving Rockstar Status! A special mention to those battling it out for top speed in the school – **Hania P**, **Leo S** and **Zoe T**, such amazing efforts from you all – wow!

Here is last week's band rocking in celebration assembly:



**Green class** are our wonderful 'Mathletes of the Week' – fantastic work from you all. Our top point scorers are **Sahib S-D**, **Lily E** and **Jack B** – we are very proud of you all!

# 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 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

The closing date for applications is 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Offer letters will be emailed out on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

The deadline for accepting a place is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> October 9:30 – 10:30am

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 9:30 – 10:30am

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 5:00 – 6:00pm

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2:00 – 3:00pm

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2:00 – 3:00pm

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 5:00 – 6:00pm

**New: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2:00 – 3:00pm**



## Rainbow Wraparound

Please contact us via

[wraparound@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto: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

## Pants are Private



This Wednesday we welcomed the NSPCC to school to share an important message with our Year 2 children that pants are private. We designed our own pants too! A big thank you to our school health team and the NSPCC

Mrs McClurg

The background of the poster is a dark teal color with various Christmas-themed illustrations. At the top left, there is a yellow reindeer head with antlers. Below it is a snowman wearing a top hat. To the right of the snowman is a red and white striped Christmas ornament. Further right is a large red circle containing the text 'PTFA CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT' and a white icon of a movie camera. At the bottom left, there is a red bird. At the bottom right, there is a blue robot. In the center, there is a white box containing the event details. The background also features a yellow star, a blue and white striped ornament, and a blue dinosaur.

# PTFA CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

## CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHTS

3PM – 4.30PM

KS1 - Mon 5th Dec



KS2 - Tues 6th Dec

Reception - Wed 7th Dec

Tickets for this event are available to our children via Parent Pay for **£3.50** and this will include a drink and movie snack.



## Festive dates for your diary, all in one place

### Christmas Movie Nights

3pm - 4.30pm

5.12.22 - KS1

6.12.22 - KS2

7.12.22 - Reception

Tickets for this event are available via Parent Pay for £3.50 and this will include a drink and movie snack.



Children's Christmas Market  
16.12.22

Christmas Dinner Day  
21.12.22

# PTFA CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

### Christmas Performance Dates

14.12.22

Nursery 9:30 – 10:00

19.12.22

Indigo 9:30 – 10:00

Violet 10:45 – 11:15

Blue 2:30 – 3:00

20.12.22

Reception Miss Coughlan 10:45 – 11:15

Reception Mrs McClurg 2:30 – 3:00

21.12.22

Green 9:30 – 10:00

Orange 10:45 – 11:15

Yellow 2:30 – 3:00

We have also organised a special festive visitor to school on 21.12.22  
More details to follow via parentpay.

### Emergency Christmas Eve Bags

Everything you need for family fun this Christmas Eve.



- Reindeer food
- Hot chocolate
- Christmas biscuit provided by 'Exclusively Biscuits'
- Create your own tree decoration
- Christmas activity



On sale via Parent Pay for £5 until 02.12.22 and available to collect before and after school from 20.12.22

Raffle tickets, tea and coffee will be available to purchase before each Christmas Show.

Thank you so much for your continued support.  
Merry Christmas





# EMERGENCY CHRISTMAS EVE BAG FOR SANTA AND HIS REINDEER



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On sale until 2nd  
December via Parent  
Pay for £5.



Available to collect  
before and after  
school in the last week  
of term (19th -22nd of  
December).



# Advanced Notice of Dates 2022-2023

Updates will be added in red

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Movie night 3:00 – 4:30
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Movie night 3:00 – 4:30
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Movie night 3:00 – 4:30
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Assembly for Parents 9:30 – 10:00
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception – Year 4 Dick Whittington at The Exchange Theatre
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Fun morning 9:00 – 10:30 for parents
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Children's Christmas Craft Market from 3:00 - 3:30 in classes for parents
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Indigo Christmas Assembly for Parents 9:30 – 10:00
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Violet Christmas Assembly for Parents 10:45 – 11:15
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Blue Christmas Assembly for Parents 2:30 – 3:00
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Miss Coughlan Christmas Assembly for Parents 10:45 – 11:15
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Mrs McClurg Christmas Assembly for Parents 2:30 – 3:00
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Special visitor for the children. Ho, Ho, Ho!
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch – if your child usually has a packed lunch and would like a Christmas Lunch, please book through Parent Pay by 18 <sup>th</sup> November.
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Green Christmas Assembly for Parents 9:30 – 10:00
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Orange Christmas Assembly for Parents 10:45 – 11:15
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Yellow Christmas Assembly for Parents 2:30 – 3:00
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Training Day
Christmas Holiday	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	School reopens
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Last Day of Term
February Half Term	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	School reopens
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Robinwood
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last Day of Term
Easter Holiday	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	School reopens
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 Swimming – to be confirmed
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	May Bank Holiday
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Last Day of Term
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Training Day
May Half Term	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	School reopens
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 Sports Day – parents arrive from 2pm
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Sports Day – parents arrive from 2pm
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Sports Day – parents arrive from 2pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last Day of Term