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We have seen a significant increase in the number of children self-isolating this week. We know from what families are telling us that the symptoms, if any, are very different from the three main COVID symptoms and are much more like the symptoms of a cold.

Think COVID first

If you or your child are unwell and have any of the following symptoms please do not send them to school. Think COVID first and book a test.

A new or continuous cough

A high temperature

A change or loss in taste or smell

Robinwood

We are very excited that we have been able to book Robinwood for next year's Year 4 children. Parents of current Year 3 children received information via Parent Pay last week including a link to a presentation by Mrs Wilson about Robinwood and details on how and when to pay a deposit to secure a place.

Sports Afternoons

Unfortunately, due to the extension of current restrictions, we are unable to invite parents to our sports afternoons. The children will take part in their year group bubbles on the dates below and the school day will finish at the usual time.

Year 4 – Monday 5th July

Year 3 – Tuesday 6th July

Year 2 – Wednesday 7th July

Year 1 – Friday 9th July

Reception – Thursday 8th July

Please make sure children are in their sports clothes on these dates.

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COVID-19

Guidance Change PCR Testing for all Close Contacts

Individuals who have been in contact with someone who has tested positive are now advised to access a free PCR test at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119 (free of charge).

Public Health teams from Newcastle City Council and Public Health England are working to detect further cases of COVID-19, limit its onward spread and reduce the impact it may have on local communities. We would therefore advise that schools inform any close contacts of a positive case to take a PCR test before the end of their period of self-isolation. They should do this even if they have returned a negative Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test during the period of their self-isolation.

This additional testing will help to reduce any possible transmission within the school. This highly precautionary approach will allow us to detect any additional cases within the wider community and reduce possible transmission.

In line with national guidance anyone identified as a close contact must stay at home and self-isolate for 10 full days. In this time, they must not go to school/work or to public areas: they must remain at home and must not mix with anyone outside of their household.

If a negative test is recorded, then the close contacts will be able to return to school **only when their full period of self-isolation is complete.**

If the PCR test result is positive, the whole household must self-isolate and follow the advice of NHS Test and Trace. If any close contact should develop symptoms during their self-isolation period they should take another PCR test and isolate with their household until the results are known.

RSE Consultation

Dear Parents

The Department for Education has announced changes to Relationships and Sex Education (RSE).

These changes will come into effect from September 2021 and all schools will be required to comply with the updated requirements.

This means that we've been reviewing our RSE curriculum and policy so we can be sure our RSE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their:

- ✓ Age
- ✓ Physical and emotional maturity
- ✓ Religious and cultural backgrounds
- ✓ Special educational needs and/or disabilities

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) is about the emotional, social and cultural development of pupils, and involves learning about relationships, healthy lifestyles, diversity and personal identity. RSE involves a combination of teaching, and exploring issues and values. ***As a first school we only provide relationships education.***

As a school community, we cannot meet in the usual way which makes it more challenging to consult with you. To help you understand the curriculum requirements, I have placed information on our website which I would encourage you to read.

http://www.gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk/website/rse_consultation/562450

Part of this is a presentation which would have ordinarily been shared with you in person. We are committed to working in partnership with our parents and value your views. To ensure that our policy and curriculum has your full support we would appreciate any feedback you might have.

You can submit your feedback by emailing admin@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk (please use RSE in the subject line).

If you would like to discuss this further please contact the school office and we will arrange a call back.

The deadline for responding to the consultation is Friday 2nd July

Many thanks

Mrs McClurg

Green Fingers

Thank you so much to the wonderful parents who helped with the school garden last Sunday. It was a glorious morning, we weeded and planted and even rescued a young magpie! I really appreciate your help. KS1 have been visiting the garden this week and have enjoyed seeing how much things are growing. We'll get another date in soon!



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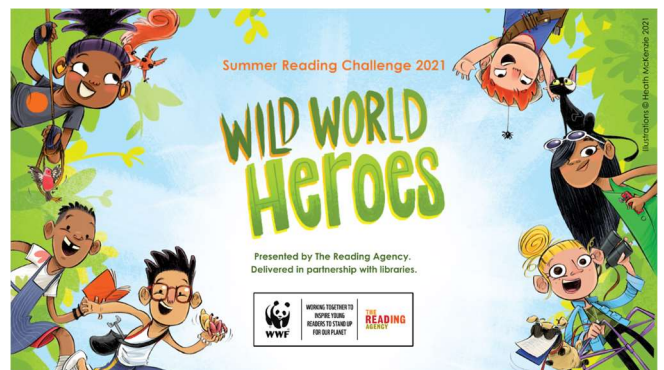
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In the words of Miss Coughlan ... "Wowzers McTrousers!"

You have raised an amazing £2,450 towards the crossing patrol for September and the wonderful Parklands Community Crossing Team only need another £550 to reach their total. Please share the link with grandparents, aunties, uncles, friends and childminders who use the crossing.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/parklandscommunitycrossing2021?utm_term=rNJB39yyJ

Thank you so much for giving so generously.
Mrs Lamb



Summer Reading Challenge 2021!

This year's "Wild World Heroes" themed reading challenge is delivered in partnership with WWF. This annual reading for pleasure programme reaches over 700,000 children across the UK each year, keeping them reading throughout the summer with incentives and fun activities.

'Our libraries will be open to everyone, and we will encourage all families to visit a library and enter the wonderful world of books. Reading accelerates language development and will help young people realise their potential in the classroom.' *Newcastle City Library Service*

You don't have to wait until the summer holidays - you can get started straight away by logging in to: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>
Happy reading!

Mrs Lambert



Well done to everyone still making an effort to come to school under their own steam. With Clean Air Day having happened this week, it has been a good reminder to keep up the momentum and form active travel habits.

On those occasions when we need to use the car, it is important to make an effort to switch off the engine whenever stationary. Sitting in the car with the engine idling is an unnecessary form of pollution that is particularly harmful to our children. Research has shown that pollution levels increase at lower heights, potentially exposing our children to greater concentrations than adults. Pollution levels can also be high within the vehicle itself.

Many people believe that stopping a car engine, only to restart it a minute later, causes more pollution than idling. This is a myth. What isn't a myth is the damage pollution from idling cars can do to our most vulnerable. That's why it's so important to switch off your car engine around schools and whenever possible when out and about.

Mrs Wells



Oxford Reading Buddy

Anna Gillot class is our Oxford Reading Buddy this week, well done Anna!

Mrs Lambert



Fantastic work from Sahib Singh Dhaliwal, Eleanor Gill and Myar Elalem, you've all been working so hard on Mathletics over the past week! Well done to Yellow class, you're back to the top of the table – Mathletes of the week!



This week I decided to have a look at the scores some of the other first schools have in our Gosforth Trust. Our school is doing very well, but there are two first schools that are ahead of us. I'd love us to have a push and try to get a few more children with a studio speed of under ten seconds, I think we could easily be the best in the Trust!

This week our highest achievers are Jemima Bond, Elizabeth Muldoon-Smith and Isabel Gent – very well done to you!

Ms Gasper



Huge congratulations to Ewan Hearn who swam the junior Great North Swim last Saturday at Windermere. It was only his second time open water swimming! Well done Ewan

