



September 2020 Newsletter 6 – 9.10.20

COVID-19 UPDATES

This week, we unfortunately experienced our first confirmed case of COVID-19 in school. A small number of children and staff have been asked to selfisolate for 14 days. We look forward to welcoming them back as soon as we can.



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This has however allowed our school to 'try out' Tapestry for home learning in the event of full or partial school closure. We will be seeking feedback from those children and parents who are currently undertaking home learning and will look to further refine and improve our approach. Thank you all for your patience and continued support. We have certainly needed it this week!

HOME LEARNING

If you have not yet activated your Tapestry account, please do so as a matter of urgency.



This week, children in Years 1-4 have brought home a lined book for written work during self-isolation or school closure. This is to support children maintain the high levels of presentation that we expect in school. All work should be completed in pencil and dates and titles should be underlined with a ruler! Thank you in advance for your support.

STAFFING

We have the following temporary changes to staffing during the self-isolation period of staff members.

	Teacher	Support staff	
Nursery	Mrs Francis	Mrs Lancaster	
Year 1	Miss Davison	Miss Allison	
Year 2	Mrs Sewell	Mr Harrison	
Breakfast Club	Mrs Armstrong & Mrs Battista		
After School Club	Mrs Battista, Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Bell		

It has been great to welcome Mr Booth and Mrs Francis back from GPFS this week.

I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to all staff for taking on extra responsibilities and duties this week, in the absence of colleagues, in order to provide continuity for our children.

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RECOVERY CURRICULUM

Staff are working really hard to ensure missed learning, from last academic year, is being covered with all children alongside next steps in learning, later in the term. Thank you for your continued support with spellings, reading and number facts and times tables to help your child make a swift recovery!

PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Thank you all for your positive feedback at this week's telephone appointments. We really do appreciate your support of the school and engagement in your child(ren)'s learning.

CONTACT DETAILS

Mrs Pygall is still waiting for many yellow Data Collection forms to be returned to school. Please do so as soon as possible. Thankyou!

CHRISTMAS

Having discussed Christmas plans with fellow GST Headteachers this morning, we have agreed that we will not be able to put on our usual performances and Carol Services for parents and carers to attend. Children will still take part in Christmas crafts and will each have a class party but, unfortunately, it will not be our usual repertoire of activities. We will make sure that the school will still be festive and provide lots of opportunities to celebrate and learn about the significance of this important festival.

We are obviously disappointed but know that you all will understand the need for this decision.

CHORISTARTERS (YEAR 2) & CHORISTERS (YEAR 3+)

Newcastle Cathedral are now ready to begin their next generation of chorister and choristarter recruits. More information is attached. They will shortly be undertaking short, informal auditions for their Year 2 choir and Year 3+ choir. If your child may be interested, please read the attached information. Thank you!





NURSERY PLACES

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

SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Massey and Mr Booth are our school's Designated Safeguarding Leaders. If you have concerns about a child please contact one of us. If it is an emergency and a child is in immediate danger please call the police.

Members of the public can also report concerns to Children's Social Care directly. If you have a concern about a child please contact one of the following:

- Initial Response Service 0191 277 2500
- Northumbria Police 101 (in an emergency always dial 999)
- NSPCC Helpline 0808 800 5000

There is also a secure online referral form available for you to explain your concern, if you are a member of the public. <u>https://nccportal.newcastle.gov.uk/forms/referral/public</u>



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I am hoping that I can resume fortnightly newsletters going forward but will be flexible in response to events in school.

With my very best wishes as always,

Mrs KE Massey

Headteacher



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

October 2020			
14 th October	Gosforth Voices (online)	3:45-4:30pm	Please register via link in Newsletter 3
15 th October	Deadline for booking Breakfast Club and After School Club places for November.		
21 st October	Gosforth Band (online)	3:45-4:30pm	Please register via link in Newsletter 3
Friday 23 rd October	Staff Training Day	All day	School closed to children
Monday 26 th October- Friday 30 th October	Half term		School closed to children
31 st October 2020	Deadline for middle school applications	Noon	
November 2020	· · ·		
4 th November	Gosforth Voices (online)	3:45-4:30pm	Please register via link in Newsletter 3
Friday 6 th November	Flu sniff vaccines administered in school		More info to follow
8 th -16 th November	Operation Christmas Child boxes can be dropped off at school		
Monday 9 th November	Anti-bullying Week		
Wednesday 11 th November	Remembrance Worship (all classes)		Children are invited to bring money to school for poppies/other merchandise from Monday 2 nd November
11 th November	Gosforth Band (online)	3:45-4:30pm	Please register via link in Newsletter 3
Friday 13 th November	Diwali activities in school		
	Children in Need		Children invited to wear something spotty for a suggested donation of £1
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th November	Anti-bullying Week		Activities in school
18 th November	Gosforth Voices (online)	3:45-4:30pm	Please register via link in Newsletter 3
Thursday 24 th November	Governing Body Meeting	5:30pm	
25 th November	Gosforth Band (online)	3:45-4:30pm	Please register via link in Newsletter 3
Friday 27 th November	Advent Worship in school	9:15am	Children only
December 2020			
2 nd December	Gosforth Voices (online)	3:45-4:30pm	Please register via link in Newsletter 3
Friday 4 th December	Children invited to wear Christmas jumpers to school (rest of uniform as normal)		No donations required
9 th December	Gosforth Band (online)	3:45-4:30pm	Please register via link in

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Friday 11 th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper		Children invited to wear
	Day (rest of uniform as normal)		Christmas jumpers for a suggested donation of £1
16 th December	Gosforth Voices & Gosforth Band Party	3:45-4:30pm	Please register via link in Newsletter 3
Friday 18 th December	Children invited to wear Christmas		No donations required
	jumpers to school (rest of uniform as normal)		
	School closes for Christmas holidays	3:20pm	
21 st Dec - 1 st January 2021	Christmas holidays		School closed to children
January 2021		·	
Monday 4 th January	School re-opens to children	8:40am	
15 th January 2021	Deadline for Reception applications for September 2021	noon	
February 2021			
15 -19 th February	Half Term		School closed to children
March 2021			
April 2021			
2-16 th April	Easter holidays		School closed to children
Monday 19 th April	Staff Training Day		School closed to children
Wednesday 21 st - Thursday 22 nd April 2021	Y4 Residential		
May 2021			
Monday 3 rd May	Bank holiday		
June 2021	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	·	
31 st May - 4 th June	Half term		
July 2021			
Friday 23 rd July	School closes for summer		

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