



Gosforth Park First School

Together we make a difference

As part of last term's topic '**Together we make a difference**', the children designed a new school logo. We will be testing some of these out in the newsletter in the next few weeks. This week's was designed by Isla H in indigo Class.

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We are delighted that Northern Stage are making this year's festive production of Hans Christian Andersen's classic folktale, *The Emperor's New Clothes* free to all schools. This is Northern Stage's first-ever virtual Christmas and we can't wait to watch it with the children in class in the last week of term.



Remember, if you have any online shopping to do over the next few weeks, if you shop through <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gosforthparkpta/> you can help the PTA to raise extra funds for school at the same time.

Driving/Parking

Please remember to drive and park carefully and considerately around the school site. We have received some concerns from local residents.

COVID

To help with social distancing for all schools on site, please make sure to enter and exit GPFS through our gates and not around the back of school.

Thanks
Mrs Lamb

Dates for your diary

KS2 Victorian Day

- **Friday 11th December**

KS2 are invited to dress up as Victorian children on Friday 11th December for a day of fun Victorian activities.

Don't worry- no canes allowed! Some costume ideas have been sent via Seesaw (but let us know if you need any help)

Many thanks

KS2 Team

Christmas Lunch

- **Thursday 17th December**

Children can also wear their Christmas jumpers, hats and boppers on this day.

Santa's Grotto

- **Thursday 17th December**

We will be asking for a donation of £2 per child to PTA via Parent Pay, however this is voluntary donation and no one will be left out.

Christmas Parties

Children can come dressed in party clothes on the day (please remember appropriate shoes and coats for outside). PTA will be providing drinks and snacks.

Nursery Wednesday 16th December

Rec SW Monday 14th December

Rec SC Thursday 17th December

Green Wednesday 16th December

Orange Wednesday 16th December

Yellow Wednesday 16th December

Indigo Wednesday 16th December

Violet Friday 18th December

Blue Tuesday 15th December

Virtual Visits from Santa

- **WB 14th December**



A huge thank you to all parents and staff who donated to school's annual Christmas food appeal for Newcastle West Foodbank.

The bags were overflowing and we collected a phenomenal amount over the two collection days.

The Foodbank was overwhelmed with the quantity of donations from just one school. Thank you to parents Karen Samples, Keri Walker and Rebekah Stephenson for coordinating this year's appeal and helping us all to make a difference to some of Newcastle's families who are most in need this Christmas.



Well done to Yellow Class again for being our top participants.

Hania Pervez and Sahib Singh Dhaliwal have also gained the most points again – very well done!



We've still no change to the top three - well done to Millie Anderson, Leo Tomlinson and Elizabeth Muldoon-Smith for all your hard work!

Ms Gasper

COVID

Remember if you or your child are self-isolating the guidelines are as follows...

Self-isolation is when you do not leave your home because you have or might have coronavirus (COVID-19).

This helps stop the virus spreading to other people.

How to self-isolate

You must not leave your home if you're self-isolating.

Don't

- do not go to work, school or public places – work from home if you can
- do not go on public transport or use taxis
- do not go out to get food and medicine – order it online or by phone, or ask someone to bring it to your home
- do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for people providing essential care
- do not go out to exercise – exercise at home or in your garden, if you have one

For more information visit

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>



Our Oxford reading buddy this week is **Zoe Mokhtary**, well done! All the logins are in the reading diaries, how many books and quizzes can you do by next week?

Reading



Whole school attendance was 98.1% this week. Up from 93.9% this time last year.

Please see our Covid Related Pupil Absence Guide below.

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	The test result is negative	<p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>If well enough, your child can return to school on the following day (or the same day if possible).</p>
3	The test result is positive	<p>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</p> <p>Everyone in your household must self-isolate for 14 days. The person who has a positive test must self-isolate for 10 days or until they are well (we will authorise 14 days self-isolation absence as we understand the practical difficulties in getting your children to school if you are self-isolating for 14 days)</p>
4	My child is unwell with non COVID-19 related symptoms	Follow the usual school absence procedures.
5	Someone in my household has COVID symptoms	<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 14 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 14 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>

