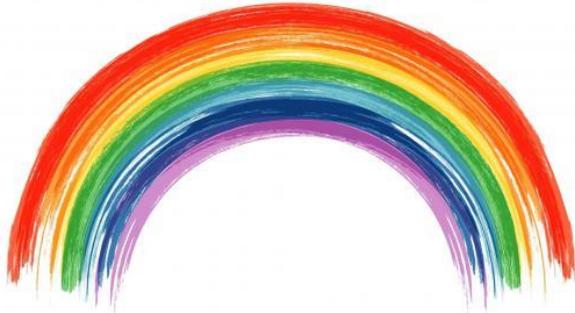




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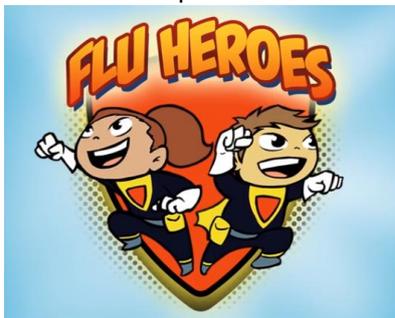


We are delighted to announce that Mrs Lambert will be joining the Gosforth Park First School Team from January as our second Assistant Headteacher. Mrs Lambert will lead on Literacy throughout the school and will teach in Green Class. She has already joined us for staff meeting time and will be making more visits this term before she begins in January.



The Children have had a lovely time enjoying activities and games and raising money for Children in Need. They all looked amazing, we have never seen so many spots!

We will count the money raised next week and publish in the newsletter. Today's tuck shop takings will also be added to the pot!



The Flue Sniff Vaccination will be administered by School Health on Thursday 22nd November – only for those pupils for whom we have consent.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will be held on **Monday 19th November** and **Thursday 22nd November**. We will be handing out a short survey to parents so we can find out what you think we're doing well and what we need to improve on. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

Reception parent consultations will all be held in Miss Coughlan's Class

KS1 parent consultations will all be held in Mr Phipps' Class and KS2 parent consultations will all be held in Mr Hindess' class.

Thanks

Mrs Lamb

Poppies and Poems

Artwork and Poems from across the trust will be displayed at Trinity Church on Wednesday 21st – Thursday 22nd of November for children, parents/carers and members of the public to view.

Book Fair Week and Coffee Afternoon

The Book Fair will be arriving on **Monday 19th November** and your opportunity to buy books will be from **Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd in the School Library from 3.30pm - 4.00pm**.

From the amount of money raised from the sale of books, school is given a '% of purchase' to get books for the children in school.

On Friday 23rd November there will be a Book Fair Coffee afternoon in the School Hall at **2.30pm**.

Parents, family and carers can come in to browse without their children and have a chat. **From 2.50pm** parents can collect their children to visit the Book Fair in the hall. Families who have visited the Book Fair can then leave from **3:00** so that the hall is cleared and ready for the Out of School Club at 3:30. Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.



Christmas Productions

As advised in several newsletters. The dates for the Dress Rehearsals and Main Productions are in the list below. Exact times will be given nearer the date but please note that the productions for Key Stage 1 & 2 **are ticketed** due to hall capacity and **two tickets per family will be issued**.

Pre-school, babies and children under First School age are **not permitted at the main Productions** but **will be very welcome at the dress rehearsals**. This is to minimise distractions for the children and to give them the opportunity to 'perform'. All of our children see each key stage production dress rehearsal so no one misses out! **The EYRS productions are not ticketed**.

Dress Rehearsals:

- Friday 7th December = Morning Nursery, Reception 1 & 2
- Friday 7th December = in the afternoon - Key Stage 1 (Yellow, Orange, Green classes)
- Monday 10th December = in the morning - Key Stage 2 (Blue, Indigo, Violet)
- Monday 10th December = in the afternoon – Afternoon Nursery, Reception 1 & 2
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The Productions

- Tuesday 11th December Afternoon Performance = Key Stage 1 (Yellow, Orange, Green classes)
- Wednesday 12th December Morning Performance = Morning Nursery, Reception 1 & 2
- Thursday 13th December Afternoon Performance = Afternoon Nursery, Reception 1 & 2
- Friday 14th December Afternoon Performance = Key Stage 2 (Blue, Indigo, Violet)



Tempest Photography will be in school on Friday 23/11/2018 to take individual and family group photographs. Perfect timing for Christmas presents!

