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Happy New Year

Dear Families

On behalf of staff and governors, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. I hope you managed to have a restful Christmas break.

We are very excited about the year ahead and will share with you in next week's newsletter some of the events we have taking place over the next term.

Best wishes

Mrs Lamb

Summary of Self-Isolation Period and Guidance Changes

Please find attached a really helpful summary from Newcastle City Council regarding the guidance changes to self-isolation. Following changes to the guidance, if your child has two consecutive negative lateral flow tests, 24 hours apart, from day 6 of their isolation, they can return to school from day 7. Given the new flexibility around this return date, for safeguarding reasons, you **MUST** inform the school by phoning or emailing admin@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk before your child returns so we are aware they are coming back to school before the end of the 10-day period.

Many thanks

Mrs Lamb

Covid-19 Update

Following the winter holiday, we are continuing with our current Covid-19 protective measures which have been reviewed in consultation with Newcastle Public Health. **We will review our situation at least weekly and will inform you when we are able to relax our protective measures.**

- Staff will be wearing face coverings in corridors and communal areas, including on the doors when greeting children in the morning
- We will be limiting the mixing of children within school and therefore;
 - ✓ Children will be separated into 'bubbles' on the playground
 - ✓ Non-essential lunchtime and after school clubs will be paused
 - ✓ Children will remain with their own classes for lessons and assemblies
 - ✓ Assemblies will be virtual
 - ✓ Children attending Rainbow Wraparound will be separated into 'bubbles' and spaced out in a large, well-ventilated area
 - ✓ Children in KS1 and KS2 will be seated in forward facing rows
 - ✓ Additional hand sanitising / hand washing for children throughout the school day

If your child is absent from school for COVID-19 related reasons, and they are well enough to work, we are setting work via Tapestry (EYFS) and Seesaw.

Teacher Training Day

Please note that we have a teacher training day on **Friday 28th January**.

There will be no school or Rainbow Wraparound provision on this day.

New Topics

Our new topics for this term are:

Early Years – Space



Space challenges our children's imaginations and creativity through an abstract and exciting concept.

Your child's confidence grows as they are immersed within a classroom filled with limitless possibilities. They can role-play as astronauts and travel to far away planets, design and build spaceships and solve problems related to missions that they have to complete!

KS1 – Pole to Pole



After focusing on the geography of our own locality, Pole-to-Pole takes us on a journey around the world! Children will be studying the geography of different continents and oceans and relating hot and cold areas to their distance from the equator.



KS2 – *Hola!*

This geography-based topic will teach your children about Spanish speaking countries around the world and immerse them in Spanish art and culture. Children are excited to learn more about Spain, share their prior knowledge and show off their language skills!

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

Applications for Reception 2022

The deadline for applying for Reception places for a September 2022 start date is **15th January 2022.**

For more information about how to apply for your child's place, please follow the link below:

<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place/applying-reception-places>

If you require any additional information, please contact the school office.

Many thanks
Mrs Carrick

Young Scientists



On Monday 10th January, we are very excited to welcome the **Newcastle University STEM Outreach Team** to Gosforth Park.

They will be here all day and holding 'Young Scientist' sessions with each of our Key Stage 2 classes. I hope that we will be inspiring our children to become scientists of the future!

Miss Pope

Birthday Treats

We are happy to be able to celebrate birthdays by letting your children hand out sweets/chocolate to their classmates.

Please remember that birthday treats given out at school must be individually packaged and shop bought so that ingredients are listed.

We will always ask the children to take their treats home to check with you before tucking in!

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

If anyone has any pre-loved polo shirts or cardigans that they can donate, **size 9/10**, we would be very grateful. These can be dropped off at Kate's or at school.

PRE-LOVED ITEMS ON SALE	PRICE
OFFICIAL SCHOOL JUMPERS	£2.50
OFFICIAL SCHOOL CARIGANS	£2.50
OFFICIAL SCHOOL POLOS	£1.50
GIRLS CHECKED DRESSES	£1.50
GREY PINAFORES	£1.50
GREY SKIRTS	£0.50
GREY GIRLS SOFT TROUSERS	£0.50
SCHOOL BAG (NEW STYLE)	£2.50
SCHOOL BAG (OLD STYLE)	£1.50
OFFICIAL PE T-SHIRT/SHORTS	£0.50

Items can be dropped off at any time in bags to the door of 6 Burnside road NE3 2DU – No need to knock. Text Kate on 07947846974 to arrange a collection. When dropping off pre-loved clothes, please make sure that they have been washed.

