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I hope you are all staying safe and well. Tomorrow is a Bank Holiday to mark VE Day. It would be lovely to see photos of how you have celebrated this at home; perhaps a picnic in the garden, bunting or a street sing-a-long. Please share your pictures with us on Twitter @GosforthPark1st
School will be closed on Friday 7th May as we have not had any requests for places from parents of Key Worker children on this day. As you know, each class teacher writes to their class each Monday morning on the class pages of the website in addition to making, at least fortnightly, calls to all families, or contact through Tapestry in Nursery and Reception. Staff are really enjoying talking to parents and children. We hope you are enjoying hearing from us too!

We have been unable to contact a small number of families via telephone as the phone numbers that we hold in school are not up to date. Please contact us on the admin email address to update your contact details held in school.

Thank you

Please leave a message on the absence line or email

admin@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk

before Friday next week to let us know about attendance for key worker places for the following week



Talk4Writing

There are some new Talk 4 Writing units on the website which give ideas for supporting home learning with a range of lovely texts and activities. After releasing the first round of resources for free, T4W are now raising money for Great Ormond Street Hospital and we were pleased to make a donation from school to this worthy cause.

Mrs Lambert



It's been great to hear from so many parents requesting an Oxford Reading Buddy log in and to hear all the good feedback. They are updating the books and improving the site all the time so hopefully that will iron out the remaining bugs as they develop it further. There's a particularly good range of non-fiction texts. So log in - read some books, do some quizzes and let's see who gets reading buddy of the week!

Mrs Lambert



White Rose Maths are charging for access to worksheets from Monday 11th May. ***Please do not pay for these.*** We have a school subscription which gives us access to these so we will download and distribute them each week. We will get these to you as soon as possible for Monday.

The well-being of our whole GPFS family is the most important thing at this time.

Family Support

We have a number of books in school to support families who have suffered a loss and are also awaiting a delivery of books to support children with worries and anxiety. If you'd like to borrow one of these, please get in touch.



Free school meal vouchers have been set up to be delivered to eligible families each week (£15 per child per week). If you believe you should be receiving these but haven't, or are having any problems with them, please contact the admin email address.

If you are in receipt of Child Tax Credit, with no Working Tax Credit (income below £16,190), Income Support, Income Based Jobseekers Allowance, Income Based Employment and Support Allowance, Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit or fall under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 you may be entitled to qualify for free school meals.

Just call 0845 6006400 to apply immediately over the phone. Alternatively you can log on to

www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/help-school-and-learning-costs/apply-free-school-meals

We would encourage anyone who is unsure whether they qualify to apply anyway.

New FSM applications are being processed very quickly and vouchers have already been sent to families who have applied this week.

Well-being

I know from many conversations with parents that we can all feel under pressure and worried about how we are dealing with this crisis.

These pressures can especially come from social media groups where we can compare ourselves to others and feel like we're not doing a good enough job. This can have a negative impact on our mental health and well-being. Be assured that we understand that everyone's circumstances are different. Try to focus on yourself and your family as only you know what is right for them. We are carefully planning on how we support all children on return to school and appreciate there are a wide range of home school experiences. We are all doing the best we can in these unprecedented times. Staying safe and keeping our children happy and supported in any way we can is the main focus and we will get through this. ***Together we make a difference!***



We know that coronavirus has put extra pressure on families, so Action for Children are offering online parenting support. From where to go for help to how to keep your children entertained at home - explore our advice and find useful resources here: <https://www.parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/covid-19-advice-support>

Have a question about parenting? Our online coaches are available for free, confidential 1-1 live chat. We're here to listen and support you. Visit <https://talk.actionforchildren.org.uk/>



Healthy School

Newcastle City Council have created an online information guide and short film to help with planning budget friendly, healthy meals. This is in recognition of the fact that many families may be facing higher food bills, and in many cases, reduced income due to the impact of coronavirus. As well as ideas for easy-to-make, low-cost meal options, the information also includes price comparisons of shop-bought products compared to home-cooked food, information about foods that can be frozen to avoid waste and tips for getting children involved in preparing family meals. People can get tips on how to make their budget go further, ideas for breakfast and lunch, and it has links to different websites and apps that offer simple, healthy recipes. The video and guide can be accessed via the link below:

<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/citylife-news/lifestyle/top-tips-help-families-manage-meals-budget>

Mrs Wells



St Oswald's Hospice are looking for the support of GST schools.