Christmas Panto

Our Reception, KS1 and KS2 children will be bringing home a letter in the next week or two about our yearly tradition of seeing a Christmas Panto. Last Year we had a visiting theatre company who came into school. This year we are taking the children to see Aladdin at the Simonside Community Centre. The PTFA have very kindly agreed to pay for the transport costs so tickets will only cost £5.

Our Nursery children will be treated to a visit from Zoolab in the New Year which again the PTFA have kindly agreed to pay for.

Christmas Parties

On the day of the Christmas Parties children can come to school in their party clothes. In the afternoon they will have some games and dancing in the hall followed by some party nibbles which are kindly being provided by the PTA. Each Key Stage will send out more detailed information nearer the time.

The dates are:

Monday 17th December PM KS2 Party

Tuesday 18th December PM KS1 Party

Thursday 20th December Reception Party

Miss Gasper will notify parents about the arrangements for Nursery Christmas parties soon.



Healthy School

Last week I mentioned visualising the amount of sugar in our children's food and drinks and using the Change4Life food scanner app to help with this. This week I found this:



If a manufactured drink is included in the lunch box on a daily basis, it's clearly worth checking the label. Imagine packing the little bag of sugar to add to your child's lunch box every day, and that's just one item. Can you believe that's milkshake on the end?!!
Mrs Wells



Playground Leaders

On Friday 9th November, Imogen, Alfie, Anahita, Mandana, Lexi, Livvy, Martha, Lucy, Iris, Reina, Hamna, Lauren, Hollie, Lawan and Jack completed a Playground Leaders Training course. Rachael from Newcastle's PE and School Sport Service came and taught them some new games to play on the yard with the rest of the children in school. They even got the chance to use their imagination and invent some new games!

Rachael said she was impressed by their organisational skills and their ability to listen and follow instructions. Well done to you all!

Mrs Lamb



We received a lovely letter last week from *The People's Kitchen*...

Dear Children

I am writing to thank you for sending all the food that you collected at your Harvest Festival service to The People's Kitchen.

This year we are finding that more people than ever are in need of a hot meal and so the gifts that you sent are very important to us. Our store rooms were running low over the summer period, but thanks to generous people like you, they are filling up again. The poor and disadvantaged people who come to us for help will be able to look forward to hot meals during the winter.

When you go home, please will you thank your family and everyone who helped you to collect this food. You should be proud that you have been able to help so many needy people.

Yours sincerely

Marilyn Campion
Administrator



Friends of GPF

Glow in the Dark Disco

THIS SUNDAY!! 3:00-4:30pm.

We are really looking forward to our disco this weekend. We have put lots of effort in to ensuring the children will have a great time. We will have refreshments for sale, glow in the dark pocket money toys for 50p each and face paints for 50p per child.

If you haven't got a ticket don't panic we will be selling any unsold tickets on the door.

Thank you to everyone who has bought a ticket, please remember to add your child's name and class on the ticket for the prize draw. Their ticket will be submitted once they arrive and the draw will be done before the end of the disco. The ticket also includes a drink and bag of crisps for each child on entry.

If you are able to help at the disco please let a committee member know when you arrive.



We would be very grateful for any cake donations (**nut free**) to be sold at the disco, please drop them off from 2pm on Sunday afternoon.

Our next meeting is planned for Tuesday 4th December at 7pm. This meeting will include our AGM. As always everyone is welcome to attend.



Christmas PTFA events..... will be announced in next week's newsletter!!!

Have a fab weekend!

