



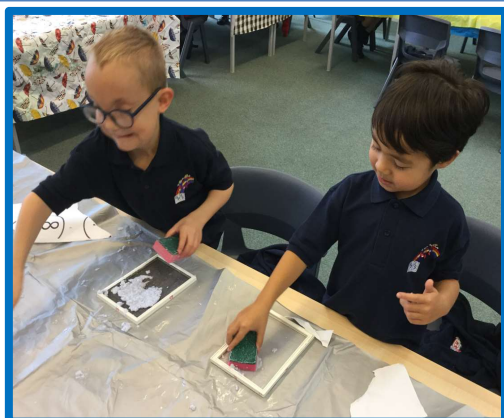
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October 7<sup>th</sup> 2022 Issue 5 Autumn Term 1



KS1 had a fantastic time participating in the first of their Recycling and Sustainability STEM Challenge workshops. We are learning how to become Zero Waste Heroes and learnt about the time it takes for different materials to decompose. We then had a go at making our own recycled paper from scrap paper. We are waiting for them to dry and looking forward to seeing the results next week!

Miss Pope



## Parent Consultations

We are excited to announce that we will be holding our parent consultation meetings from Reception to Year 4 during the week beginning 31st October. **Bookings will open on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 8am** and are to be made via School Cloud **by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm.**

Please visit

<https://gosforthparkfirst.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

to book your appointment. A guide on how to book is attached to your newsletter email.

Miss Gasper will be arranging Nursery appointments after half term.

Telephone appointments will be held on the afternoon of **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** and face to face appointments will be held on the evenings of **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>** and **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.**

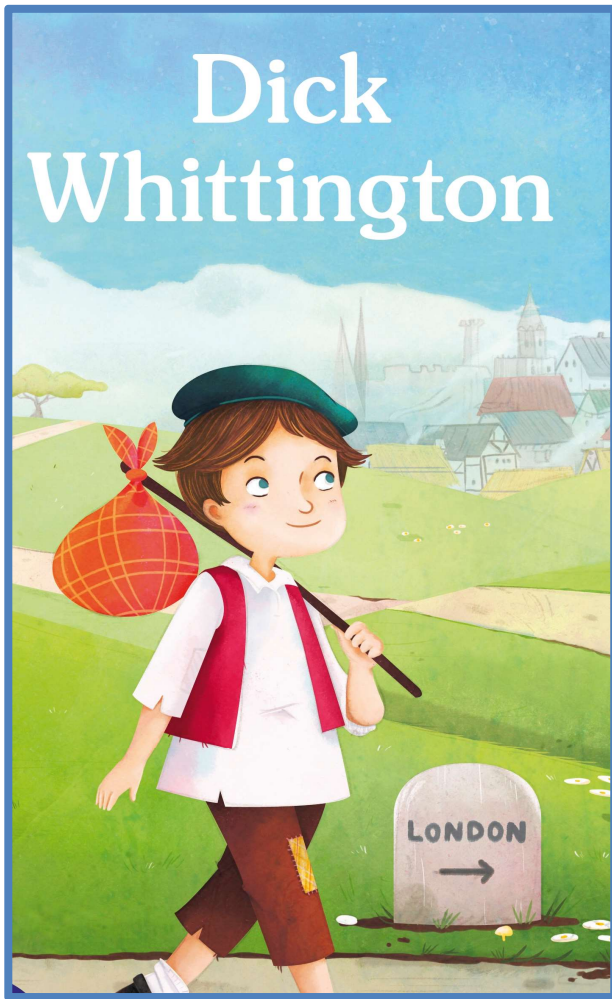
Please

- Remain outside until your appointment time. A member of staff will invite you in at your allocated time (please be on time).
- Do not over run your appointment time as others will be waiting outside
- Children stay at home if possible, if not they can wait in the hall – please drop off/collect your child at the main office door (for the duration of your appointment time only)

Thanks

Mrs Lamb

## Theatre Visit



We are excited to be taking Reception to Year 4 to see Dick Whittington at The Exchange in North Shields on the morning of Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. We have the whole downstairs of the theatre booked out and children will be seated in their Key Stages. We will be looking for volunteers to help out on the day – if you are available please let us know.

The cost for the visit is £9.16 per child. We are delighted to announce that our wonderful PTFA have agreed to pay for transport so we can keep the costs down for parents. We will return to school shortly after 12:00 for lunch. Please contribute and give consent via Parent Pay. We will send further reminders over the next few weeks.

Thanks  
Mrs Lamb








## Next week Bikeability is coming to our school!

Bikeability is a cycle training programme which helps children gain the skills, knowledge and understanding to cycle safely on the roads. Instructors will come to school to deliver the training. They work in schools all over the country and will provide a really enjoyable opportunity for your children!

**On the 11th and 12th October Year 4 pupils will be required to bring a road worthy bike and helmet into school so they can complete level one of Bikeability.**

Why is cycling good for us?

-  It is good for our hearts and lungs
-  We can spend time with friends
-  We can explore different places
-  It can increase our physical activity levels
-  Cycling rather than being in a car can reduce air pollution and carbon emissions

Mrs McClurg



# SAFETY WORKS

Year 4 and Year 2 children all thoroughly enjoyed their trips to Safety Works this week.

