



## September 2020

### Newsletter 4 – 25.9.20

#### THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone for helping us improve our systems in school. Drop off seems to be working a lot better now thanks to Years 3 and 4 using the top door to enter the school. We are really grateful to you all for responding to requests so swiftly and positively to help us keep our children and our school as safe as possible.



#### TEST & TRACE

We have been asked to remind parents only to seek a test if you or your child has symptoms of coronavirus. Please do not book tests for runny noses. Thank you.



#### ILLNESS

The NHS Little Orange Book is a really useful resource which helps parents and carers to recognise and respond appropriately to a range of diseases, illness and conditions. You can view it online at

<https://www.newcastlelegatesheadccg.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Little-Orange-Book-v3-with-searchable-index.pdf> and our school website.

Scarlet fever has been reported in Reception class. Scarlet fever is a bacterial infection which causes a sore throat, high temperature, flushed face and red tongue. It is later followed by a rash which looks like sunburn. If you think your child may be infected, please contact your GP as soon as possible and they will most likely prescribe antibiotics. Your child must remain absent from school until they have been treated for at least 24 hours and are well enough to return to school. Thank you.

#### HOME LEARNING



A reminder that parents and carers of children in Years 1-4 need to return Tapestry user details as soon as possible please, so that we can prepare for absence from school. Thank you. If you have received your activation email please activate your account and download the Tapestry App in order to receive notifications. This will only be used in the event of school or bubble closure or self-isolation.

Please check Reading Records for Spelling Shed login details, for children in Reception- Year 4, and have a go at using this resource at home! Thank you.



Other online resources that children in can access are:

- IXL (Reception – Year 4)
- Times Table Rock Stars (Year 2- Year 4)
- RMEasiMaths (Year 1- 4) please note that this only works on a computer
- Lexia (for selected children)



Remember all login details are inside Reading Records, which were issued to all children in July. If you have lost these, please contact class teachers directly.

## REMINDERS

As the weather begins to change, and classrooms remain well ventilated, please remember to send in extra layers to keep your child warm at school. Children are welcome to have a named school fleece (or similar), which stays in school, that they can put on as needed.

They may also like to bring a named hat and named gloves to school too. We will be outside as much as possible!



A reminder that children need to **come to school in their PE kits** (navy jogging bottoms and/or royal blue shorts, navy zip up top or hoodie, yellow T-shirt and trainers that they can fasten themselves) on the following days;



**Nursery-** Wednesday

**Reception-** Tuesday

**Year 1-** Wednesday

**Year 2-** Monday

**Year 3-** Thursday

**Year 4-** Friday

It would be helpful if children with long hair could have it tied up on these days please. Please do not send PE kits into school. Thank you.

Please could Reception children bring in named wellies and waterproofs? Thank you.



## PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS



If you have not done so already, please book your appointment via ParentMail by 4<sup>th</sup> October. Separated parents can book individual appointments -please inform Mrs Pygall so she can allocate you an additional appointment for your child on ParentMail.

Children on the SEND register will receive longer telephone appointments later on this term to review their Individual Education Plans (IEPs).

Families may, if they wish, book a Parents' Evening Consultation appointment but please note the limited time and the forthcoming IEP review.

## BREAKFAST CLUB & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Next Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, bookings for Breakfast Club and After School Club places in November can be made via ParentMail. Parents will need to add the days required to your basket on ParentMail **before 15<sup>th</sup> October**. This month, several parents have missed the deadline for booking meaning the booking form has had to be re-opened and staff rotas have not been able to be finalised yet. This will not be able to be repeated in future.



Ad hoc bookings can be made, subject to availability, up to **a week in advance** by emailing admin. The cost will be added to your ParentMail account and payment must be received before your booking is final. Places available will be determined by ratios of organised staffing. **Please note that if either club is full, ad hoc bookings will not be possible.**

If you are paying with childcare vouchers, please only allocate **the correct amount** for the month.

### OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

Mrs Valentine will be chasing up outstanding payments for Nursery sessions, Breakfast Club and school lunches, from last academic year which parents and carers were reminded about in July. Any outstanding payments will be referred to the Local Authority Debt Management Service, next Friday (2<sup>nd</sup> October).

### ITALIAN THEMED LUNCH

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October, Mrs Battista will be holding a special Italian themed lunch with pasta, pizza and garlic bread followed by ice cream. Children who usually have a packed lunch are invited to have a school dinner on this day. Please book this via ParentMail. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive this meal free (as part of the universal free school meals offer). Children in Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4 can pay via ParentMail. Thank you in advance for your support.



### AFTER SCHOOL

Please do not allow children to play in the Nursery or Reception outdoor areas, before or after school (particularly older children who are not in the Nursery or Reception bubbles). Thank you.

### A SPECIAL VISITOR



We were delighted to welcome Bishop Christine this week who had an external, socially distanced tour of the site! We hope she will come back to see us when things get back to normal!

Bishop Christine was very complimentary about our fabulous children, staff and the building itself! We are really grateful to her for visiting and thanking staff for their hard work at this time.

In Worship this week, children have been thinking about the work and lives of Bishops so it was very exciting to have Christine visit our school!

### YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL

As you know, the Year 4 Residential visit to Dukes House Wood has been rearranged for Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021. Payments are due as follows;

	Amount	Due date
Deposit	£20	3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2020
Remaining Balance	£70	2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2020. Thank you.

The total due is £90. Apologies for any confusion caused. If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding this money will be used to pay for your child.

