

WOO HOO!



We were so pleased with the government announcement on Monday night about full reopening on Monday 8th March. School staff are very excited and we look forward to welcoming you all back. We are in the process of updating some of our documents and guidance. These are mainly small tweaks and the majority of routines and procedures will be the same as those which were in place in Autumn term. We are in the process of finalising these and updates will be sent out to parents in the middle of next week.

We can't wait to see you all very soon!

Mrs Lamb

School Uniform

PLEASE REMEMBER - Preloved uniform is available to buy anytime through Kate Watkins. Please contact her on 07947846974. This includes not only official school uniform but also grey items priced as low as 50p.

If you have any pre-loved uniform in a good condition that can be passed on, please leave it at the school office. Thanks

GPFS Nursery

If your child will turn three before September 2021, now is the time to apply for a Nursery place. The deadline for applications to Nursery for September 2021 is **Friday 19th March**.

Although we would love to have invited parents to visit our Nursery, obviously that has not been possible this year. However, we have created a virtual tour of our Early Years setting, which can be found on the school website. Please go to the 'New Nursery and Reception Parents' section to find our tour, we hope you enjoy having a look around! You can also find application forms and the information you will need to apply in that section of the website too.

If you have any further queries please contact the school office.

Thank you

Miss Gasper

Nursery Teacher and Early Years Lead

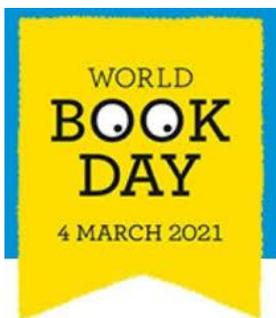
PTFA

Huge thanks to the Mancini Family who are raising funds for the PTA by running 4 miles every 4 hours for 48 hours including through the night! They have already smashed their target of £250. For more details and to donate please follow

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/christina-mancini-1?utm_term=4rwExbeGD

All of the money raised by the PTA is spent on the children. The PTA have paid for books for the children, our whole school subscriptions such as Mathletics, TTRS and PurpleMash, author visits and lots more!

Mrs Lamb



“In 2021, World Book Day, just like everything else, will be different. We’ve adapted to make sure that World Book Day sends a powerful and positive message about books and reading, even in lockdown.”

World Book Day is such an important part of our school year and we would love everyone to get involved, even if we can’t dress up and be together in our pyjamas this year!

Check out the World Book Day website - there are lots of great videos, activities, stories and quizzes. Your class teacher will also send some suggested afternoon activities for you via Tapestry or Seesaw.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/2020/09/world-book-day-2021>

The World Book day £1 tokens are being delivered online this year so families will be receiving those via email. There is a super line up of books to choose from.



SHARE A STORY LIVE EVENTS

There are some extra special FREE digital events on the website. You can watch them LIVE on the website or the World Book Day YouTube channel – they’ll remain on YouTube for you to watch back time and time again.

Look forward to a star-studded cast of authors, illustrators and hosts – all here to help you celebrate the most exciting booky day of the year!

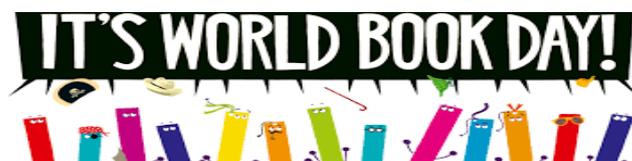
Our exciting line-up includes:

Wednesday 3rd March, 10.30am – Books that Make you LOL!

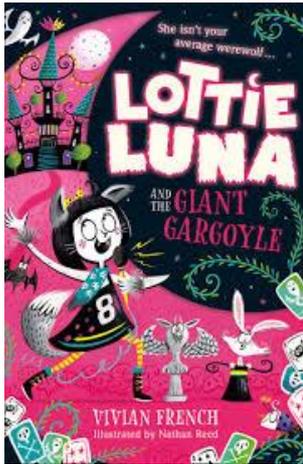
Thursday 4th March, 10.30am – World Book Day special – Bringing Reading to Life with special guest Rob Biddulph! (If you’ve done any “Draw with Rob” sessions that’s a must see.)