Huge thanks to Mrs Watkins for providing this service.

Mrs Lamb

Smart Scoot

Year 3

Thursday 13th January



Next week, on **Thursday 13th January** we are inviting all of our **Year 3** children to bring their scooters and helmets to school for a 'smart scoot' session.

Children will be learning some essential scooter skills, including how to stay safe on their scooter when out and about.

Sessions will be taking place outside so please ensure that you are wearing suitable outdoor clothing and footwear. These sessions are weather-dependent so we are hoping that the snow stays away!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

COVID-19 Risk Assessment: your child will remain with their usual classmates in their normal bubble during their 'smart scoot' group session.



Holiday Homework Projects

We have been really impressed with the quality of your holiday homework projects this week! Thank you for all of your hard work. Children have loved presenting their projects to their classes. Below is a selection of your amazing work:



Well done to **Indigo class**, you are our 'Mathletes of the Week'. **Sahib D** (Indigo Class), **Matthew C** (Reception) and **Nihal D** (Reception) are our three highest scorers – fantastic work everyone!



This week I looked at the all-time top scorers on TTRS. Well done to **Hania P** (Violet Class), **Leo T** (Blue Class) and **Oliver F** (Violet Class) who have gained more points than anyone else - I bet you've all made so much progress with your times tables!

Ms Gasper



Happy New Year and I hope you enjoyed your new Christmas book from Santa, (thank you to our wonderful PTA for being Santa's little helpers!) I got lots of books for Christmas and have an exciting "to read" pile to enjoy this year!

The class with the highest engagement this week is **Orange Class** - very well done to them. Our Reading Buddies are **Ava U** and **Joshua S** - both in **Orange class** and making super progress - keep it up!

If you're looking for some new reading books for 2022 - head to Oxford Reading Buddy - it could be you next week!

Mrs Lambert



English

Key Texts: *Just Being Dali*, *The Iron Man*



Non-Chronological Reports

Present Perfect Tense

Fronted Adverbials and Adverbial Phrases

Science

Animals Including Humans

Skeletons and Muscles

Digestive System



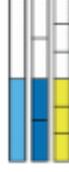
Maths

Multiplication and Division

Measurement: Area (Y4)

Measurement: Money (Y3)

Fractions



PSHE

Living in the wider world (responsibilities)

Physical Education

Quicksticks Hockey

Key Steps Gymnastics

Hola!



Art/DT

Artist Study: Pablo Picasso (Cubism)

Sculpture

Music

Spanish Music: Flamenco

Music Tuition



Topic

Place Study: Spain

Hemispheres and Tropics

Climate



Geographical similarities and differences between an area in the UK, a region in a European country (Spain) and a region within North or South America

Computing

Computing: Coding with algorithms, loops, conditions and events

Religious Education

The significance of the Bible and Easter

Confidence

Challenge

Creativity

Community



English

Texts: Rainbow Bear, Dear Greenpeace



Persuasive Writing

Formal Letters

Writing about Personal Experiences, Real People and Real Events



Science

Everyday Materials

Identify and name everyday materials

Describe the physical properties of materials

Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials



Maths

Multiplication and Division

Length, Height, Weight and Volume (Year 1)

Properties of Shape

Fractions (half, quarter, third)



PSHE

Health and well being

What helps us stay safe?

Physical Education

Gymnastics

Handball

Pole to Pole



Confidence

Challenge

Creativity

Community

Topic

Locate the North Pole, South Pole and Equator

Name the seven continents and five oceans

Place Studies: Arctic, Brazil, UK

Climate Change



Art/DI

Food Technology

Investigating Materials (Collage)

Music

Charanga



Computing

Information Technology: Book Creator

Religious Education

Introducing the Bible through stories