We would like to invite our children to join in with the national campaign to raise the spirits of our communities by placing a Bear or picture of a bear on your window to cheer up people passing on your streets and children on their daily exercise. St Oswald's would like to share pictures of your bears and messages you bears want to give At Bears4StOwalds. You can make donations from your bear and for bears you spot on your daily exercise

Donations can be made via JustGiving page - <https://justgiving.com/campaign/soh-urgent-appeal>

Please also find below a link to a booklet from St. Oswald's Hospice for your child(ren).

<https://www.ps-connect.cloud/a/?a=e7h33w&b=119357837>

If your child(ren) would like to colour in pictures from the booklet, they can then take pictures of their work and share them directly via social media, tagging the hospice directly (instructions are in the booklet).

Staff Messages

In the Armstrong household during Lockdown there have been lots of things we have been missing, as I'm sure there have been for you too! Every time this comes up in conversation we write one wish on a small piece of paper, fold it up and place it into the wish jar. This could include; going to see granny, going swimming or whatever it is you love to do. We have written our most important wishes on red paper so we know which ones to choose first. Once everything is back to normal we intend to pull one out each weekend, so there will be plenty to look forward to. Maybe you would like to make one at home with your families. I can't wait to see you all again and am looking forward to hearing some of your wishes.

Mrs Armstrong



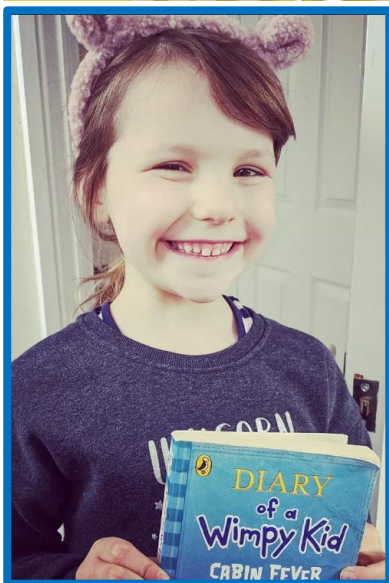
It was my Grandma's 90th birthday yesterday, so I took the last of the precious self-raising flour out of my cupboard and made her a lemon drizzle cake to celebrate.

We were planning to have a big family party for her, but because of the lockdown we had to leave the cake at a safe distance for her.

Here's hoping it's not too long before we can all hug our grandmas and always find flour in ASDA!!!!!!

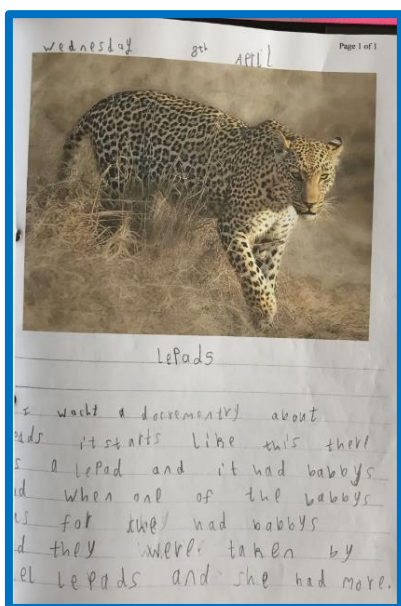
Lots of love,
Mrs Tudor x

STARS OF THE WEEK



A huge well done to Zoe who finished her first chapter book, The Diary of a Wimpy Kid, in April.

Well done to Sophie for her lovely writing about a leopard documentary.



We'd love to celebrate your @home experiences on the school website in the class pages section. Please send photos to Miss Coughlan for EYFS, Mrs Lambert for KS1 and Mr Hindess for KS2



If you haven't done so already, please follow our twitter account @GosforthPark1st.

Mathletics

Our Mathletes of the week this week are Hania Pervez and Lucy Watkins. Well done! Our class of the week is **Orange Class**. Well done!



Jazleen Alam and Evan Morris have been our top scorers on Numbots this week. Well done!



Blake Fahy still has the score to beat with Rock Legend status! Leo Tomlinson and Eleanor Wilcox still have the highest lifetime earnings. Well done!



Oxford Reading Buddy

Class of the week is once again Reception Miss Coughlan, with Reception Miss Walsh a close second, well done!

Reading buddy of the week - Bethan in Green class closely followed by Rosie in Yellow Class.



A huge well done to the Rainbow Class key worker children who have been in school this week. They have had a very busy week making fruit jellies, Mondrian inspired art and doing some gardening! You are all stars!

Huge thanks to the staff on site this week and to all of the staff working from home to ensure that when we do reopen we have the resources and plans in place to support children back into school.

