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We hope that all of our Gosforth Park children and families have a lovely holiday!

**Reminder:** School will reopen to pupils on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Mrs Lamb and the GPFS team

### Easter Bonnets

What a brilliant way to celebrate the last day of term in style! We have been so impressed with your amazing Easter Bonnets. It was egg-stremely difficult to choose the winners:

**Reception SC:** Florence and Fionntan

**Reception DMc:** James and Zara

**Green Class:** Beatrice and Rory

**Orange Class:** Sean and Darcy

**Yellow Class:** Josh and Posey

**Indigo Class:** Seva and Nell

**Violet Class:** Eleanor and Ruan

**Blue Class:** Alex and Eden

**Nursery:** Everyone who brought in a bonnet!

A huge congratulations to all of our winners who received a chocolate egg as their prize!

## Year 4 Swimming



Starting on **Monday 17th April**, all Year 4 pupils will be attending 2 weeks of swimming lessons at Gosforth Leisure Centre. At Gosforth Park, we are proud to provide swimming lessons for all of our Year 4 pupils. This is a compulsory element of the National Curriculum and an important part of our childrens' physical and personal development.

We will be walking to Gosforth Leisure centre at **12:45pm** and returning to school for the usual pick-up time of **3:30pm**. Please ensure that your child has a **waterproof coat and suitable footwear**, as we will be walking to the swimming pool in all weather conditions.

We will be relying on **parent volunteers** to help to walk with us to/from the pool. If you would be happy to help, please let us know by emailing, phoning or contacting your child's class teacher.

Please provide your child with a **separate swimming bag** containing the following items:

- One-piece swimming costume for girls
- Swimming trunks or swimming shorts for boys
- Towel
- Goggles (if worn)
- Hair brush/comb
- No deodorants/sprays or shampoo please.
- Long hair must be tied back and no jewellery (including earrings) to be worn.

Mrs Lamb



# Easter Bonnets

Here are a selection of some of your amazing Easter Bonnets – you all look eggcellent!



## Easter Movie Nights

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April**



PTFA Movie nights are back on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April!** Easter Movie nights are now available to book via **Parentpay**. Tickets are available for **£3.50** and will include a drink and crisps. Children will remain at school until **4.30pm** with their usual class teacher. Please note, this event does not include our Nursery children.

Many thanks  
PTFA

## Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone who attended their parent consultation meetings this week, either by phone or face-to-face. It was lovely to welcome you all into school and share information about your child's progress.

## Be Bright, Be Seen!



Thank you to everyone who wore their bright clothes on Friday to help raise awareness for road safety and wearing bright, reflective clothing while out and about on our bikes and scooters.

## Topics and Holiday Research Projects

Our topics for next half term are:

### Early Years-

#### Alternative Traditional Tales



Alternative Traditional Tales brings an endless range of opportunities to the classroom during the Summer term. These timeless stories are constantly rehearsed, repeated and learned by the children, giving them the foundations they need to become future storywriters and develop a lifelong love of reading. The outdoor environment comes alive as children retell traditional tales, plant their own beanstalks and observe tadpoles in their natural habitat.

### KS1 – On the Move

Within this geography skills and fieldwork based topic, children begin to understand how to use grid references to identify features on maps. We learn about aerial photography and use this to identify different human and physical features of Great Britain. Finally, we use our new skills to plan our very own fieldwork project in Gosforth!



### KS2 – Extreme Earth



Extreme Earth is a geography-based topic that deepens our understanding of the structure of our planet. We begin by looking at plate tectonics before using our knowledge to understand why earthquakes and volcanoes occur, and where in the world these natural phenomenon are most prevalent.

Please see the attached Topic Webs below for more information about what your children will be learning across all of our curriculum areas.

Mr Hindess





## Robinwood 2023

WOW! WOW! WOW!