### CHARITABLE GIVING

We are delighted that we have raised £166.82 today for Macmillan Cancer Care through the sale of Mrs Battista's biscuits. Thank you everyone who sent in a donation. Additional donations can be sent to school on Monday.



Next Friday, we will be collecting for The People's Kitchen. Children are invited to attend school in their own clothes for a suggested donation of £1 as part of our Harvest celebrations. Please send coins in a sealed, named envelope, which will be quarantined before being opened. Thank you.



We still have some places available in our Nursery Class. If you would like to come for a visit or to find out more information, please contact Mrs Francis. We would love to meet your little ones!

## Transferring schools in 2021

Essential information about making an application to transfer to middle, secondary or high school

**Read before you apply!**



Find out more and apply online at:  
[www.norwalkc.gov.uk](http://www.norwalkc.gov.uk)

The closing date is  
12 noon on 31 October 2020

**Norwalk**  
COUNCIL

- **Initial Response Service** – 0191 277 2500
- **Northumbria Police** – 101 (in an emergency always dial 999)
- **NSPCC Helpline** – 0800 800 5000

Mrs KE Massey











Headteacher



## Welfare Checklist



**Are you ready to self-isolate?**  
**Check you have everything you need:**

	<b>Isolation</b>	Check you understand how long to isolate for. Check <a href="https://gov.uk/coronavirus">gov.uk/coronavirus</a> for the latest information.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Food and essentials</b>	Check you have enough food and essentials. Ask friends and family to help.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Money</b>	Check you have money to buy what you need. Check you can pay your rent and bills. If not, call the companies and explain your situation.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Work</b>	Ask your boss about sick pay. If you need an isolation note visit: <a href="https://111.nhs.uk/isolation-note">111.nhs.uk/isolation-note</a> .	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Children</b>	Contact the school to arrange for free school meals to be delivered home, and ask for school work.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Dependents</b>	Ask friends or family to provide care for dependents. If they can't help, call the council on 0191 277 8000	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Mental Health</b>	Be mindful of your mental health. Create a routine, keep busy, stay active, and speak to friends. Ask for help if you need it.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Physical Health</b>	Think about how you can keep fit indoors. Change the dates of routine appointments.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Medication</b>	Contact your GP or pharmacy to arrange for your prescription to be delivered or ask someone to collect it for you.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Animals</b>	Check you have enough pet food and supplies. If required, ask someone else to care for your animal(s) while you are isolating.	<input type="checkbox"/>

**If you need more support, please register for a call from our team:**

<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/welfare>

**Or call 0191 277 8000**



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## “Love to learn, learn to love”

Please note that all activities in school are for children and staff only at this time.

September 2020			
30 <sup>th</sup> September	Gosforth Voices (online)	3:45-4:30pm	Please register via link in Newsletter 3
October 2020			
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Italian Themed lunch		Please order and pay via ParentMail
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Bookings for November Breakfast Club and After School Club can be made via ParentMail.		Deadline for booking is 15 <sup>th</sup> October.
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Individual Class Harvest Festivals	9:15am	This year, rather than a donation of food, we will be sending a monetary donation to the People's Kitchen. Children are invited to come in non-uniform and bring a cash donation in a sealed envelope. Thank you. Y4 PE on Thursday this week
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Outstanding payments from last academic year will be referred to the LA Debt Management Service.		
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Year 4 Residential balance due please.		
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Dyslexia Awareness Week		Activities in school
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Gosforth Band (online)	3:45-4:30pm	Please register via link in Newsletter 3
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent/Teacher consultations via telephone	2:00-5:30pm	Booking forms to follow via ParentMail
14 <sup>th</sup> October	Gosforth Voices (online)	3:45-4:30pm	Please register via link in Newsletter 3
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Deadline for booking Breakfast Club and After School Club places for November.		
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Gosforth Band (online)	3:45-4:30pm	Please register via link in Newsletter 3
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Staff Training Day	All day	School closed to children
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October- Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term		School closed to children
31 <sup>st</sup> October 2020	Deadline for middle school applications	Noon	
November 2020			
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Gosforth Voices (online)	3:45-4:30pm	Please register via link in Newsletter 3
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu sniff vaccines administered in school		More info to follow
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying Week		
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Worship (all classes)		Children are invited to bring money to school for poppies/other

			merchandise from Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Gosforth Band (online)	3:45-4:30pm	Please register via link in Newsletter 3
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Diwali activities in school		
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Gosforth Voices (online)	3:45-4:30pm	Please register via link in Newsletter 3
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Governing Body Meeting	5:30pm	
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Gosforth Band (online)	3:45-4:30pm	Please register via link in Newsletter 3
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Advent Worship in school	9:15am	Children only
<b>December 2020</b>			
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Gosforth Voices (online)	3:45-4:30pm	Please register via link in Newsletter 3
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Gosforth Band (online)	3:45-4:30pm	Please register via link in Newsletter 3
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Gosforth Voices & Gosforth Band Party	3:45-4:30pm	Please register via link in Newsletter 3
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for Christmas holidays	3:20pm	
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec - 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	Christmas holidays		School closed to children
<b>January 2021</b>			
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	School re-opens to children	8:40am	
15 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Deadline for Reception applications for September 2021	noon	
<b>February 2021</b>			
15 -19 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term		School closed to children
<b>March 2021</b>			
<b>April 2021</b>			
2-16 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter holidays		School closed to children
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff Training Day		School closed to children
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> - Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2021	Y4 Residential		
<b>May 2021</b>			
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Bank holiday		
<b>June 2021</b>			
31 <sup>st</sup> May - 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Half term		
<b>July 2021</b>			
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	School closes for summer		

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