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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see below for information, news and an updated dates list from school.

Progress Evenings (Parents and Carers' Evenings)

If you haven't already signed up for an appointment for next week, please make sure that you do this today. When you arrive at school, please follow the instructions below:

Reception Parents and Carers Enter school via the courtyard through the door to the left of the usual door – your child's books will be available for you to look at while you wait.

All other Parents and Carers Enter school via the door to the east stairs. There will be waiting areas downstairs for KS1 (Birch, Hazel, Fern and Bramble) and upstairs for KS2 (Deer, Squirrel and Skylark) where you can look at your child's books while you wait. We will put signs up so that you can find your way around. Your discussion with Teachers will take place in your child's classroom.

Appointment times are all for 10 minutes, if you need a longer amount of time to talk, your child's teacher will ask you to return at another mutually convenient time to continue your conversation.

Reception 2023

The applications for starting school in September 2023 are now open via Newcastle City Council. If you have a child due to start school in September 2023, please make sure that you apply online before 15th January, even if you have an older sibling already in school.

Poppies

We have remembrance poppies for sale on behalf of the royal British Legion. Please pop to the school office if you would like one. There is a limited supply of enamel poppies as well as the adhesive paper poppies which are suitable for children. Thank you.

PTFA News

Due to the creativity and determination of the PTFA committee as well as the unfailing support of the whole school community, we have continued to fundraise successfully over the past year. The PTFA have supported us in lots of different ways, including by providing a new school jumper/cardigan for every pupil, buying whole class sets of reading books and brand new maths resources for use throughout school. We are currently working towards fundraising enough to complete the outdoor play area through the addition of thermo-plastic markings to make playtimes more fun and to help us to structure our outdoor time more effectively. We estimate that the cost of this work will be approximately £7000 and we are hoping to get the work completed in the spring term. The Christmas Fair is almost here (date to be shared by PTFA) and

we are hoping to raise enough from the fair to get to the amount we need to proceed with the work. The PTFA will keep you up to date with our progress and how you can help. Thank you for your fantastic support, as always!

Parking

On most days the car park is being used safely by the majority of parents and we are very grateful for your support in keeping our site safe. Please continue to park with awareness of the safety of everyone using our site. There is additional parking at the town centre from where you can walk up to school and we are continuing to work with the developers and Newcastle City Council in order to gain access to the park and ride/stride facility (previously used as the Covid test centre). If you are able to, please try to travel to and from school sustainably – on foot, by bike or by scooter. We fully understand that this is not possible for lots of families and we will continue to talk to the developers about safer infrastructure around school to make this easier and safer. We will keep you up to date with our progress.



Children in Need

Friday 18th November is Children in Need Day. This year, we are having a reading theme... more news will follow from Mrs Jones soon!

Autumn Term Learning

The last half term of the autumn is always lots of fun in school as we start preparing for Christmas. But before we get to Christmas, there is a lot of other learning to get through. It is great to see classes getting into the Havannah Nature Reserve to support learning in geography and in science, not to mention splashing in muddy puddles! History in KS2 has been really interesting as children have started learning about the stone, iron and bronze ages (see the picture of the children comparing the length of each age with paper strips!) Some of our classes have really enjoyed some Halloween activities including observational drawing in art and challenges in Reception. We are particularly enjoying making the most of the outdoor learning spaces on and around our fantastic site.





Remember, remember the 5th of November... if you are looking forward to the weekend fireworks and bonfires. There are details on NCC website <https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/citylife-news/bonfire-and-firework-displays-newcastle> of organised displays, including some in Gosforth.

Best wishes

Helen McKenna

Headteacher





Dates for Autumn Term 2022

Monday 7 th November	Parents and Carers' progress meetings in school (3.30-6.00pm)
Tuesday 8 th November	Parents and Carers' progress meetings in school (3.30-6.00pm)
Monday 14 th November	Governors' Meeting 5.00pm Anti-bullying Week – Odd Socks Day...more details to follow.
Wednesday 16 th November	Parents and Carers' Meeting for Y4 Robinwood Residential 2.40pm
Thursday 24 th November	Flu immunisations in school for pupils
Wednesday 30 th November	Y4 Residential to Robinwood
Friday 2 nd December	Y4 Return from Robinwood
Friday 9 th December	PTFA non uniform day and bring chocolate for the Christmas Fair
Tuesday 13 th December	Reception (Honeybee and Ladybird) Nativity 9.00am
Wednesday 14 th December	Year 1 (Birch and Hazel) Christmas Performance 9.00am Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 15 th December	Year 2 (Fern and Bramble) Christmas Performance 9.00am <i>The 9.00am shows will start as soon as the children are ready, this might be slightly later than 9.00am for the younger classes. Each performance will last for approximately 30 minutes.</i>
Friday 16 th December	Year 3/4 (Deer, Squirrel and Skylark) Christmas Performance 2.00pm <i>Year 3/4 performance will last for approximately 45 minutes -1 hour.</i>
Thursday 22 nd December	Outdoor Christmas sing-along 2.00pm, <i>weather permitting!</i>
Thursday 22nd December	Children break up for Christmas holiday
Friday 23 rd December	Training day for staff – school closed to children
Monday 9th January	School reopens for children