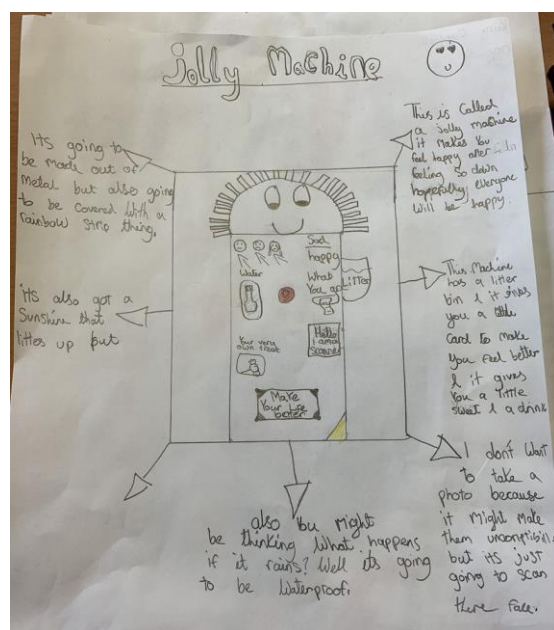




## NEWS

### Primary Engineer

A big thank you to the parents who came into school to talk to the children about engineering for the Primary Engineer Project. This inspired the children to become engineers and answer the question 'If you were an engineer, what would you invent?' We were very impressed with the children's inventions! They developed ways to cheer people up (inventing hugging machines, joke machines and accessorising wheel chairs) as well as inventing ways to help the environment by removing plastic waste from the sea. Fantastic inventions everybody!



### Staffing Update

As you are aware, Mrs Shewring is leaving us at the end of this term. For the summer term, Mrs Rawling is going to teach Class 5 on Wednesdays and Mrs Bell is going to teach Class 6 on Thursdays. Mrs Bell is known to us through an agency and she has been in to school to meet the children and talk to Mrs Walker about the role. We will make sure that both classes have as little disruption as possible.

Many thanks to Mrs Shewring who has worked hard to teach the children in Classes 5 and 6 with a seamless transition each week. We wish her and her family good luck on their latest adventure!

### Parents' Evenings

We hope to see you all on Monday or Tuesday for Parents' Evening. It is essential that you talk to your child's teacher, so please make an appointment if you haven't already done so.

### The Book Bus

We are trialling a new type of book fair and the Book People Book Bus will be on site during Monday and Tuesday next week. It will be here from 1pm until 6pm both days and children will have time during the day to visit the bus with their classes. Parents, carers and siblings are also able to visit the bus during its time on site and they accept cards as well as cash as forms of payment. We hope it will be as successful as previous book fairs and that children enjoy the experience of visiting the Book Bus.

### Relocation and Expansion Plans

Unfortunately, we have no news and are still waiting for the final planning process to be completed. There are no changes to the plans and we will keep you up to date with any news as we receive it.

## Yoga Bugs and Football Clubs

Yoga Bugs Club for Reception and KS1 starts after school on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Football on Thursday mornings is going to be for Y3 and Y4 girls after Ester too. If your child has been

selected for one of these opportunities, Mrs McMillan will send a letter home for you. Please reply to the letter even if you do not wish your child to attend, so that we can fill the places with other children. Thank you.

## Ducklings



I am sure that everyone is aware that we are currently hatching ducklings in school. We know from hatching chickens in the past that the children from Reception to Year 4 are fascinated by the process and learn a lot about lifecycles, habitats and caring for animals. We only work with companies who can give us a written guarantee that the animals will be well cared for at the end of the 2-week project and on this occasion, we even know the name of the farm where they will spend their adult lives.

Please feel welcome to pop in and see the ducklings at the beginning and end of the day.

## Hall Hill Farm

Reception classes were at Hall Hill Farm this week and they had a great time. The visit is always excellent, and every year gets better. The children had some incredible first hand experiences with the animals, had a tractor ride and thoroughly enjoyed the outdoor play areas. Thanks to all of our parents and friends who helped on the day.



## Easter Egg Raffle and Competition

All children should have brought home a letter this week inviting them to take part in the Easter Egg Competition and Raffle. It's £1 to enter the competition (proceeds to the PTFA) and 10p for each raffle ticket. Thanks to our staff for supplying the raffle prizes! If you don't have the letter, you can find it on our website.

## Bikers' Breakfast and Big Pedal

Thanks to everyone who came or helped with the Bikers' breakfast this Monday. It was a fitting way to kickstart the Big Pedal fortnight. Please try to come to school on bikes and scooters during these two weeks and beyond. Leaving the car at home reduces pollution and helps us towards cleaner air around our schools and communities. It's also excellent exercise and a calmer start to the day. Thank you for your support.



### Big Pedal photo competition

1. Take a photo of you and your family walking/cycling/scooting to school
2. Follow Sustrans on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter
3. Post the image with the hashtag #BigPedalWin

Post your photo during Big Pedal to be in with a chance of winning one of two fabulous prize bundles from Micro Scooters. T&Cs apply: [bigpedal.org.uk/terms](http://bigpedal.org.uk/terms).

We are currently 257<sup>th</sup> on the leader board in our category of school. Over 50% of our school journeys have been sustainable this week! Remember that supporter journeys are included too. We will keep you up to date with our progress.

*You can win prizes from Sustrans if you post an image on social media too – see the details in the image on the left.*

## Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day took place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. We raised £204 thanks to everyone's generosity!

## Safety Before and After School

A reminder that the safety and behaviour of children before and after school is the responsibility of carers and parents. Children shouldn't be using the climbing and play equipment and should not be playing with balls on the yard. Please supervise your children closely and be aware of what they are doing at all times.

Best wishes,

Helen McKenna  
Headteacher

## Dates List

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|----------------------------------|--|
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April     | Easter egg competition begins<br>Easter egg raffle tickets on sale to pupils<br>Parents' Evening<br>The Book Bus 1.00 – 6.00pm |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April    | Parents' Evening<br>The Book Bus 1.00 – 6.00pm   |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April  | Dance Festival for Dance Club  |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April   | Football Tournament for GST @ BEFS   |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April     | <b>Break up for Easter Holiday</b><br><b>End of Big Pedal</b>  |
| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April   | Return to school for summer term<br>Key Stage 1 visits to Safety Works   |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April | Key Stage 2 visits to Safety Works   |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April    | Class 7 Let's do Lunch Week (all week)   |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May       | Bank Holiday (school closed)   |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May      | Governors' Meeting 5pm   |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May    | Y4 Multiskills at Walker Dome  |
| Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May      | NECCR Cancer Run   |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May      | Gardening Club visit to Daft as a Brush HQ   |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May     | Y4 visit to GEMS am (back in time for lunch)   |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May    | Reception class assembly for September 2019 New Starters 9.15am  |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May      | Reception class assembly for parents and carers 9.15am<br>Daft as a Brush Day<br><b>Break up for half term Holiday</b>         |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June      | Training Day – school closed to children   |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June  | Gosforth Schools' Trust SEN Fair @ Gosforth Central Middle time tbc<br>Gosforth Voices   |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June     | KS1 Visit to Segedunum   |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June     | Governors' Meeting 5pm   |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June    | Big Gig  |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June    | Bikeability (Y4)   |
| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June  | Class 3 assembly 9.15am<br>Bikeability (Y4)  |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July     | Gosforth Pyramid Concert @ Trinity Church – details tbc  |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July   | Class 4 assembly 9.15am  |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July     | Annual Reports sent home   |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July     | Break up for Summer Holiday  |

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