We had the most amazing residential to Barhaugh Hall last week. We all zipped, climbed, paddled and crawled our way round Robinwood. The children were amazing. Supporting and encouraging each other every step of the way. They were not only a credit to our school but to you, their parents. May I, on behalf of the staff, say a massive thank you to the children. Never say never. Push yourself to the limit and take pride in everything you do. You proved that to yourselves and to your friends and teachers. Never stop! Watch this space for dates of a 'Get Together' so that the children can receive their photo and certificate along with a small presentation. Mrs Wilson



Check out our Twitter [@GosforthPark1st](#) for more photos and videos!

## Tula the Jaguar



The Eco-team were very excited to show the school Tula, the jaguar.

The eco-team worked hard to write letters to the PTA, outlining why they wanted to adopt a jaguar and why it is important.

They bravely told the school about Tula and jaguar endangerment in assembly. Thank you to the PTA for letting us help the jaguars!



Miss Pope and the Eco-team.



We've had another fantastic half term of reading at GPFS.

**Nursery** have enjoyed some lovely traditional tales in story time. They especially loved re-creating The Gingerbread Man using the puppet theatre and small world play.

**Reception** have been learning all about superheroes - both real and fictional. They have been reading Super Tato and Midnight Superhero! Children have enjoyed building Superhero dens, dressed up in the Superhero role play and even met some real-life super heroes!

In **KS1**, linked to our Fantastic First topic, we read "Shaking Things Up". We especially loved learning about Ruby Bridges and her bravery starting school at the end of segregation. We also enjoyed reading her own account of her special place in this landmark time in American history.

**KS2** have been learning all about Ancient Egypt and read "So you think you've got it bad - a kid's life in Ancient Egypt." They ended the topic on a high with fantastic Laing Art Gallery and Great North Museum trips - getting up close and personal with Egyptian art and artefacts.

*What will we be reading next? Check out our reading journey in the library to find out!*

Mrs Lambert



A huge congratulations to Charlie T in Green Class who has achieved his 100m badge in swimming. Everyone at Gosforth Park is very impressed!

## Kalmer Newsletter



Please click the link below to check out the latest edition of the Kalmer Newsletter.

<https://dosemagazine.co.uk/>





Thank you and well done to all of our families who have taken part in this year's Big Walk and Wheel.

Of course, the aim of the initiative is not for all of your efforts to end here. The traffic, pollution, and road safety in our local area is important to us and we know that our children have concern about the environment too. We hope you can continue to partake in active travel as much as possible to contribute towards our children's healthy lifestyles as well as improving road safety and the pollution levels around our school.

Mrs Wells



## Newcastle Support Directory

The Newcastle Support Directory contains information on organisations, services and activities for **Children and Families** in **Newcastle**. You can expect to find things like: childcare, parent and toddler groups, youth groups and activities.

It also contains the **SEND local offer** which has lots of information about services and support available in Newcastle for children and young people aged 0-25 with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities.

<https://www.newcastlesupportdirectory.org.uk/>

Mr Hindess  
Special Educational Needs Coordinator

## 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 now sold from 1 Park Drive, Melton Park NE3 5QB, 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 Natasha Davy (Parent) on **07736276653**

## 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.**



Hi Rockstars,

We have some new Rockstars to add to our GPFS band! Well done **Rosey M-S**, **Saif S** and **Madeleine** you have all worked so hard!

Well done for gaining Rockstar status!



**Sofia G**, **Iris E** and **Thea T** are the top scorers this week in Mathletics, wonderful efforts girls!

**Green class**, you have been fantastic this week and have earned so many points! Well done to you all!

## Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **96.2%** which is above this time last year (94.6%)

Our classes of the week this week are **Violet Class** with **96.7%** attendance and **Reception SC** with **96.8%** attendance.

Well done!  
Mrs Lamb



# Advanced Notice of Dates 2023

Updates will be added in red

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
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	PTFA Easter Movie Night – Years R-4 - £3.50 via ParentPay
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	May Bank Holiday
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Class Photograph Day
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Children's Cancer Run
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
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	KS2 The Big Gig 2023
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
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 On-site Residential
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last Day of Term



## 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



The background of the poster is a light blue surface decorated with several colorful Easter eggs. There are purple eggs with white spots, yellow eggs with black spots, blue and white striped eggs, and pink eggs with white spots. A red line-art bunny face is in the top left, and a red 'HAPPY EASTER' stamp is in the top center. A large pink circle with a dotted border is in the top right, containing the event title and a camera icon. A yellow banner with a pointed right side is in the middle left, containing event details and a family icon. A light blue box is in the bottom left, containing ticket information. Another red 'HAPPY EASTER' stamp is in the bottom right.

