

Greenfields

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HOME/SCHOOL LEARNING

We hope that you enjoyed Week 4 of our Summer 2 Home/School Learning programme, with a whole school stimulus every week linked to the new school vision:

Week 1 - Stay curious, follow your dreams and never lose your sense of wonder.

Week 2 - Confront your fears and take a chance, mistakes are your best lessons.

Week 3 - Never stop asking questions and seek out the answers.

Week 4 - You are capable of changing a situation, become the explorer of tomorrow.

Week 5 - Transition activities

Week 6 - Transition activities

Week 7 - Celebration

Resources are uploaded onto Seesaw on Friday afternoons for the following week.

If you prefer a paper copy for your family, you can collect that from 9:00 am every Monday; boxes are located at different points on the drive up to and out of school (please take 1 pack per family).

If you need any help, just email: homelearning@greenfieldsprimary.org.uk.

Staff are available between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm every school day to respond to any questions or give advice about any of the work.



TRANSITION RESOURCES FOR HOME AND SCHOOL

The focus for Home/School Learning for the next two weeks is transition with lots of lovely activities, starting with the Harry Potter sorting hat ceremony.

In addition to the usual weekly activities, we have bought a Maths and English year group workbook for all of the children. The children at school and at home will still be asked to complete exactly the same tasks, so that teachers can check the work that has been completed, for anything that we might need to go through again when all of the children return to school.



North Gosforth Academy Transition Activities: Children in Year 6 children will continue with the transition activities from North Gosforth Academy. We will also go through the information available on their website: <http://www.gosforthacademy.org.uk/north-gosforth/transition> .

We are also organising a question and answer session, for children and their parents, with staff from North Gosforth. Please send to us any questions that you have about high school through Seesaw and we will pass those on to North Gosforth Academy.

QUESTIONS FROM PARENTS & CARERS

Following various government announcements, there have been quite a few questions raised this week, so we thought we'd share the answers with everyone:



Which children are back in school at Greenfields?

School is open for priority children:

- Children with an Education Health & Care Plan (EHCP) and/or a Social Worker
- Children who have a parent whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response, as detailed in the government's 'critical worker' list **and** has sent evidence of this to school from their employer.
- Children for whom paperwork has been submitted to the Local Authority for an EHCP
- Children who have been awarded LEAPS SEN funding this academic year
- Children who currently have a Family Partner and/or there is an Early Help Assessment in place
- Children who have been named in an Operation Encompass Report this academic year

Plus all children in Year 6 have been offered a place back at school from 1st July.

Please note that due to staff and space limitations, we will not be able to offer places to children in any other year groups before the end of this school year.

Critical workers, who have not already registered to access our childcare provision (and received an email to confirm the place), may now have to join a waiting list as there are so few spaces left.

Will more children be asked back to school now that the 2m social distancing rule has changed?

No. The government has announced that from 4th July, the 2m social distancing rule will be relaxed to "one metre plus" where 2m is not possible, but there would need to be mitigation in place to reduce transmission if relaxing the rule. The prime minister has stated "where it is possible to keep 2m apart, people should".

Current scientific evidence suggests that being 1m apart carries between two and 10 times the risk of being 2m apart, therefore we do not plan to make any changes to the 2m social distancing rule in school before the end of this school year.

When will all of the children go back to school?

The government has announced their intention that every child will go back to school full-time in September. Schools are currently waiting for guidance about how this return to school for all pupils can safely happen; this guidance on safety measures is due to be published at the start of July.

Will my child get a one-to one tutor to catch up on the learning they've missed?

The government has announced that they plan to help children catch up with their learning. These plans include the most disadvantaged children having access to a national tutoring programme over the next school year and schools being given some additional funding to spend on supporting children's learning from September.

Schools had no prior knowledge of this announcement and are currently waiting for information about how these schemes will work.

Will the school be open for childcare for priority children over the summer holidays?

No. The summer term ends on Friday 17th July and Greenfields will not be open to children during the summer holidays, as essential school staff are not available and building works, including roof repairs, will be taking place over this period.

