



NEWS

Welcome back to school for the summer term. I hope that you all had an enjoyable holiday. Let's hope that there is more sunshine heading our way soon! This is a busy term and we are raring to go! Please keep up to date with the website calendar and make sure that you are using ParentMail as almost all communications from school are now shared electronically.

Dance Festival

Well done to Lucy and our Dance Club who performed at the City Hall in the last week of term. The performance was amazing and the children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity.



Easter Egg Competition

Well done and thank you to everyone who took part this year. The ideas and creations get better every year and it is so difficult to pick winners.

Here are our favourites this year.

Relocation and Expansion Plans

We have no further information and so are still waiting to be able to share more details with you. We will keep you informed of any developments and news as soon as we can. As a school, we are really keen to begin the process and start putting our plans in place and we will do all we can to keep everyone in the school community as involved as possible. Thank you for your patience.

New School Crossing Patrol on Great North Road

The City Council has asked us to inform you that this vacancy has now been filled and the crossing patrol on the Great North Road is now in place.

Daft as a Brush Day

On Friday 24th May we are having a Daft as a Brush Day across the Gosforth Schools' Trust. Children are invited to 'dress up daft' for the day and to bring a donation for the charity. Dressing up daft could mean coming to school in your pyjamas, wearing someone else's clothes, wearing mismatched clothes, wearing an outfit inside out, wearing fancy dress... etc!



Big Pedal

Thanks to everyone for your efforts to travel sustainably to school during the Big Pedal Fortnight. We hope that you are inspired to continue to travel on foot, by bike or by scooter as this is so beneficial to you, your children, the environment and the local community. Thank you.

Healthy Pupil Capital Fund Air Quality and Active School Travel Programme

We recently applied for some funding to take part in the 'Improving Air Quality and Increasing Active School Travel Programme' and I am delighted to inform you that we have been successful. This means that we will be working with other schools and Newcastle University's Urban Observatory to monitor and improve the quality of air around our school. We have also been awarded new cycle storage, bike storage and cycling helmets. We will be able to access resources to support how we use the air quality data and to help us to campaign for cleaner air. The project will begin this term and will continue into next academic year. The equipment to monitor the air quality will be installed near school after September 2019. This term, we will certainly be marking national Clean Air Day on 20th June, we will keep you up to date with our plans!



Change of Date for Class 3 Assembly

Unfortunately, due to Miss Storey attending a course on the 26th June, Class 3's assembly will now be on Thursday 27th June at 9.15am. Apologies for any inconvenience.

From the Office

ParentMail

All of our communications are now via ParentMail and we'd like to encourage all families to sign up for an account and download the ParentMail app from iTunes or Play store. We will be sending out registration links this week to those not registered. If you have previously had a link that has expired or have an account but can't remember your log in details, help can be found at pmx.parentmail.co.uk.

A ParentMail account allows you to top up dinner money, pay for trips and music lessons, give consent for trips and sporting events and you can alert us for reasons of absence from school. The app also keeps all communication from school, so no more searching for lost letters! From September we will be adding the Parents' Evening function to allow you to book appointments online. For school trips, you will receive two notifications, one for payment and one a form where you will need to give consent and emergency contact details. It is important that forms are completed as we need your authorisation to take children on school visits. If you have any questions, please contact either Mrs Dickie or Mrs Whatnell in the school office.

Attendance and Punctuality Reminder

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please inform us as soon as possible and certainly before 9.25 on the morning of the absence. Failure to inform us of an absence will result in a member of staff having to contact you, which would waste valuable time, and may result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'. We expect children to be in school every day, unless they are unwell. Children can attend school if they have a cold or another minor illness. However, when children have a sickness and/or diarrhoea virus, they should be kept away from school for 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea episode. This is because the virus could still be spread to others in this time frame and other children, particularly those with chronic health conditions, could be at risk. Please help us to keep these children safe by following this guidance. If you are unsure of whether to keep your child off school due to illness, please contact us and we will advise. When leaving messages about absence, please be specific about your child's illness so that we can assess whether we need to inform the parents and carers of vulnerable children. Thank you for your support.

It is very important that children arrive on time in order to make a good start to their learning. Registers are open until 9.25, children arriving after 8.55 and before 9.25 will be recorded as late. If you are late please bring your child to the school office so that we can ensure that registers are correct and that children are taken safely to classrooms. Children arriving after 9.25 without prior reason will be recorded as having an unauthorised absence. Children should not be left unsupervised on the school premises before 8.50 for safeguarding reasons.

We monitor the attendance and punctuality of all children in school and we work closely with our safeguarding and attendance officer to make sure that all children have the best possible attendance.

Dates List

Monday 29 th April	Class 7 Let's do Lunch Week (all week)
Tuesday 30 th April	Ancient Greek Day in KS2
Friday 3 rd May	KS2 PTFA Cake Sale
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Monday 13 th May	Governors' Meeting 5pm
Thursday 16 th May	Y4 Multiskills at Walker Dome
Sunday 19 th May	NECCR Cancer Run
Monday 20 th May	Gardening Club visit to Daft as a Brush HQ
Tuesday 21 st May	Y4 visit to GEMS am (back in time for lunch)
Thursday 23 rd May	Reception class assembly for September 2019 New Starters 9.15am
Friday 24 th May	Reception class assembly for parents and carers 9.15am Daft as a Brush Day Break up for half term Holiday
Monday 3 rd June	Training Day – school closed to children
Monday 10 th June	School Photographer
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
Wednesday 19 th June	KS2 visit to Winter Gardens

Thursday 20 th June	National Clean Air Day
Tuesday 25 th June	Bikeability (Y4) Bikeability (Y4) 500 Games Football 500 Games Multiskills 500 Games Cycling
Thursday 27 th June	Class 3 assembly 9.15am 500 Games Cross Country
Friday 28 th June	500 Games Benchball 500 Games Football
Tuesday 2 nd July	Gosforth Pyramid @ Trinity Church – details tbc
Wednesday 3 rd July	Class 4 assembly 9.15am
Friday 5 th July	KS1 PTFA Cake Sale
Tuesday 9 th July	Musical Theatre Group – Angels of the North @ Sage
Thursday 11 th July	Class 4 Multiskills visit
Friday 12 th July	Annual Reports sent home
Monday 15 th June	Sports Day 1.30pm Everyone Welcome
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