Friday 5th March, 10.30am – Books and the Real World

Each event will last approximately 30 minutes.

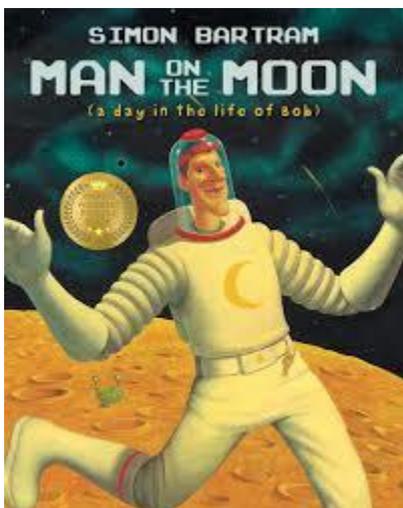


Author Events



Just before half term - KS2 enjoyed their virtual author session with the wonderful author Vivian French. We were lucky enough to have Vivian in school in person a couple of years ago when she told us all about her book "The Steam Whistle Theatre Company". This time round - via a link - she shared lots of tips on how she came up with ideas and created the characters in her latest book.

KS1 will be having their own virtual author session with Simon Bertram at the beginning of March. We will send a recording of the event to families. Many thanks to the generosity of our wonderful PTA who make these author visits possible.



Lingotot – the school language service – are having a fantastic free online festival to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 4th March.

This is the free registration link:

<https://www.lingotot.co.uk/WBDNE.html>

We will also share it with you all via Tapestry and Seesaw. They are reading some amazing books and extracts in a variety of modern foreign languages.

So if you've ever wanted to hear Harry Potter in German, The BFG in Spanish or The Very Hungry Caterpillar in French – now is your chance! For our KS2 children who have already had Spanish sessions with Lingotots - I've been told there are some familiar faces to look out for!

Events list

- 9.00 - 9.30am Spanish EYFS & KS1 The Gruffalo
- 9.30 - 10.00am French KS2 The Gingerbread Man
- 10.00 - 10.30am German KS2 Harry Potter
- 10.30 - 11.00am French EYFS & KS1 Hungry Caterpillar
- 11.00 - 11.30am Spanish KS2 The BFG
- 11.30 - 12.00noon German EYFS & KS1 A Squash and a Squeeze

All events streaming on World Book Day - Thursday March 4th – it's going to be a busy fun day for us all!

Mrs Lambert

EU Settlement Scheme Free Support and Assistance

As the UK left the European Union on 31 January 2020 the free movement of people between member states will no longer apply to the UK when the transition period ends on 31 December 2021.

The EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) was introduced to offer EU, EEA, Swiss citizens and their eligible family members living in the UK before the end of the transition period the opportunity to protect their right to live in the UK after the transition period has ended. The EUSS protects the rights you currently have in the UK including access to healthcare, benefits and pensions.

If you're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen you and your family need to apply to the EUSS before 30 June 2021 to continue living in legally in the UK. If your application is successful you will be given either settled status or pre-settled status. The application process is free but you must apply before the deadline on 30 June 2021.

If you want help to apply, you can get free specialist advice from local organisations. Their contact details are on the Council's website:

<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/eu-settlement-scheme>

Mrs Carrick



Mathletics provides a range of activities which are linked to the White Rose Maths topics that we follow in school. They create new content, games and activities regularly which help children develop more confidence in a range of mathematical concepts. It is designed to respond to children's performance, making activities more challenging when needed, and provides lots of rewards along the way.

As you've probably noticed, the children in Yellow class have been getting amazing scores, but other classes have come really close – let's see if anyone can really challenge them over the next few weeks. We'd love to pass that trophy on!