We learnt about how to stay safe while crossing the road, how and where to swim safely and we even identified fire risks in a real kitchen.

A few lucky children were also chosen to dress up like firefighters!

We would like to extend our thanks to all of the parents who volunteered to help on our trips and to all of the staff at Safety Works. We can't wait to come back soon.



It's a great time to get out and about to enjoy the Autumn foliage at the moment. Fabulous for our children to have some fun, fresh air and exercise whilst they enjoy the natural treasures that autumn has to offer such as leaves to kick about in, conkers and acorns to find or just to have fun on many of the woodland trails and in the playgrounds. The National Trust are helping with this this Autumn by providing a free family ticket for two adults and up to 4 children to visit one of their participating properties. Make sure you check out their terms and conditions as some properties are excluded (mainly those jointly ran by English Heritage) and be quick as ticket numbers are limited. Once they're gone, they're gone! Register for a ticket and find out more by clicking on the "Claim your free visit" link on the following page:

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/escape-into-autumn>

Mrs Wells



## Geography Skills and Fieldwork with Mr H

On Friday afternoon, Yellow Class worked with Mr H Outdoor Experiences and took part in some Geography-based skills and fieldwork around our school grounds. We enjoyed making Sound Maps, 3D Maps and Orienteering! **Green** and **Orange** classes were **postponed due to the bad weather** this morning – **Mr H will be back on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October** to work with you.



Don't worry Key Stage Two, on Monday it will be your turn!

Please don't forget your **suitable outdoor clothing** as we will be heading out whatever the weather. Keep an eye out for us as we will be orienteering around the local area!

Mr Hindess (the other Mr H)

P.S. Mr H will be back at school in November to provide his after school club. Please see the flyer below for more information and details about how to book!



## After School Club



Follow us on Facebook  
[@mrhoutdoorexperiences](https://www.facebook.com/mrhoutdoorexperiences)

**Mr H is BACK in Gosforth Park First School in November 2021.** Mr H will be providing 2 nights of after school club in November for KS1 and KS2 children.



\* Tuesdays are KS1 and Wednesdays are for KS2 children. \*There is no Wednesday 9th November club session, it will be 30th November.

\* The cost is £25 for the 4 weeks in total

\* Clubs are from school finishing time to 5pm

\* Children will complete activities such as orienteering; lighting fires; cooking on fires; clay puppet shows; making clay pots; archery; tug o'war; bug hunts; art in the environment; discovering the natural environment; and traditional outdoor games.

\* **Contact—[mrhoutdoorexperiences@yahoo.com](mailto:mrhoutdoorexperiences@yahoo.com) for a place on the club and to receive payment details.**  
**Please provide your child's name and year group.**



## 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

**PLEASE NOTE: My daughter will be moving on to GEMS in September 2023, if anyone should like to continue the pre-loved uniform sales from Easter 2023 I think this would be the best hand over stage. Please can you approach me or Mrs Lamb.**

## 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.



Summer Reading Challenge 2022



Presented by The Reading Agency.  
Delivered in partnership with libraries.



Well done to Francesca D in Yellow Class for completing the Summer Reading challenge 2022. In libraries across the country, children read nearly 2 million books as part of the challenge. Francesca herself read loads of amazing books and even got a medal! If your child participated, please let me know so we can celebrate their success.

Mrs Lambert

## Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **98.3%** which is up on this time last year (97.2%)

Our classes of the week this week are **Yellow Class** with **99.4%** and **Green Class** with **98.9%** attendance. Well done!

Our exceptional circumstance request forms have changed. For anyone requesting a leave of absence there is a new form to be filled in. As well as returning the form you will be required to meet with me or Mr Hindess. Please make sure any requests are on the correct form which can be obtained as a hard or electronic copy from the office.

Thanks

Mrs Lamb



## 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

### Middle School Applications for September 2023

Applications open: 1 September 2022

Applications close: 31 October 2022

National Offer Day: 01 March 2023

Further information can be found at

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

Year 4 parents should have all received a letter via Parent Pay from Mr Stout on Thursday inviting you to an open evening at GEMS on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 6.00pm.

Mrs Lamb



## PTFA Meeting

Thank you to all of you who were able to attend our PTFA meeting on Tuesday. The AGM has been arranged for Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November from 6:15 – 7:15 in the school hall. All of our parents are welcome to attend this meeting. It's a great chance to get to know other parents and support school. All money raised by the PTFA is spent on resources and opportunities for the children.



The school photographer will be in on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November to take photos of individuals and siblings. These make lovely Christmas gifts for relatives. Class photos will be taken in the Summer 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

# Advanced Notice of Dates 2022-2023

Updates will be added in red

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival Donations to school on or before this date please.
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Reception Halloween Fun Morning 9:00 – 10:30 for parents
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Last Day of Term
October Half Term	
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Training Day
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>Parent consultations: afternoon phone calls and face to face appointments after school</b>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	School Photographer – individuals and sibling groups
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>Parent consultations: face to face appointments after school</b>
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>KS2 Trip to Beamish</b>
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
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	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	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
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