# PTFA EASTER MOVIE NIGHT



Easter Movie Night  
Tuesday 18th April  
Until 4.30pm  
All year groups (excluding  
nursery)



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

NORTHUMBERLAND  
TENNIS  
ACADEMY

# TENNIS

## FUN DAY

**FOR FREE  
SIGN UP NOW!**



 When: Saturday 25th March, from 12pm - 1.30pm

 Where: Northumberland Tennis Academy (Indoor Courts)

 What: A great start to your tennis career... Games/Exercises  
Movement/Fun!

 For children aged 5 - 7 years

 Limited spaces available, please sign up via:  
[clubspark.lta.org.uk/NorthumberlandTennisAcademy/Coaching](http://clubspark.lta.org.uk/NorthumberlandTennisAcademy/Coaching)

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FOR ALL







**www.StarStrikeSoccer.co.uk**

# HOLIDAY CAMPS

## 4 DAY CAMPS

### DETAILS

**VENUE: BLUE FLAMES, BENTON. NE12 9SF**

**AGES 4 TO 12**

**9.15am - 3.30pm - (Half Days Available upon request)**

**MON 3RD APRIL - THURS 6TH APRIL**

**TUES 11TH APRIL - FRIDAY 14TH APRIL**

**TUES 30TH MAY - FRIDAY 2ND JUNE**

**COST:**

**1 DAY - £15.00**

**2 DAYS - £30.00**

**3 DAYS - £40.00**

**4 DAYS - £50.00**

Please note discount prices can't be spread over two camps.

**Contact Graeme Doyle for Details**  
**or register your child on 07887 766 460**  
**info@starstrikesoccer.co.uk**  
**www.starstrikesoccer.co.uk**

Star Strike Soccer have been conducting soccer courses for the past 25 years, all our coaches are experienced and F.A. Qualified and are D.B.S. checked. Our courses provide a fun, relaxed atmosphere for all children to learn and enjoy their skills and make new friends.

- Free medal for all children
- Take the Shaboom Challenge (Power Shooting Game)
- Skills, Techniques, Shooting, Goalkeeping, matches and lots more!
- All coaching indoors and outdoors
- Girls and Boys welcome

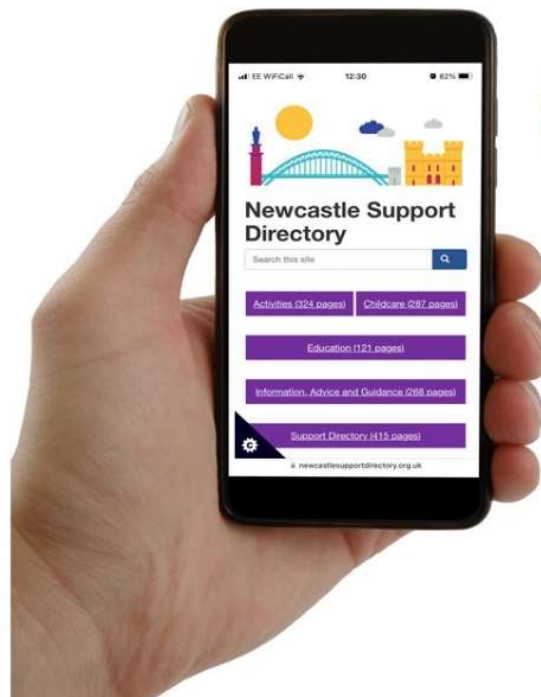
**PAYMENT CAN BE MADE ON FIRST DAY OF THE COURSE**  
**TO BOOK A PLACE TEXT CHILD'S NAME TO 07887 766 460**











Looking for **childcare**, fun family **activities** or a bit of **support** ?

We've got you covered, scan the **QR code** to find out more.