



NEWS

Hockey Tournament

Last half term, Classes 5, 6 and 7 had hockey lessons and last week 6 players represented the school at the Quicksticks tournament with Mrs Wingate. They won two, drew two and lost two! Well done everyone!



Staffing Update

We are sad to inform you that Mrs Shewring is leaving us at Easter to (almost certainly!) live in the USA with her family. Mrs Shewring has made a great contribution to the life of the school and its pupils. We wish her, Nigel and the boys every success as they embark on their next adventure. Mrs Kathryn Rawling will be working in Class 5 on Wednesdays and we are looking for a suitable teacher to work in Class 6 on Thursdays, we will keep Class 6 parents and carers up to date when we have made an appointment.

Dinner staff

We are currently looking to appoint someone temporarily as a member of the midday team to cover a staff absence. If you think you would be interested in this role then please get in touch with Mrs Dickie, Mrs Sutton or me, to let us know. Midday supervisory assistants work for just over an hour each day to assist with serving lunch and supervising children in the yard. Mrs Sutton is the Midday Supervisor and we have a great team! We'd be happy to answer any questions about the job – get in touch!

Momo Online Scare

I'm sure that you will have seen this in the press over the past few days. We have attached an information sheet to this letter so that you can find out about the risks and how to keep your children safe. Some of our older children have seen the Momo messages online and have been frightened and anxious so please read the attachment and make sure you are in a position to explain it to your children if the need arises. We are aware that the press has most recently said that the scare isn't real but we still wanted to keep you informed.

ESafety Workshop

Thanks to the parents and carers who came to the ESafety workshop on Friday 15th February. The feedback you gave us was extremely positive. We believe that it's very important for parents to understand the risks facing their children online and to be able to take the right action to ensure that these risks are managed well.



Interim Reports

Thanks to everyone who took the time to give us some feedback about the Interim Reports. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and many of you commented that having a reminder and a snapshot of how your children are getting on is very useful at this time of year. We are going to review the usefulness of the reports for Reception and we will consider other ways of sharing information with Reception parents and carers for this period next year.

Parents' Evenings

These are scheduled to take place on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd April. Sign-up sheets will be available in the entrance hall from Monday 18th March. Please call the office if you have difficulty getting into school to sign up for an appointment.

The Book People Book Bus

We are trying a different type of book fair this term and are very excited to have The Book People's Book Bus in school on 1st and 2nd of April. The bus will be on site from 12 noon until 6pm both days and parents/carers can hop onto the bus to purchase reduced price books and gifts. The children will also get a chance to visit the bus over its two days on site.

World Book Day

Mrs Ward has already contacted you about World Book Day. Thanks to those who have volunteered to come in and read a story. We are really looking forward to celebrating books and reading. All children will get their book token on the day and can spend it in bookshops on a £1 World BookDay book or towards a book of their choice.



Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day takes place on Friday 15th March. This will be a non-uniform day in school and we are encouraging everyone to wear something red (it could be clothes, a wig, deely boppers...). We suggest a donation of £1

Dates List

Monday 4 th March	Class 5 Let's do Lunch (all week)
Tuesday 5 th March	SATs meeting for parents/carers of children in Y2 6pm
Monday 11 th March	Governors' Meeting 5pm
Wednesday 13 th March	Gosforth Voices
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day – details to follow
Monday 18 th March	Sign-up sheets available for Parents' Evenings
Monday 25 th March	Class 6 Let's do Lunch Week (all week)
	Big Pedal Begins
	Bike It Breakfast from 8am in school hall
Wednesday 27 th March	Gosforth Voices
	Class 7 assembly 9.15am
Monday 1 st April	Easter egg competition
	Easter egg raffle tickets on sale to pupils
	Parents' Evening
	The Book People Book Bus on site from 12 noon until 6pm
Tuesday 2 nd April	Parents' Evening
	The Book People Book Bus on site from 12 noon until 6pm
Wednesday 3 rd April	Dance Festival for Dance Club
Thursday 4 th April	Football Tournament for GST @ BEFS
Friday 5 th April	Break up for Easter Holiday
Tuesday 23 rd April	Return to school for summer term
	Key Stage 1 visits to Safety Works
	Key Stage 2 visits to Safety Works
Wednesday 24 th April	Class 7 Let's do Lunch Week (all week)
Monday 29 th April	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Monday 6 th May	Governors' Meeting 5pm
Monday 13 th May	Y4 Multiskills at Walker Dome
Thursday 16 th May	NECCR Cancer Run
Sunday 19 th May	Reception class assembly for September 2019 New Starters 9.15am
Thursday 23 rd May	Reception class assembly for parents and carers 9.15am
Friday 24 th May	Daft as a Brush Day
	Break up for half term Holiday
Monday 3 rd June	Training Day – school closed to children
Wednesday 12 th June	Gosforth Schools' Trust SEN Fair @ Gosforth Central Middle time tbc
	Gosforth Voices
Friday 14 th June	KS1 Visit to Segedunum
Monday 17 th June	Governors' Meeting 5pm
Tuesday 18 th June	Big Gig
Tuesday 25 th June	Bikeability (Y4)
Wednesday 26 th June	Class 3 assembly 9.15am
	Bikeability (Y4)
Tuesday 2 nd July	Gosforth Pyramid @ Trinity Church – details tbc
Wednesday 3 rd July	Class 4 assembly 9.15am
Friday 12 th July	Annual Reports sent home
Friday 19 th July	Break up for Summer Holiday

Please remember to regularly check the website calendar so that you don't miss anything new.

Best wishes,

Helen McKenna
Headteacher