On Behalf of The Friends of GPF

Jen Higgins



This year school will be taking part in Newcastle University's Christmas Shoebox Appeal, whereby we will be collecting donations to place in shoeboxes to give to the local homeless charities 'The People's Kitchen' and 'Destiny's Streetworx', as gifts to homeless individuals in time for Christmas. These will be collected up until Friday 7th December. You can either make up your own shoebox or donate items which will be put into shoeboxes for the charities.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

SHOEBOX APPEAL

NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY HELPING OUR HOMELESS SOCIETY

SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS

Fill a shoebox with some of the supplies recommended below by Friday 7th December to be collected by the society and given to local homeless charities

WE NEED:

Underwear • Socks • Roll on Deodorant • Wipes • Toothbrushes • Toothpaste • Gloves • Hats • Scarves • Thermals • Treats such as chocolate • Puzzle books • Torches • Dog Treats • Bottles of Water • Christmas Cards • Greggs cards • Chewing gum • Biscuits • Granola bars • Paper tissues • Combs • Hand sanitiser • Chap stick • Nail clippers • Mouth wash • Hand warmers

FEEL FREE TO ADD OTHER ITEMS -PLEASE NOTE THAT AEROSOLS/ RAZORS/ALCOHOL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

FIND US ON FACEBOOK: [HELPING OUR HOMELESS SOCIETY SHOEBOX APPEAL](#)



Our Mathletics Trophy has been awarded to **Orange Class** this week! Well done.

Our top two Mathletes of the week are **Havish Kamtam** and **Rory Watt!**
Congratulations!

Homework

<i>Class</i>	<i>Addition and subtraction sentences for fact families. 'ue' phonics sheet</i>
<i>Green</i>	<i>Money calculation problems Long 'ee' phoneme spotter</i>
<i>Orange</i>	<i>Phonics sheet changing sentences into the past tense. Year 2 Adding multiples of 10 Year 1 Subtraction- Finding the difference</i>
<i>Yellow</i>	<i>'Thinking blocks' website for bar method problem solving. Free website – look at 'Space Race' / 'Disappearing Dinosaurs' and explore the website</i>
<i>Indigo</i>	<i>Mathletics: addition of 3 and 4-digit number including exchanging across place values.</i>
<i>Violet</i>	<i>Multiplying by 10 and 100</i>
<i>Blue</i>	<i>Addition and subtraction sentences for fact families. 'ue' phonics sheet</i>



Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Orange Class** and **Yellow Class**

Our attendance this week was 98.2% overtaking last year's 97.8% - keep it up!

Wow - only had 8 lates this week (8 families)

Thank you.



Congratulations to Freya Buck who has achieved her Stage 4 Swimming Award

Congratulations to Joe Grantham who has achieved his Stage 3 swimming and his 5 metre award.

Dates for Your Diary

✓	Date	Event
	Friday 16 th November	Children in Need
	Sunday 18 th November	Glow in the Dark Disco
	Monday 19 th November – Thursday 22 nd November	School Book Fair in the School Library from 3:30 – 4:00PM
	Monday 19 th November	Parent Consultations
	Thursday 22 nd November	Parent Consultations
	Thursday 22 nd November PM	Flu Sniff Vaccinations
	Friday 23 rd November AM	Tempest School Photos
	Friday 23 rd November PM	Book Fair Coffee Afternoon
	Tuesday 4 th December	School Nurse Visiting Reception "Keeping our Hands Clean"
	Wednesday 12 th December	Christmas Lunch
	Thursday 13 December AM	Reception and KS1 visit to see the pantomime Aladdin at Simonside Community Centre
	Thursday 13 December PM	KS2 visit to GEMS to see Rock Nativity
	Friday 14 th December	Reception Christmas Craft Morning
	Friday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
	Monday 17 th December	KS2 Christmas Party
	Tuesday 18 th December	KS1 Christmas Party
	Thursday 20 th December AM	KS2 visit to see the pantomime Aladdin at Simonside Community Centre
	Thursday 20 th December PM	Reception Christmas Party