Learning times tables can really help your child in so many areas of mathematical learning and understanding, and can also help them to learn new mathematical concepts more quickly. Times Tables Rockstars can help children practise their tables and earn points based on how much practise they put in and how fast they can recall their times tables. They can even work their way up to Rock Legend status! Garage and Studio settings can help them to practise, and Soundcheck helps them to test their speed. Pupils can make amazing and fast progress, and we're so impressed with the scores some of our children are getting.

Ms Gasper



Healthy School

More ideas for getting out and about: Go on a mini-beast hunt. Previously I have talked about looking for local wildlife but neglected the smallest creatures that can be really fascinating to our children. You don't need any equipment but it can be fun to pack a mini-rucksack with supplies such as a clear container to place your finds in, a small paintbrush for insects to crawl on to be picked up gently and a magnifying glass if you have one. Look under rocks, leaves, logs or between the bark on trees. Shake out a branch or look in the crevices of a wall. And don't forget to place any mini-beasts gently back where they belong. An identification sheet and more information can be found at: <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2019/04/minibeast-hunt/>

Have fun!

Mrs Wells



Well done Yellow class for all your hard work over half term. Green class are trying hard to catch up to them though!

Sahib Singh Dhaliwal, Hania Pervez and Joel Whitehall have been working really well over half term – well done for earning the most points!



Jemima Bond, Elizabeth Muldoon-Smith, Isabel Gent and Millie Anderson are still our Rock Legends – well done to all of you. Amazing work also from Leo Tomlinson, Hania Pervez and Millie Anderson for earning huge amounts of coins during all their TTRS sessions!

Ms Gasper



Eva Law in Orange Class is our Oxford Reading buddy this week - well done!
Mrs Lambert





Covid Related Pupil Absence Guide

	Scenario	Action required
1	<p>My child has COVID-19 symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High temperature • New continuous Cough • Loss or change to sense of smell or taste 	<p>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</p> <p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>Book a test https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/</p> <p>Self-isolate everyone in your household while you wait for the test result.</p>
2	<p>The test result is negative</p>	<p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>If it is out of hours, please email the admin inbox immediately.</p> <p>admin@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk</p> <p>If well enough, your child can return to school on the following day (or the same day if possible).</p>
3	<p>The test result is positive</p>	<p>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</p> <p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>If it is out of hours, please email the admin inbox immediately.</p> <p>admin@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk</p> <p>Everyone in your household must self-isolate for 10 days. The person who has a positive test must self-isolate for 10 days or until they are well (we will authorise 10 days self-isolation absence as we understand the practical difficulties in getting your children to school if you are self-isolating for 10 days)</p>
4	<p>My child is unwell with non COVID-19 related symptoms</p>	<p>Follow the usual school absence procedures.</p>
5	<p>Someone in my household has COVID symptoms</p>	<p>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</p> <p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>Book a test https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/</p> <p>Self-isolate everyone in your household while you wait for the test result.</p>

6	Someone in my household has tested positive for COVID-19	<p>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</p> <p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>Self-isolate everyone in your household for 10 days.</p> <p>The person who has tested positive must self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms.</p>
7	NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as being in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or I know that my child has had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19	<p>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</p> <p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>Your child will have to self-isolate for 10 days. Other members of your household do not need to self-isolate. If your child develops symptoms in the self-isolation period, follow the advice for scenario 1. If another member of the household develops symptoms, follow the advice for scenario 5.</p>
8	We are returning from travel to a country where a period of quarantine is necessary.	<p>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</p> <p>Follow advice regarding the need to quarantine https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice and how to quarantine https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate-when-you-travel-to-the-uk/coronavirus-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate-when-you-travel-to-the-uk</p> <p>Ring school immediately so that we are aware and so that we can agree a return to school date.</p>
9	We have received medical advice that my child needs to resume shielding	<p>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</p> <p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.</p>
10	My child's school bubble has been told to self-isolate.	<p>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</p> <p>School will contact you to share the advice from Public Health England and to inform you of a return to school date and arrangements for remote learning.</p>