Critical workers who need childcare can find information about day-care nurseries, childminders, out of school clubs and other childcare providers that are open and have capacity on the North Tyneside Council website: <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/496/childcare>

Will we still get free school meals over the summer holidays?

Following a campaign by the footballer Marcus Rashford, the government has announced that there will be a Covid Summer Food Fund to support eligible children during the summer holidays.

While schools have only been partially open, the government has expected schools to provide lunches or food parcels for any children that are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. If schools are not able to provide meals or food parcels, they should offer vouchers through the national voucher scheme.

We have been informed by North Tyneside Catering Services that their kitchens will not be open over the school summer holidays. Therefore, through the Covid Summer Food Fund, we will be ordering a £90 voucher to cover the full 6-week holiday period, for each child eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

Please note - we cannot offer vouchers to children who receive universal free school meals because they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2.

If your child is already receiving benefits-related free school meals, there is no need to reapply or to contact the school about the vouchers. Before the end of term, the school office will contact those parents/carers of children who are eligible with more information about the vouchers.

If you think you're eligible for benefits-related free school meals, but haven't already applied, you can go to the North Tyneside website to check and apply online:

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/238/free-school-meals>

Do the children in school now have to wear school uniform?

Yes - children should wear their uniform on as many days as possible. To minimise the risk of the virus spreading between home and school, it is important that children come into school in clean clothes every day, so we understand that it may not always be possible to get uniform washed and dried to wear for every day during the week.

Please make sure that children wear sensible shoes for outdoor activities every day.

Is the school uniform changing for September?

No. Even though the logo is changing and you will see the new school logo on paperwork and around the school from September 2020, there will be no changes to school uniform until September 2021.

GREENFIELDS VIRTUAL SPORTS DAY 2020

We hope you enjoyed Sports Week completing the different sporting challenges from speed bounces to tap up tennis. We certainly had some lovely weather to be able to do event challenges outside.

If you took any photos or video clips, please post them on Seesaw, as we would love to see the children earning points for their House. We know that some children have found some of the challenges quite tricky, but we are very impressed with how hard they have tried, showing great resilience and cheering each other on.



The children have until 4:00 p.m. today to submit their final scores. Mrs Armer will then put all the scores together so that we can announce the winning house in next week's newsletter

Well done to everyone who has taken part
~ we are very proud of you all.

FINALLY . . . LOVE READING!

BorrowBox is an app that allows you to borrow library books online - absolutely free! There are thousands of books and audio books to explore and enjoy for all the family. All you need is a library card and if you aren't a member of a library, follow this link:

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/1009/join-library>



Once you've completed the online joining form, you'll have access to the BorrowBox library.

Here are this week's reading recommendations . . . from the children:



"How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell is an amazing book. The story is told by old Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III, who looks back to when he was a little boy.

The book also has a detailed map that shows you where you can find all of the dragons.

It tells you all about the different dragons - I especially like the dangerous ones!"

. . . and from the staff:

"I started reading 'Silverfin' by Charlie Higson a long time ago with a Year 6 class and I enjoyed it so much that I recently read it again.

The story is about a 13 year old boy called James Bond - yes - the James Bond 007! It starts off in Scotland, at a lake called Silverfin. A man goes fishing but mysteriously disappears.

The story then moves to London and we meet James, who is at boarding school at Eton College. He makes lots of new friends there and meets an American boy called George Hellebore, an American boy, who is three years older than James. George isn't a particularly nice lad, because he just has to be the best at everything and James discovers that George will stop at nothing to win.

The story then moves back to Scotland, where James goes to spend the school holidays with his aunty. One day, when he goes out, he meets George and finds out that George lives with his father in a castle not far from James's aunty's house. The castle is locked up and guarded by lots of men, as though something dangerous, exciting and very wrong is going on in the castle.

James uses his skills of deduction to investigate what is happening and you can see how his character is developing into the James Bond MI5 agent we all know and love.

Silverfin is a gripping book it will keep you on the edge of your seat all the way through - a must read for everyone and I highly recommend it."

